In Reference to this public records request:

- ✓ I apologize this took as long as it did.
- ✓ This request was very time intensive and we ran into problems getting Microsoft Outlook to print the emails in an organized manner.
- ✓ We eventually had to have an IT company assistance to help us fulfil this request.
- ✓ On a normal day, the county's monument doesn't cost us anything.
- ✓ When there is a protest event, it causes us to have more citizens to keep safe.
- ✓ SPD's function during these type events are on public safety rather than the safety of the monument or county property. The JCSO focused more on the safety of county property.
- ✓ Generally, SPD personnel was assigned to work posts at intersections on the march route, and the JCSO personal was mostly assigned to work on county property.
- ✓ A few emails have been intentionally left out, per our town attorney. The content of those emails would reveal information about matters that are still part of official investigations. These emails did not included anything to do with costs of the event or manpower levels.

FW: Public Records Request

Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Mon 10/12/2020 10:39 AM

To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Cc: Paige Dowling <townmanager@townofsylva.org>

Hi Chris,

Please see below. The original request was forwarded to you for reply on September 28th. Thanks!

Amanda W. Murajda

Town of Sylva

83 Allen Street

Sylva, NC 28779

828-586-2719 (p)

828-586-8134 (f)

www.townofsylva.org

From: Penny Minich <pennyminich@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 9:52 AM

To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Subject: Fwd: Public Records Request

Please confirm receipt of this email and that you are the correct person to address the request.

Thank you

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Penny Minich pennyminich@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Sep 26, 2020 at 7:37 AM Subject: Public Records Request To: <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Town of Sylva Sylva Police Department Sylva, NC

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Please send the requested items to me via email in an electronic format; my email is <u>pennyminich@gmail.com</u>. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Penny Minich

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July 11th Protest



Jamie Hyatt

Mon 9/28/2020 5:36 PM

To: Chris Hatton

I do not have anything documented regarding this event.

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Re: Public Records Request

Shane Burrell < burrell@sylvapolice.org>

Mon 9/28/2020 8:06 PM

To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylva.org; Sylva Police <sylvapolice@townofsylva.org>

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Attached are the communications I had between Lt. Moore and myself about working during that shift possibility related to the July 11th protest.

From: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:30 AM To: Sylva Police sylvapolice@townofsylva.org

Subject: Fwd: Public Records Request

Hello everyone,

We have received a public records request for all documentation and communications about the July 11th protest. Please go through your documentation and emails and print out any thing you have pertaining to the preparation of the July 11th protest. Make sure and include everything you may have.

I need this to me and one week from now. Also, if you don't have anything to submit, please send me an email titled July 11th protest, please state in the email that you don't have anything to submit for the public records request.

Thanks, Chief

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From: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:01:52 AM

To: Chris Hatton <a href="https://hatton.gov

michaeljmorgan@charter.net <michaeljmorgan@charter.net>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request

Good morning Chris,

Please see records request below for you to respond to. Thanks!

Amanda W. Murajda Town of Sylva 83 Allen Street Sylva, NC 28779 828-586-2719 (p) 828-586-8134 (f)

www.townofsylva.org

From: Penny Minich <pennyminich@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 7:38 AM
To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>
Subject: Public Records Request

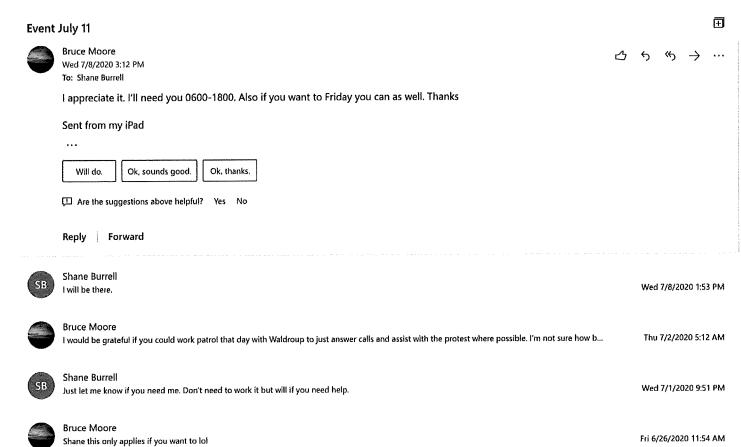
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July 11 protest

JJ Johnathan Jones
Mon 9/28/2020 6:10 PM

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To: Chris Hatton

Chief Hatton,

I do not have anything for the records request. I was on vacation during that time.

Thanks, Heath

Sgt. J. H. Jones Sylva Police Department 755 W. Main Street Sylva, N.C. 28778 (828) 586-2916

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July 11 Protests

ZS W

Zackary Stiles

Wed 9/30/2020 5:37 AM

To: Chris Hatton

Good Morning, I have nothing to submitted in regards to this incident.

Thank you.

