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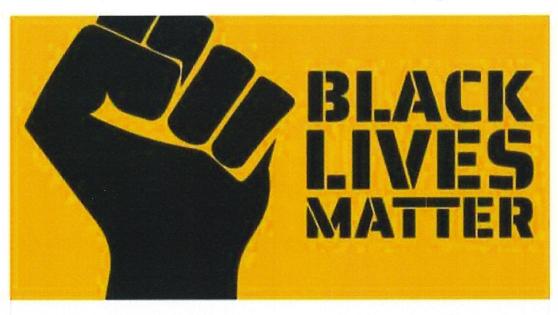
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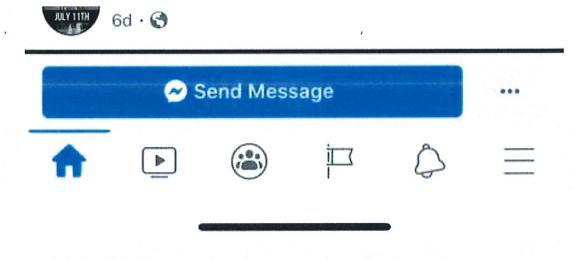
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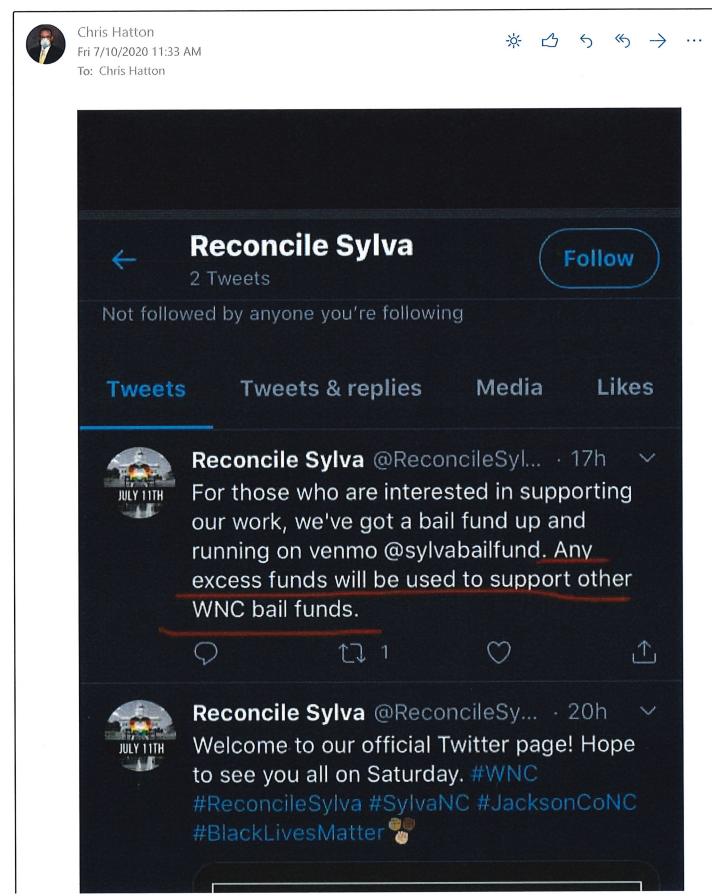


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## 07/11/2020 Protest



Aimee Sumner Fri 7/10/2020 2:40 PM To: Chris Hatton









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See if this is what you are looking for and let me know.

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

Reply **Forward**  On 07/11/2020 there is be a protest located in downtown Sylva, NC. The protest group known as Reconcile Sylva, will be meeting at Bridge Park at 1:00 pm. The group is set to walk down Main Street in Sylva and then return to Bridge Park, where there will be guest speakers.

On this same date a group of counter-protestors, known as the Jackson County Unity Coalition, will be meeting. This group is set to meet in the parking lot of the Jackson County Library at 12:30 pm.

The Sylva Police Department has 14 officers, who will all be working to make sure that the protest and march are done in a safe manner. We have requested assistance from several different agencies, due to information that has been coming reference to Antifa attending the protest. It been brought to our department's attention from several credible sources that a group out of Asheville, NC are planning to attend and try remove or damage a Confederate statue that is located on the old courthouse steps. The group has an Instagram page, Abab.2020. This page is linked to the Antifa group out of Asheville and a bookstore in Asheville called Firestorm. On their Instagram page they are working to get more people to come to the protest and to set up a bail out of jail fund.

The Jackson County Sheriff's office is going to assist with this protest, as are officers from North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Franklin Police Department, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Bryson City Police Department and Western Carolina University. Jackson County Emergencies services is also assisting in the event.

We do not have a clear number of how many people will be attending the event, but due to social media comments from both sides we are expecting a large crowd. With the Asheville Antifa group, which is supposed to be part of the militant Antifa group, we are concerned for the safety of everyone involved and the citizens of Jackson County and the Town of Sylva.









## 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: Post Event Observations

Chris Hatton <a href="mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org">hatton@sylvapolice.org</a>

Sun 7/12/2020 11:24 AM

To: Bruce Moore <moore@sylvapolice.org>

All great points.

This is good work.

Really glad you're here.

We'll be even stronger next time.

#### Chief

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From: Bruce Moore <moore@sylvapolice.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:53:37 AM **To:** Chris Hatton <a href="mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org">hatton@sylvapolice.org</a>

**Subject: Post Event Observations** 

Good Morning,

I've been doing my own recollections about the event yesterday and reading a lot of what folks were saying. The videos posted on the Smoky Mountain News' Facebook was telling, especially the one showing Commissioner Woody attempting to speak but getting booed and heckled by the crowd before Kelly praised McPherson on stage.

Moving on I was thinking on how to make the next protest go better, I hope there isn't one but if there is I think there is a solution to fix several problems we had. I've attached a couple of screenshots of facebook misinformation getting spread by protest organizers. They had no clue about our traffic plan and was actually advertising the exact wrong thing to do. The optics of this could have been much worse for us had we not got this fixed quickly so there again your collaboration with Kelly paid off there I think. I've also attached a new traffic route that would enable us to use far fewer people to direct traffic but would bring traffic much closer to the event, it's a trade off worth making. With a little strategy though I think we could run the event without having the protestors meet traffic at all by temporarily holding it up at two points. The new plan would actually run traffic in front of the fountain one way up to Jackson St (one way also), allow traffic to run freely on Grindstaff, and would simply shut down traffic on Municipal between the Fire Dept and Allen Street (just like Greening up the Mountains, pic attached). If we'd done this yesterday we could have freed up Doug, JP, Jamie, the Bryson City Officer, the Franklin PD officer, and a two fireman. We could reposition those same folks at other areas making places like the fountain, Shulman & Main, and Railroad Aven intersections much stronger. I really think it would be a better traffic plan altogether for these protests.

Another point I wanted to make was the JCSO had 27 officers stationed either at the library or by the fountain. 27. If they could get by with say 23 and move 5 to our mobile arrest team we could free 1 of the 3 of our arrest team up to be able to assist whomever is working with answering calls. If you have 27 folks, many of whom are at the fountain anyway, it really wouldn't make a difference if some of them were boots on the ground at the march to begin with. This would accomplish two things. First it would beef up our arrest team and second it would get Jacob or whoever some back up. I feel like we'd get

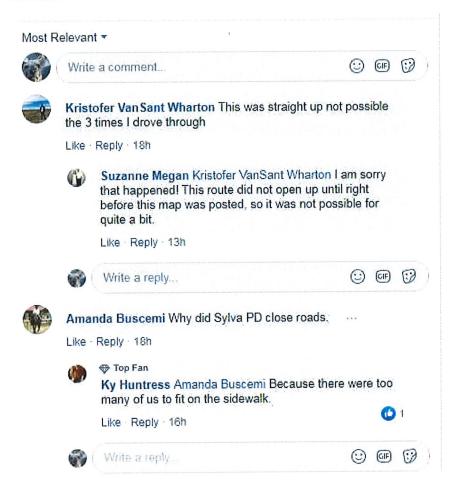
much more bang for our taxpayer buck that way and have officer safety as priority #1. I did not feel good about Jacob's backup being SHP only.