Sergeant Z.P.Stiles

Sylva Police Department

755 W Main Street, Sylva NC, 28779

(828) 586 - 2916

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July 11th protest

McKinsey Jones

Tue 10/6/2020 12:15 PM

To: Chris Hatton

Hello Chief

I do not have anything to submit for the public records request.

Thank you

McKinsey Jones

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July 11 Protest



Maleah Mathis

Tue 10/6/2020 3:34 PM

To: Chris Hatton

I have reviewed all my communications again in reference to the July 11 protest. I do not have any emails, texts, etc. in reference to the event.

Officer M. N. Mathis Sylva Police Department 755 W. Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 (828) 586-2916



Reply Forward Re: Mutual Aid Request

Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Tue 7/7/2020 9:01 PM

To: Doug Pheasant <DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

Thank you Chief!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Doug Pheasant < DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:44:02 PM **To:** Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Subject: RE: Mutual Aid Request

We will try to assist your Agency let me check our man power on Saturday we have several on leave.

From: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 5:00 PM

To: Doug Pheasant < DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

Subject: Mutual Aid Request

Hello Chief,

Thank you for your assistance with our last protest.

Your officers did a great job for us that day.

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I am happy to answer any questions you may have (828) 406-2254.

Chief Chris Hatton, M.J.A.

Sylva Police Department

755 W. Main Street

Sylva, NC 28779

828.586.2916



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Re: Important NC Read About Protest Permits

Johnathan Jones < jones@sylvapolice.org>

Sun 7/19/2020 9:35 PM

To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Well you know as well as I do, you can't make everyone happy but I would rather make a few mad by issuing the permits than to be caught up in courts and several lawsuits for the rest of my career. And not have any money to enjoy once I did retire. Lol. Your doing fine Chief. Keep your head up and press on. This too shall pass.

Sgt. J. H. Jones Sylva Police Department 755 W. Main Street Sylva, N.C. 28778 (828) 586-2916

From: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 8:50:47 PM

To: Sylva Police <sylvapolice@townofsylva.org>; Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>; Paige Dowling

<townmanager@townofsylva.org>; Jake Scott <jscott@townofsylva.org>; Lynn Bryant

<lbryant@townofsylva.org>; Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Subject: Important NC Read About Protest Permits

This email has been sent to all of SPD, and town staff.

Hello everyone,

Thope everybody is happy and healthy.

I recommend you read the article below.

https://www.commondreams.org/news/2020/07/03/civil-rights-groups-sue-nc-city-over-law-effectively-bans-any-protest

A federal judge quickly overruled the Town of Graham in this situation and used to constitution's right to assemble as the justification. And when the judge made the decision, it sparked a massive protest in their town. No doubt, a protest their police had no voice in planning.

Their protest occured on the same day as our last event. The event in Graham was so large, the SHP sent 50 Troopers to help manage it.

No doubt, there will be lawsuits.

This is important right now in our town. This is why I'm leading SPD to be open to peaceful protests. These events are protected by our constitution. We can't assure people's safety if we have no idea what's going to happen during their event.

You may hear from people in our community who don't have this knowledge, they are making comments for me to "just stop issuing permits." This clearly isn't a solution.

These are tough times, many of us are feeling frustration over these events. I know you're tired, we all are. I hope this will help explain our strategy and reasoning. We are our town's guardians. This is our job, our community needs us more right now than ever.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thank you for being steadfast and keeping SPD strong.

Thanks, Chief

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Get <u>Outlook for Android</u> Re: Mutial Aid Request

Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Thu 7/9/2020 3:54 PM

To: Smith, Brandon S. <Brandon.Smith@ncdps.gov>

Thank you Sir,

Your help is very appreciated.

His contact will be Lt. Bruce Moore.

828-269-7827

From: Smith, Brandon S. <Brandon.Smith@ncdps.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:23 AM

To: Rick Bryson kgryson@sylvapolice.org; Chris Hatton kgryson@sylvapolice.org;

Cc: Denman, Neil W. <Neil.Denman@ncdps.gov>; Stines Jr., Harold F. <Harold.Stines@ncdps.gov>; Joines, Kenneth

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<Kimberly.C.Davis@ncdps.gov>; Deitz, Rocky R. <Rocky.Deitz@ncdps.gov>; Stephens, Murico L.

<Murico.Stephens@ncdps.gov>

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Also, if you have not done so already please enter your request formally through Web EOC (via the Jackson County Emergency Management) so State EOC and DPS can track all of these protests and demonstrations.

Sgt. Ray Blanton will be your contact: (828) 552-0272

B. Scott Smith
First Sergeant
NCDPS
State Highway Patrol
Troop G, District 5
294 Lee Road
Clyde, NC 28721
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Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Fri 7/10/2020 9:39 AM

To: Todd Dillard <todddillard@jacksonnc.org>

Is it attached?

From: Todd Dillard <todddillard@jacksonnc.org>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:33 AM

To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Subject:

Chief,

I received this from NCEM, and they need as much information as possible.