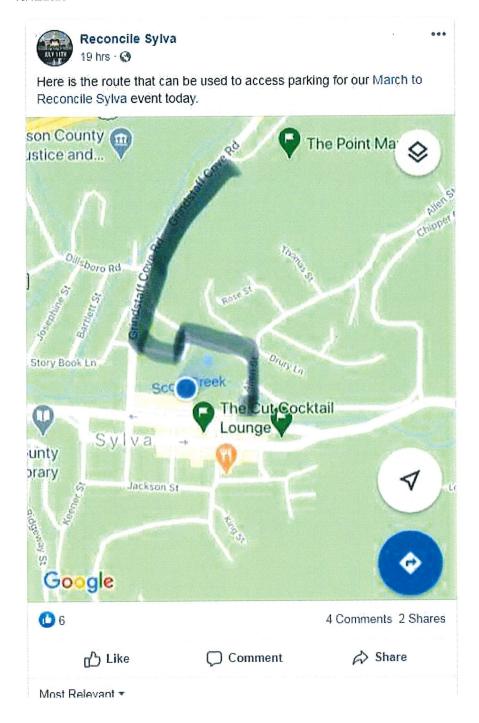
Finally, our Fire Department needs to be much more involved or not at all. I know you know. I'm glad they helped, they did help a bunch but if we use them again they need to be apart of the EOC meetings, given a 204 with specific instructions, and we need to know who is going where before 5 min before the traffic route starts. That hurt us.

I'm off this next week and I wanted to make sure I wrote everything down while it was still fresh on my mind, a week from now I will have forgotten.

Heath should be working for me Wednesday and Thursday. If you need me I'll either be doing the mountain of yard work I have waiting on me or doing daddy daycare.

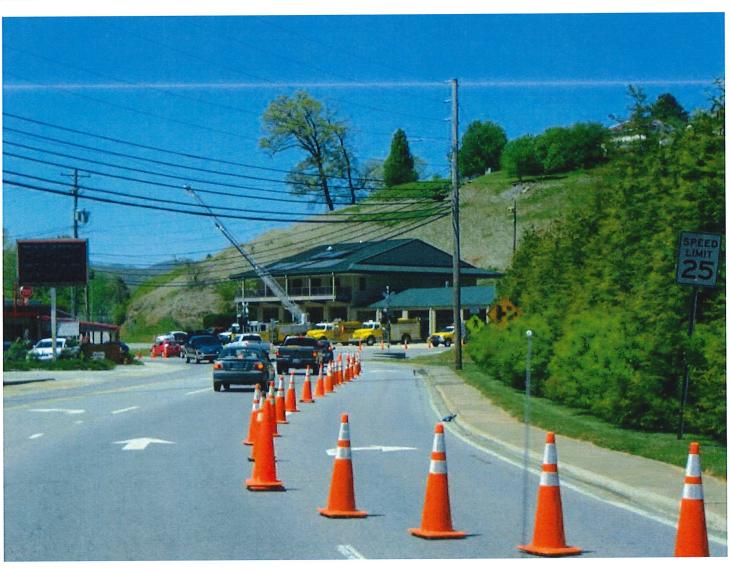
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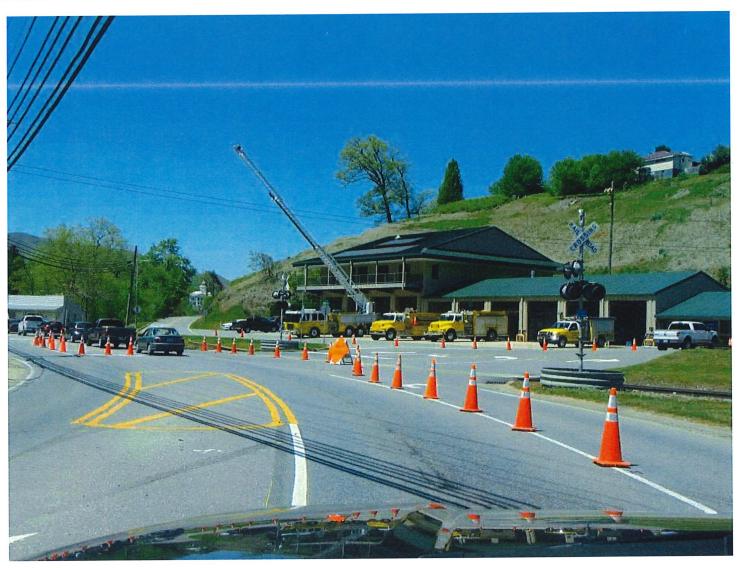






