Thanks, Todd

From: "Barnes, Brian" < Brian.Barnes@ncdps.gov>

Date: July 9, 2020 at 21:15:47 EDT

To: "Atchley, Greg" < Greg. Atchley@ncdps.gov>

Cc: "Powers, Steve" < Steve. Powers@ncdps.gov >, "Brown, Todd" < Todd. Brown@ncdps.gov >, "Kenney, Ryan"

< Ryan.Kenney@ncdps.gov >, "Gee, Danny" < Danny.Gee@ncdps.gov >, "Hamby, Karen"

< Karen. Hamby@ncdps.gov >, "Greene, Russell" < Russell. Greene@ncdps.gov >, "Wiseman, Eric"

< <u>Eric.Wiseman@ncdps.gov</u>>, "Graney, Justin" < <u>Justin.Graney@ncdps.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Potential Mobile Field Force Request - Jackson County

Thank you sir, we will pass to the patrol. It will be extremely important that they include as much detail as possible in the request to include specifics of what local and mutual aid resources. Our understanding is the patrol and especially the NG are to be last resort resources, so every detail they can provide helps with the justification and approval process.

We also have another county requesting MFF in the central branch at the same time and that is under review with the patrol currently.

Thanks, Brian

Brian Barnes Emergency Services Branch Manager NC Emergency Management O: 919.825.2255

M: 919,815,5596

Todd Dillard Director Jackson County Emergency Management 1620 US 441 S (P)

401 Grindstaff Cove Road (M) Sylva, NC 28779 828-586-7508 (O) 828-269-1429 (C) 828-631-2140 (F)

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Quote for Sylva Herald Article

Patrick Clemons <patrick@thesylvaherald.com>

Thu 6/18/2020 5:50 PM

To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Hello Chief Hatton,

I hope you are doing well! My name is Patrick Clemons and I am a writer for the Sylva Herald. I am emailing you today in regard to the recent reoccurring controversy surrounding the Confederate statue in front of the Jackson County Courthouse. I am writing an article on the statue to be published next week and would like to feature a quote from you on what is being done to prevent potential vandalism to the statue especially with petitions being started to keep/remove it. Feel free to add anything else you think would be appropriate to include in the article. I look forward to hearing back from you!

Thank you,



Patrick Clemons
Editor-in-Chief of The Western Carolinian

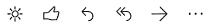
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Re: Quote for Sylva Herald Article



Chris Hatton Sat 6/20/2020 6:29 PM



To: Patrick Clemons <patrick@thesylvaherald.com>

Hi Patrick.

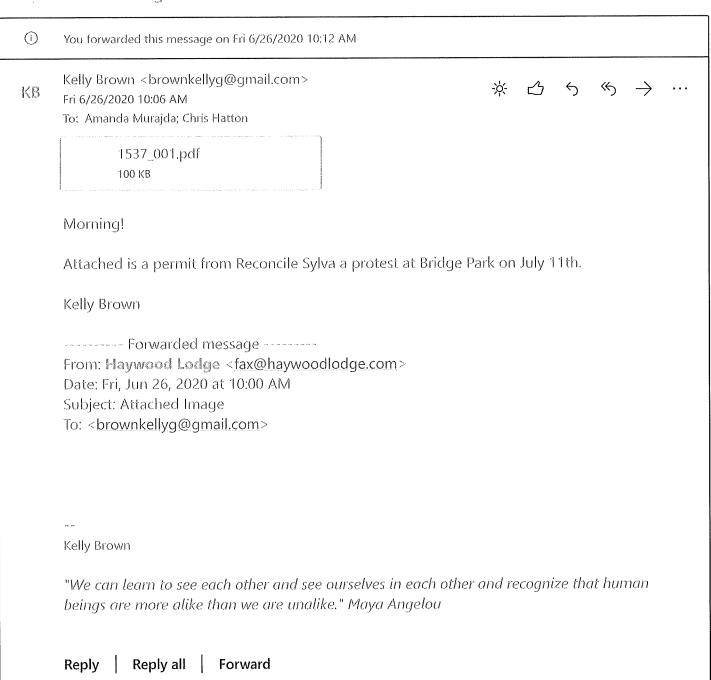
"This is a community conversation. I don't believe my opinion has any place in this discussion. The Sylva Police Department will support the decisions made by Jackson County officials on this matter. I have faith in our county's leadership to do what is best for Jackson County." - Chris Hatton, Chief of Police

Hope you a wonderful week, Chief Hatton

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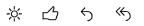
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confirmed by the Town of Sylva.		
Everything that I have stated on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies, rules and regulations. The permit, if granted, is not transferable and is revocable at any time at the absolute discretion of the Sylva Town Manager.		
Name of Applicant Applicant		
Signature	Date Date Date	
Police/Town Official Approval	Date	

Event July 11



Bruce Moore Fri 6/26/2020 11:50 AM To: SPD All



Good Afternoon,

I wanted to give everyone a heads up as soon as possible that there will be an event on July 11 from 1300-1500 which will likely require folks to come in to work. At this time I'm not sure what we're going to need staffing wise but please be aware you may be asked to work on Saturday July 11. Unless you'd previously scheduled vacation you may be asked to come into work that day. Please make plans to be available if needed.