## July 11th protest

JW

Jacob Waldroup Wed 9/30/2020 5:52 AM











To: Chris Hatton

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Jacob Waldroup < waldroup@sylvapolice.org > Sat 7/11/2020 5:18 PM

To: Sylva Police <sylvapolice@townofsylva.org>

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#### Proactive:

Everyone- Worked the protest

Arrests: Citations: Charges:

Officer J. R. Waldroup Sylva Police Department 755 W Main St Sylva, NC 28779 828-586-2916 Fw: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

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Thu 10/1/2020 10:23 AM

To: Chris Hatton <a href="mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org">hatton@sylvapolice.org</a>

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Fax: (828) 586-1716

From: Chris Hatton <a href="mailto:hatton@sylvapolice.org">hatton@sylvapolice.org</a>

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:12 AM

To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>; Paige Dowling <townmanager@townofsylva.org>; Rick

Subject: Fwd: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

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To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>; Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: Fwd: Attached Image

Morning!

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Kelly Brown

#### **TOWN of SYLVA**

Parks and Recreation Department 83 Allen Street Sylva, NC 28779

Phone: (828) 586-2719 Fax: (828) 586-8134 E-mail: <a href="mailto:townclerk@townofsylva.org">townclerk@townofsylva.org</a>

## **OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

Event Date: John 11, 2020		
Today's Date: Jehl 25, 2020		
Name of Organization: Record Sylval		
Primary Organizer Contact:		
Name: Kally Mann		
Phone#: 826-316-7114		
Address: 310 D. Scovery Place Sylver		
Email Address: 5041 (dly a quair and		
Fax#:		
**Note** 60 Day Advance Notice is Required for Events that will need a Road Closure!!  Assembly/RallyCar ShowFilming/PhotographyRace/Run/ WalkBlock PartyEducationalParadeProcessionalProcessionalOther:		
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Estimated Attendance: \(\lambda\limit)\(\limit)\)		

Event Time(s) Opening (including set-up):  AM/PM – Closing (including clean-up):  AM/PM – Closin		
Everything that I have stated on this application is correunderstand, and agree to abide by the policies, rules ar transferable and is revocable at any time at the absolut Name of Applicant	nd regulations. The permit, if granted, is not	
Police/Town Official Approval	Date	

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From: Haywood Lodge < fax@haywoodlodge.com >

Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Attached Image

To: < brownkellyg@gmail.com >

Kelly Brown

"We can learn to see each other and see ourselves in each other and recognize that human beings are more alike than we are unalike." Maya Angelou









Fw: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

RB

#### Rick Bryson

Thu 10/1/2020 10:23 AM

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## **Monument Protest**

7/11/20

# 1300-1500 Event & March BRIEFINGS

**First Baptist Church** 

# 1<sup>st</sup> Briefing 0900 Hours

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Briefing & Food 1030 Hours

JP Gallardo & Farmer: 0900

**Sylva Fire Dept Main St**. Divert tractor trailers up Chipper Curve Road. **No tractor trailers can come down Main or Municipal Drive**. When notified **block ALL traffic** from coming down Main Street and turn traffic onto Municipal toward Allen St/Old PD. \*If you notice any buses with large groups of people notify EOC immediately.