Thanks Bruce

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Mutual Aid Request from Sylva PD



Chris Hatton

Mon 7/6/2020 4:50 PM

To: chiefharrell@franklinnc.com

Bcc: Chris Hatton

Hello Chief,

Congratulations on your new Chief position!

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You are free to join at our command post area, if you'd like that day.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have (828) 406-2254.

Chris Hatton, Chief of Police Sylva Police Department 755 W. Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 828.586,2916



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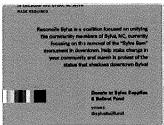
Fwd: The Tuesday Report

Heather Wesley <callmeheatherw@gmail.com>

Thu 7/9/2020 5:23 PM

To: Chris Hatton





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Hello Chief Hatton

We just spoke on the phone. Here's screen shots of the Acab.2020 Instagram account regarding Saturday. I also included a write up on a series we are doing called Operation: Shield Wall to provide intel to law enforcement about these Anarchist groups in our state. If you're interested in getting these let me know. I'll have a new one every Tuesday.

Stay safe-Heather W

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OPERATION: SHIELD WALL

The Tuesday Report 7/7/2020 N.C Edition Vol. 1



Introduction

Operation: Shield Wall is a movement designed to coordinate intel sharing between propolice, anti-Anarchist citizens and law enforcement agencies. The purpose is to keep police departments up to date on current news, events, groups, suspicious activity, and movements within the region that are on board with the destruction of the United States Government. These groups promote anarchy and infiltration of local, state, and federal agencies. These groups engage in harassment, violence, and calling for murder of law enforcement agencies and entities that oppose of their views from politicians to the average citizen. This information is intended to help police officers protect themselves by helping them identify activity and aid them in risk assessment and situational awareness during these times of civil unrest.

All information provided has been researched and sources will be cited. Information is open to revision and change as new information is discovered and the former is obsolete due to changes within the various factions of the Anarchist movements. This information is carefully put together with the following in mind:

- 1. Respect for people's Constitutional Rights
- 2. Acknowledgment of the existence of non-anarchist, nonviolent movements that are striving for equal rights for marginalized groups of people.
- 3. Not every protester or demonstrator is a member of an anarchist group.
- 4. Not every anarchist group subscribes to the ideology of AntiFa or Anti-Fascist Action.
- 5. Not every individual that identifies as Anti-Fascist is necessarily an Anarchist. Some identify as socialists, Democratic Socialists, Marxists, and Communists. Others have simply adopted radical social justice views but are against violence and destruction.
- 6. Not all anarchists are Left Wing.
- 7. The different ideologies that fall within or are in partnership with various Anarchist movements.
- 8. Various organizers and names within these movements must be thoroughly researched to avoid false accusations.
- 9. The difference between theory and fact must be articulated. There are a lot of hoaxes, assumptions, rumors, and conclusions being drawn within various communities to fear monger people.
- 10. Topics that require further investigation to be marked as such so agencies can utilize their resources if need be to prove or disprove their authenticity.

We hope that you find this information useful and we look forward to helping you build a resource library to aid in education, training, network with other agencies, and establish safe points of contact for terrified citizens to voice their concerns.

The Birth of The Anti-Fascist Action Movement

Originally known as Antifaschisitsche Aktion. The name was coined during the street fights of the 1932 Weimar Republic in Germany. It was founded by the Stalinist Communist Party of Germany (KPD), although various Communist "anti-fascist defense" units were associated with the KPD previously. Their purpose was to help the KPD combat other political parties for control of the streets in the revolutionary politics of the collapsing Weimar Republic. While the group brawled it out with actual Nazis, they also targeted liberal parties, conservative parties, and any person or entity that tried to subvert or stop their activities through means of Anarchy. Antifa boasts that they exist to serve as a tool of revolutionary politics.

Post WWII, AntiFa reestablished itself in Germany around the 1980s, with the idea of Autonomism. Autonomism is an anti-authoritarian anarcho-Marxist ideology associated with the Communist urban guerilla organizations of 1970s and '80s Europe like Red Army Faction and the Red Brigade.

Establishment in the United States

According to Antifa history, an effort by young punks to expel neo-Nazis from the punk rock and metal music scene led to the formation of Anti-Racist Action (ARA). This movement began in the Midwest and chapters formed in various cities. Despite what modern media cites, regional councils and networks were formed, such as the Midwest Anti-Fascist Network (MAFN) in 1995 and many still stand today.

However, there is a part of history that must be noted. There was a generation that supported and may have been present during the birth of the ARA. Acting former agents of the domestic terror group Weather Underground took to the young anti-racist punks in the formation of ARA. Also involved were members of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (JBAKC).

JBAKC was formed as a front for the May 19th Communist Organization (MCO), itself founded out of the remnants of the Weather Underground, Black Liberation Army, the FALN and other terrorist groups of the '60s and '70s. The MCO emphasized working for "black liberation" and were responsible for several bombings and robberies in the 1980s. This includes the infamous 1981 Brinks Armored Car Robbery. JBAKC used its newsletter "Death to the Klan!" to highlight street fighting with Klansmen, accuse Reagan officials of white supremacy, endorse MCO bank robberies as "expropriation," and promote communist insurgencies taking place in Nicaragua and El Salvador. This was all done under the guise of "fighting white supremacy." Does this sound familiar?

So how does this tie in? Several separate ARAs (Anti-Racist Action) in the United States formed one of the largest Antifa networks in the country: Torch Antifa. The Torch Antifa or Torch Network is an umbrella name for a collective of other Antifa groups in the United States that boast as being their most militant and radical. These factions include Rose City Antifa who are responsible for the physical attack on journalist Andy Gno, Antifa Seven Hills

Antifa members are likely to have ties to political organizations with Antifa support committees such as the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), The International Workers of the World (Wobblies), the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), or any number of other local and regional radical Left organizations or collectives. Antifa draws resources and recruits from them all.

Several separate ARAs would go on to form one of the largest Antifa networks in the country. Torch Antifa, who boasts to be the more militant factions of Antifa has a website registered by a former JBAKC member.

Torch Antifa is the umbrella group to a cluster of other ARA and Antifa groups that include Rose City Antifa who is responsible for the attack on journalist Andy Ngo, Antifa Seven Hills who participated in violence and rioting in Charlotte, Charlottesville Unite the Right and the Inauguration Day rioting in DC after Donald Trump's Election. The list of chapters under Torch also include WNC Antifa which do have a presence in Buncombe and surrounding counties. The following Screenshots are taken from Torch website at https://torchantifa.org/chapters/:



ABOUT - ANTIFASCIST PRISONER SUPPORT - RESOURCES SUPPORT

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Antifa Sacramento

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antifasac.blackblogs.org

Twitter: @AntifaSac Facebook: AntifaSac antifasac@riseup.net

Western North Carolina Antifa

wncantifa@riseup.net

Rocky Mountain Antifa

rockymountainantifa.blogspot.com Twitter: @RckyMtnAntifa rockymountainantifa@protonmail.com

Rose City Antifa

rosecityantifa.org

Facebook: sometimesantisocialalwaysantifascist

Twitter: @RoscCityAntifa GPG: <u>0x93BBA0CA</u>

Tor: cii57rkdtcgg55fe.onion light_them_back@riseup.net

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afainatl@riseup.net

Pacific Northwest Antifascist Workers Collective

pnwawe.com Facebook: pnwawe Twitter: @PNWAWC Twitter: @RoseCityAntifa

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Tor: cii57rkdtcgg55fe.onion
fight_them_back@riseup.net

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Pacific Northwest Antifascist Workers Collective

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Antifa Seven Hills

antifa7hills.blackblogs.org Facebook: <u>AntifaSevenHills</u> Twitter: <u>@ash_antifa</u> antifa7hills@protonmail.com

Central Texas Anti-Racist Action

centexara@protonmail.com

Northern California Anti-Racist Action (NoCARA)

nocara.blackblogs.org nocara@riseup.net

Contrary to the radical left and the mainstream media claims that Antifa is just an ideology that does not have any organized bodies, there are chapters and groups. The Torch Website is proof that this is an organized Anarchist effort. In Volume 2, we will get into a deeper view of the history of communism, Marxism, and anarchy in North Carolina and throughout Appalachia. We will also explore its modern-day presence on the East Coast.

Asheville, NC & Fire Storm Books

Asheville, NC located in Buncombe County has boasted itself to being a progressive city that is the sister city to Portland, Oregon. Asheville, NC is home to major entities in the radical left and anarchist scene. Fire Storm Books which was originally Fire Storm Books & Coffee before moving to their location at 610 Haywood Rd. is an Anarchist bookstore managed by Evan Scott also known as Libertie Valence. Fire Storm is a nonprofit that is self-described as an Anarchist collective where they hold many fund raisers, groups, work shops and speaking engagements targeted at the "radical" mindset audience. Fire Storm has also had a history of employing (paid volunteers) who have actively participated with local protests and who are openly members of the Asheville Anti-Racist Action and other Anti Fascists. Here we have a picture of Mary Elizabeth Shrom who according to several sources, is one of the local leaders of the Anarchist and Anti-Fascist Movements here in the area. Fire Storm Books is also listed in a directory of worldwide "Radical" group locations called The Slingshot Collective.