Mathis & Burrell: 0900

#### Mill & Allen Street

While the protest is going on allow traffic to flow down Mill Street onto Allen Street. Once the march begins to line up make sure the units at the Fire Department know and they should begin diverting traffic onto Municipal Drive.

## 3 Sylva Fire Department Members: 1030

## **Grindstaff Cove Road @ Municipal Drive**

Turn all traffic **right** off of Municipal Drive onto Grindstaff Cove Road **toward US 74**. No traffic should be getting to you from down the hill. In the event a tractor trailer comes let them go past you and wait on Grindstaff Cove Road until the protest is over. Inform the driver of the event and let them know they will be waiting.

## Hyatt & Moody (Bryson City PD): Hyatt 0900-Moody 1030

## Grindstaff Cove Road @ Dillsboro Road

Allow traffic coming up Grindstaff to go straight or turn left onto Dillsboro Road. Turn all traffic coming off of Dillsboro Road **left** toward US 74. Any traffic coming down Grindstaff off of US 74 must turn **right**. If it's a tractor trailer instruct the driver to pull just past the officers below you on Grindstaff and stop to wait on the protest to get off Main Street. There should be barricades below Central Street. No vehicles, of any kind, may proceed past Central Street for any reason.

## Franklin Police Department: 1030

## **Grindstaff Cove Road @ Central Street**

Do not allow any traffic to come past your post toward town. No traffic may pass your post for any reason.

## 2 Sylva Fire Department members: 1030

#### West Main @ Watson Park:

Divert traffic up Dillsboro Road Across the bridge. Allow traffic to flow off of Dillsboro Road. Dillsboro road will function as a two way bypass from town. No traffic may go past this post into Main Street. In the event a tractor trailer or other large vehicle that is too big to travel on Dillsboro Road gets to you turn them into Watson Park. No tractor trailers or vehicles with long trailers may use detour.

## JCSO (8 Deputies) 0900:

## Fountain @ Keener

Monitor the pedestrian traffic and march, monitor Keener to make sure no vehicles come down, utilize patrol vehicle to block Keener @ Main. Monitor problems with protestors and statue supporters.

#### Stiles & WCU 1: Stiles 0900-WCU 1 1030

#### Schulman@ Main

Utilize truck, barricades and cones to assist with turning the pedestrian traffic down Main Street and NOT up Schulman or backwards down Main toward the fountain. If you see protestors going toward the fountain notify EOC immediately.

#### Watson & WCU 2: Watson 0900-WCU 2 1030

#### Landis @ Main

Utilize patrol car and cones to prevent traffic from entering Main Street

#### Mckinsey Jones & WCU 3: Mckinsey 0900-WCU 3 1030

#### Spring @ Main

Utilize patrol car and cones to prevent traffic from entering Main Street. When the protest is on Main Street and approaches your location block Main Street and direct them to turn left down Spring Street back toward bridge park.

#### **Unstaffed Traffic Detour: Evalina @ Main**

Utilize barricades and cones to prevent traffic from entering Main Street

#### Moore: EOC

## Waldroup & 5 NCSHP Members: Waldrop 0600-SHP 0900

Patrol, answer calls for service, allow NCSHP to work all crashes or traffic related incidents and assist with any calls you can't answer. If you need further assistance from Sylva PD officers contact Sgt. Stiles directly. If possible answer over the phone and **DO NOT ANSWER CALLS WHERE YOU MAY NEED BACKUP WITHOUT BACKUP.** 