To the average person, Asheville Anti-Racism's (like other ARA bodies) tactics of outing local supposed Nazis and white supremacists is viewed as a public service and a heroic endeavor. Average conservatives are also becoming targets. They often exaggerate truths and details about a person in order to demonize them to the public, so their target then becomes the target to the angry mob. However, the publishing of a person's information such as address, employer information, license plates, family members names, and phone numbers has led to several accounts of:

- Harassment
- Stalking
- Violence
- Vandalism of personal property
- False DSS claims
- Calls to a person's employer up to 100 times per day
- Calls to a person's landlord up to 100 times per day
- Harassing emails and messages to family members of their target
- Stalking of family members and friend of their target

There have been past instances where someone not affiliated with any right wing movement or white supremacist group has been targeted, doxed and harassed for simply being conservative and speaking in opposition to their local efforts such as The Steady Collective Needle Exchange that is chaired by a local Antifa participant Hillary Brown and community organizer Veronica Coit. The Steady Collective does run their needle exchange operations out of Fire Storm and other locations. Hillary has a past arrest record of vandalism of the Lee and Vance Monuments while Veronica Coit has become a local organizer in the radical community. We will discuss The Steady Collective in a future edition of this series.



Fire Storm Books hosts what is called the Another Carolina Anarchist Bookfair every summer. Fire Storm boasts that they are a "collective" which means other businesses and entities participate in their events such as The Moth Light, The Odditorium, and other local businesses located in Asheville. Fire Storm has also had its share of nefarious characters and antigovernment activity related work shops and seminars aside from their yearly book fair. They have hosted events in participation with Anarchist groups from Chapel Hill, NC and other regions regarding the topics of Resisting ICE, How NOT to deal with the FBI, Marxism, and other left-wing movements.

Revisiting Their Old Roots of the Weathermen Underground

We will dig deeper into these events at Fire Storm in the future, but one key event that points into the direction of their dangerous connections is an event held in April of 2017 at Fire Storm books. "Demand the Impossible!" named after a book authored by Bill Ayers.

Apr 5th, 2017

Bill Ayers / Demand the Impossible!

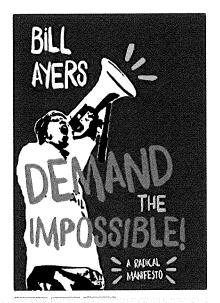
Join us as we welcome Bill Ayers, here on a national tour to celebrate the release of his latest book, Demand the Impossiblet: A Radical Manifesto. This event will be cosponsored and hosted by our friends at Rainbow Community School

In an era defined by mass incarceration, endless war, economic crisis, catastrophic environmental destruction, and a political system offering more of the same, radical social transformation has never been more urgent. We must imagine a world beyond what this rotten system would have us believe is possible.

In critiquing the world around us. Ayers uncovers cracks in the system, talsing our sights for radical change, and envisioning strategies for building a movement to create a more humane, balanced, and peaceful world.

Bill Ayers is a social justice activist, teacher, Distinguished Professor of Education (retired) at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and author of two memoirs, Fugitive Days and Public Formy.

In anticipation of a large crowd, this presentation will be taking place in the Rainbow auditorium at 60 State Street, a block from Firestorm!



Bill Ayers was one of the leading members of the Weather Underground. Bill Ayers, along with Bernardine Dohrn, Jeff Jones, and Celia Sojourn collaborated on ideas and published a manifesto: Prairie Fire: The Politics of Revolutionary Anti-Imperialism. The Weather Underground sought to advance communism through violent revolutionary anarchism, and the group called on America's youth to create a rearguard action against the U.S. government hoping to bring its downfall.

Weatherman launched an offensive during the summer of 1969 In the Northeast, it tried to recruit members at community colleges and high schools by marching into classrooms, tying up and gagging teachers, and presenting revolutionary speeches. At the Harvard Institute for International Affairs, the group smashed windows, tore out phones, and assaulted professors.

From October 8 to 11, 1969, Weatherman worked to organize thousands of young people in a direct assault on the police, whom they called "pigs." The group called this a "National Action," but newspapers called it "Days of Rage. In modern day, you will hear words such as "Direct Action" and "Days of Rage" in the current social justice and Anti Fascist movements.

According to the FBI, Weatherman members began bombing targets across the country in 1970, using tactics from the handbook Firearms and Self-Defense: A Handbook for Radicals, Revolutionaries, and Easy Riders and from Brazilian Marxist writer and terrorist Carlos Marighella's Minimanual of the Urban Guerrilla. Larger targets included the New York City Police Department headquarters, the Presidio army base in San Francisco, a Long Island City courthouse, and several banks in Boston and New York. Most of the bombings were preceded by a warning, to prevent casualties, and were followed by a communiqué, dubbed "Weather Report." Weatherman used these "Weather Reports" to justify attacks, citing recent police and government actions such as the Kent State shootings, which involved the killing of four students by the Ohio National Guard at Kent State University, or the unlawful incarceration of other revolutionaries. The reports also often commemorated revolutionary efforts throughout the world. By year's end, several Weatherman members had made it onto the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list, which had been expanded to 16 to accommodate them.

The bombings continued throughout 1971. Weatherman placed two bombs at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., both of which exploded on March 1. In August, the group attacked three offices of the California prison system after the mysterious murder of prison revolutionary George Jackson in the San Quentin prison yard. Two weeks later, after 30 inmates were killed in a revolt at New York's Attica penitentiary, Weatherman bombed the office of the state commissioner of corrections in Albany.

The activity of the anarchist movements throughout Asheville are not something to be joked about or not taken seriously. As you can see, they have connections to domestic terrorists and their ideology has not changed much since the 60's and 70's. In 2016, the Republican GOP building in Hillsboro was firebombed by alleged Anarchists springing forth the "NC Resists The Grand Jury" movement in relation to a known anarchist named Katie Yow refusing to testify in court regarding the attack on the GOP building. Hillsboro is close to Chapel Hill, Durham, Carrboro and Raleigh. UNC Chapel Hill is in this region and has a history of Marxist and Anarchist agendas dating as far back as the 1900's. We will be discussing the correlation between Asheville, Chapel Hill and the history of these groups in upcoming volume 2. There will be a lot of mention of Fire Storm Books in this series.



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Published on The New York Times 10/16/2016 https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/17/us/north-carolina-gop-building-is-firebombed.html

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Published on https://www.fbi.gov/history/famous-cases/weather-underground-bombings

Social Media and Websites

Fire Storm Books

https://www.firestorm.coop/

@Firestormcoop – Instagram

@acab.2020 - Instagram

@ Firestormcoop-Twitter

https://www.facebook.com/firestormcoop/

https://www.facebook.com/AshevilleACAB2019/

https://acab2019.noblogs.org/

Torch Network

https://torchantifa.org/

@torchantifa - Twitter

Asheville Anti-Racism

@avlantiracism -Twitter

@HellbenderAVL – Twitter (this entity is suspected of being Asheville AAR)

NC Resists The Grand Juries

https://ncresiststhegrandjury.com/updates/

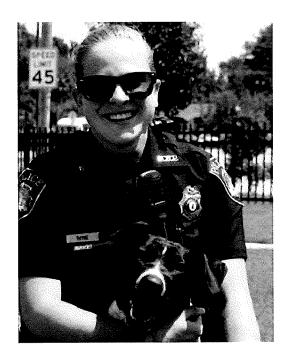
@ncresists - Instagram

@ncresists-Twitter

We will be putting together a master list of all social media accounts we can find regarding the Anarchist and radical left movements that are condoning violence and attacks on police.

Shield wall Memorial Each Week we will be saluting a fallen officer

Today We Remember Police Officer Katherine Mary Thyne



Newport News Police Department, Virginia
End of Watch Thursday, January 23, 2020

Police Officer Katie Thyne died after being dragged by a vehicle while conducting an investigation. She and her partner were investigating reports of drug activity when they approached a car along the 1400 block of 16th Street in Newport News. During the investigation, the driver sped off, dragging Police Officer Thyne for a block. The vehicle struck a tree, and Officer Thyne was pinned between the tree and the vehicle door. Police Officer Thyne served with the Newport News Police Department for approximately one year and had previously served with the United States Navy.

Fwd: alert!

DR

Daniel Reid

Thu 7/9/2020 7:00 PM

To: Chris Hatton

This was sent to me and Aimee a few min ago.

-Reid

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From: Jerry J. Smith <forestdweller89@protonmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:59:09 PM

To: Aimee Sumner <sumner@sylvapolice.org>; Daniel Reid <reid@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: alert!

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https://www.instagram.com/p/CCbNC9VBWIZ/

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Re: Sylva Saturday Demonstration

Lilly Knoepp < lknoepp@bpr.orq> LK

Thu 7/9/2020 8:06 PM

To: Chris Hatton

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 7:57 PM, Chris Hatton < hatton@sylvapolice.org > wrote:

Dangerous weapons will not be allowed at either protest location.

From: Lilly Knoepp < lknoepp@bpr.org> Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:50 PM

To: Chris Hatton < hatton@sylvapolice.org> Subject: Re: Sylva Saturday Demonstration

Thanks Chief Hatton! Lunderstand. I'm mainly wanting to check in about weapons at the protest.

I'm not sure if you saw that three men in Asheville were arrested for bringing weapons to a Black Lives Matter demonstration. So I wanted to see if the way that you all are thinking about the protest on Saturday?

Thanks for all your hard work to get ready for the demonstration!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 7:13 PM, Chris Hatton < hatton@sylvapolice.org > wrote:

Hi Lilly, I am slammed trying to prepare for this event. I'll do my best to call you tomorrow. Don't be upset with me, if I don't. It's taking all we've got to get ready.