## **EOC @ Cowan Street**

**Trantham Mobile Arrest Team** 

**Bryson: Mobile Arrest Team** 

Reid: Mobile Arrest Team

#### **Contacts:**

Jackson County Dispatch (828) 586-1911

Lt. Moore (828) 269-7827

Sgt. Stiles (828) 269-7827

Officer Waldroup (828) 261-8045

## **Traffic Plan:**

- Allow traffic to flow both East & West on the normal detour until the actual march portion of the protest begins and then divert traffic.
  (Gallardo & Farmer @Sylva Fire Dept)
- ❖ EAST SIDE: Once traffic diversion is set in place all traffic should be routed onto Municipal (tractor trailers diverted to Chipper Curve Road in front of the fire department). Traffic will turn left on Municipal Drive by town hall and proceed to Grindstaff Cove Road where they can only turn right.
- ❖ WEST SIDE: Once traffic diversion is set in place all tractor trailers should be turned around at Wilkes Crescent Lane. Franklin PD Other traffic may come into town on West Main Street where they will turn left onto Dillsboro Road Franklin PD and travel to Grindstaff Cove Road. There they must turn left going toward US 74. No traffic may turn right off Dillsboro Road. No traffic may come down Grindstaff Cove Road past Municipal Waynesville PD.

#### **MARCH ROUTE**

The actual march will leave from the Bridge Park area and proceed as follows.

- 1. Turn right onto Railroad Avenue (DIVERT TRAFFIC AT THE SYLVA FIRE DEPARTMENT)
- 2. Left onto Grindstaff Cove Road
- 3. Straight across Mill Street
- 4. Left onto Main Street at the intersection of Schulman St, pass Landis St, and left onto Spring Street, cross over Mill Street onto Allen Street, left again onto Railroad Avenue
- 5. End back at Bridge Park (Wait for command to resume traffic flow once protestors have dispersed. Prepare to wait)

## Barricades/Trucks to be set up

- 1. Exit of Watson Park Patrol car and cones/left detour sign
- 2. Grindstaff Cove & Municipal Patrol car and cones/road closed sign
- 3. **Grindstaff Cove & Central Street** enough cones to block Grindstaff below Central Street (to prevent anyone from the residential area or park side from accessing Grindstaff)

- 4. **Allen Street** Garbage truck to block vehicles from coming down back street and divert traffic onto Allen Street
- 5. **West Main & Chipper Curve, Fire Dept** Cones & signs to be able to divert traffic onto Municipal when the detour begins (march has started)
- 6. **Evalina and Jackson** hard barricade or truck needed adjacent to Evalina Traffic in case of a runaway vehicle (if available)
- 7. **Spring and Jackson** cones/barricades & road closed signs for Spring and for Jackson St (by city lights so that cars do not go to Evalina)
- 8. Landis and Jackson cones/barricades
- 9. Schulman and Main cones/barricades & brush truck
- 10.**Keener and Jackson** cones/barricades & right closed sign (all the streets off Jackson will be closed)
- 11. Savannah Drive @ Library cones/barricades & dump truck
- 12. West Main St @ Wilkes Crescent Lane turn any tractor trailers around to go back out of town
- 13. Harold Street @ Chipper Curve block off Chipper Curve @ Harold Street
- 14. Fountain Cones to be able to cone off a space near the fountain (40 cones)
- 15. **Municipal in front of Old PD** block off lane going back toward fire department to prevent anyone from Allen Street turning left. Right detour on Allen above Municipal would be good.
- 16. **Savannah Drive @ Yellowbird Branch** if available place a detour sign directing traffic to turn left toward West Main Street (Harold's Intersection) so as to relieve traffic coming in behind counter protestors at the Library.





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## Fw: Saturday Protest Attendance Required

RB

#### Rick Bryson

To: Chris Hatton

Thu 10/1/2020 10:18 AM











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Sylva, NC 28779

Phone: (828) 586-2916 Fax: (828) 586-1716

From: Bruce Moore <moore@sylvapolice.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:19 PM To: SPD All <spdall@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: Saturday Protest Attendance Required

#### Good Afternoon

On Saturday July 11, 2020 a group named Reconcile Sylva will be hosting a protest in Sylva NC. The purpose of the event is to protest a Confederate Statue in front of the Jackson County Library which is visible in the down town area. The topic of this statue is an emotionally charged debate for both protesters who want it removed and counter protesters who want it to remain.

Various social media outlets and discussions from representatives of both sides have raised cause for concern. We are currently in the process of trying to acquire assistance from other agencies to work the event like we did for the last one.