Chief Hatton

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Get Outlook for Android

From: Lilly Knoepp < lknoepp@bpr.org> Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:19:13 PM To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org> Subject: Sylva Saturday Demonstration

Re:



Chris Hatton Fri 7/10/2020 9:39 AM

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To: Todd Dillard <todddillard@jacksonnc.org>

Is it attached?

From: Todd Dillard <todddillard@jacksonnc.org>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:33 AM

To: Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org

Subject:

Chief,

I received this from NCEM, and they need as much information as possible.

Thanks, Todd

From: "Barnes, Brian" < Brian.Barnes@ncdps.gov>

Date: July 9, 2020 at 21:15:47 EDT

To: "Atchley, Greg" < Greg.Atchley@ncdps.gov>

Cc: "Powers, Steve" < Steve. Powers@ncdps.gov >, "Brown, Todd" < Todd. Brown@ncdps.gov >, "Kenney,

Ryan" < Ryan.Kenney@ncdps.gov>, "Gee, Danny" < Danny.Gee@ncdps.gov>, "Hamby, Karen"

< Karen. Hamby@ncdps.gov >, "Greene, Russell" < Russell. Greene@ncdps.gov >, "Wiseman, Eric"

<Eric.Wiseman@ncdps.gov>, "Graney, Justin" < Justin.Graney@ncdps.gov>

Subject: Re: Potential Mobile Field Force Request - Jackson County

Thank you sir, we will pass to the patrol. It will be extremely important that they include as much detail as possible in the request to include specifics of what local and mutual aid resources. Our understanding is the patrol and especially the NG are to be last resort resources, so every detail they can provide helps with the justification and approval process.

We also have another county requesting MFF in the central branch at the same time and that is under review with the patrol currently.

Thanks, Brian

Brian Barnes Emergency Services Branch Manager NC Emergency Management O: 919.825.2255

M: 919.815.5596

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RE: FYI

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Shannon Queen <shqueen@jacksonnc.org>

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Fri 7/10/2020 8:59 AM

To: Chris Hatton; 'Chip Hall' <clhall@jacksonnc.org>; 'Kim Hooper' <skhooper@jacksonnc.org>

For informational purposes. I conducted a search on the email address

forestdweller89@protonmail.com, the email where the information orginated below. I got two hits, one from Sara Rolling and another as Jennifer Rolling. Both with Iowa addresses. I could find no local address and what I could quickly find out about either of these names via other posts with this email associated that there was not a far right wing view posted. I attached a pic that is supposed to be Sara Rolling from the Facebook page that has this email associated with it.



From: Chris Hatton [mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:55 PM

To: Chip Hall <clhall@jacksonnc.org>; Kim Hooper (skhooper@jacksonnc.org)

<skhooper@jacksonnc.org>; Shannon Queen (shqueen@jacksonnc.org) <shqueen@jacksonnc.org>

Subject: FYI

From: Aimee Sumner < sumner@sylvapolice.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:09 PM

To: Chris Hatton < hatton@sylvapolice.org>; Rick Bryson < bryson@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: Fw: alert!

This was emailed to me and Reid, dont know who this guy is.

Lt. Detective Aimee S. Watson Sylva Police Department 755 West Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 (828)586-2916

From: Jerry J. Smith < forestdweller89@protonmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:59 PM

To: Aimee Sumner < sumner@sylvapolice.org>; Daniel Reid < reid@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: alert!

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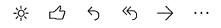
DP

Re: Update: Sylva PD Request

Doug Pheasant <DOUGPHEA@nc-cherokee.com>

Fri 7/10/2020 9:20 AM

To: Chris Hatton



Sorry Chief not 100 percent sure if we can assist this Saturday we have 3 Officers with parents funerals Saturday and Officers on Quarantine we will try I just wanted to give you a heads up

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 7:16 AM, Chris Hatton hatton@sylvapolice.org wrote:

Hi Chief,

We've had a change in our plan.

Our briefing will be held at the First Baptist Church in Sylva at 10:30am on Saturday. Officers will be served a good meal from our community before going to their post. Please pass this new info and my cell number on to your officers.

We are finalizing our plan today, please let know if you're able to send anyone to help and how many.

Thanks again!
Chief Chris Hatton

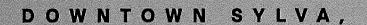
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March to Reconcile Sylva

Saturday
July 11th

March in protest of "Sylva Sam" Monument Gather 12pm @ Bridge Park Pavilion Speakers & March @ 1pm

PLEASE WEAR A MASK:)









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Reconcile Sylva





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MARCH TO RECONCILE SYLVA

JULY 11TH @ 12PM
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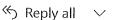
Reconcile Sylva is a coalition focused on unifying the community members of Sylva, NC, currently focusing on the removal of the "Sylva Sam" monument in downtown. Help make change in your community and march in protest of the statue that shadows downtown Sylva!



Donate to Sylva Supplies & Bailout Fund

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@sylvabailfund



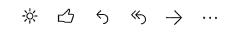
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