That being the case unless you were previously approved for time off it will be mandatory for everyone to be here Saturday morning at 1030 hours. Uniform of the day will be polo with gray shirt like we wear for greening up the mountains. We're going to be fed first thing then briefed. I'll have the plan out to all SPD folks on Friday evening. I know it's a Saturday many of you had hoped to have off. If we could have gotten by with fewer we would have and I promise we'll get you out of here ASAP when it's over.

Thank you all in advance, if I'm gonna have to be here working another protest there isn't another group of folks I'd rather be working with. I know y'all are professionals that can handle business if need be and I have zero worries about anything Saturday has in store for us, we can handle it.

Thanks

Bruce

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From: Bruce Moore <moore@sylvapolice.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 1:02 PM

To: SPD All <spdall@sylvapolice.org>; Jordan Beck <beck@sylvapolice.org>; Jacob Waldroup

<waldroup@sylvapolice.org>
Subject: July 11 Protest

Good Afternoon,

We're currently planning for the protest to take place on July 11 from 1300-1500 hours. This protest is different from the others in that the group that is doing it is showing their disapproval of the Confederate Monument. In short they're going to start at Bridge Park, walk up to Main, and circle back to Bridge Park where they will end. We're expecting roughly 100 people so it will be smaller than the last unless something changes.

We don't expect problems.

That being said we're not wanting to force anyone to come in on their day off but we do need a few extra folks for traffic control and to be ready in case something went wrong.

I'm asking for volunteers to work this event. You will be paid overtime for working it. You could plan on working from 1230-1600 I would guess. Uniform of the day will be the polo with gray pants.

If you want to work please let me know by Monday at 0600.

Thanks Bruce

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## Re: This time, right now



Paige Dowling Mon 6/1/2020 8:26 AM To: Chris Hatton











That's a wonderful email. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2020, at 10:43 AM, Chris Hatton <a href="https://doi.org/no.com/abs/luna/43-44">https://doi.org/no.com/abs/luna/43-44</a> AM, Chris Hatton <a href="https://doi.org/no.com/abs/luna/44">https://doi.org/no.com/abs/luna/44</a> Am, Chris Hatton <a href="https://doi.org/no.com/abs/luna/44">htt

Hey everybody,

This is a stressful time for our country. We have an unbelievably heated political climate, our neighbors and loved ones contracting COVID-19, and now another dead African American citizen while interacting with police.

As you know, we will pay a price for that situation here in Sylva. Whether we think that is fair or not isn't going to matter. I know it's disheartening and disappointing because we here at Sylva Police Department take extra care to treat people right. As the protests rage on, it makes you question your dedication and sacrifices for people and even your community role. I get it. I feel it to.

But, folks we have a job to do, and we will continue to do it, at 100%. If this situation is affecting you, refocus yourself on our mission. That's the answer.

Why are you here? Media approval? The approval of the people in those big cities? What did you choose this career?

This is the most noble profession in this nation and you have to be tough to make it, it's not always going to be easy. If it was, everybody could wear the badge.

As we continue to see and begin to experience protests, remember, they aren't about us as individuals, they are about something way bigger than us.

That bigger issue was here long before our time and won't likely disappear overnight. Listen to my heart here, WE are the solution to that bigger issue. The officers and police departments that do their jobs and treat people right are what causes people to realize that even though we may not be perfect, the police are actually good people and are worthy of their trust.





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## SHP Working Asheville Protests



Chris Hatton Tue 6/2/2020 7:39 AM To: Sylva Police; Chris Hatton











Hello SPD,

The following message is from our SHP Troop Supervisor:

"I have been tasked to inform all agencies of the current operational status of the Troop G District operations. Last night we had to answer a call for assistance from the Asheville PD; where we immediately responded by sending 20 troopers to assist.

Currently, we are sending 20 more members to assist with the planned protests for tonight. Having said that we are requesting you inform your shift supervisors that each county will be operating with fewer troopers, thus may cause delay in response times." - SHP Sgt. Brandon Scott Smith

These are weird and tough times.

Let's help them out all we can, if we get an accident that is in our mile or we are requested to work one near town.

Any problems, let me know..

Chief

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