

Re:

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Fri 7/10/2020 9:39 AM

To: Todd Dillard <toddillard@jacksonnc.org>

Is it attached?

From: Todd Dillard <toddillard@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

Todd Dillard

Director

Jackson County Emergency Management

1620 US 441 S (P)

10/16/2020

Mail - Chris Hatton - Outlook

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Sylva, NC 28779
828-586-7508 (O)
828-269-1429 (C)
828-631-2140 (F)

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Attached

TOWN of SYLVA

Parks and Recreation Department

83 Allen Street

Sylva, NC 28779

Phone: (828) 586-2719 Fax: (828) 586-8134 E-mail: townclerk@townofsylva.org

OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Event Date: _____

Today's Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Primary Organizer Contact:

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Fax#: _____

Primary Event Category:

****Note** 60 Day Advance Notice is Required for Events that will need a Road Closure!!**

____ Assembly/Rally ____ Car Show ____ Filming/Photography ____ Race/Run/ Walk

____ Block Party ____ Educational ____ Parade

____ Block off Parking ____ Festival ____ Processional

____ Other: _____

Primary Event Location:

____ Fountain on Main Street ____ Main Street Sidewalk ____ Pinnacle Park

____ Processional Route: _____

Name of Event: _____

Purpose of Event: _____

Date (s) of Actual Event: _____

Will this event be audio and/or visually recorded?

____ YES ____ NO

Estimated Attendance: _____

Event Time(s) Opening (including set-up): _____ AM/PM – Closing (including clean-up) : _____ AM/PM

Primary On-Site Contact: _____

Mobile Phone Number : _____

If the date and/or location requested is not available, or if the requested location is not an appropriate site to conduct your proposed event, the police department will contact you and an alternate location will be suggested if available. **Do not publicize your event until preliminary approval has been 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 _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Police/Town Official Approval _____ Date _____

Re: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Tue 6/30/2020 1:42 PM

To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

They have moved the time to 1-3pm because of this.

From: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:42 AM

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

Subject: RE: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

Good morning,

The Farmer's Market has been board approved to use the paved parking lot on Saturday mornings. I would definitely make sure Lisa McBride knows about this.

Thanks,

Amanda W. Murajda

Town of Sylva

83 Allen Street

Sylva, NC 28779

(828) 586-2719 (p)

(828) 586-8134 (f)

From: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:18 AM

To: Paige Dowling <townmanager@townofsylva.org>

Cc: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Subject: Re: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

Does the farmers market have a claim to the property until any certain time?

If they do I will have them change the protest time.

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From: Paige Dowling <townmanager@townofsylva.org>

Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:15:32 AM

To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Cc: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>

Subject: RE: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

Ok. This will be going on towards the end of the Farmer's Market. I don't see any issues with that. Do you?

Paige R. Dowling

Town Manager

Town of Sylva
83 Allen Street
Sylva, NC 28779
(828) 586-2719

From: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>; Paige Dowling <townmanager@townofsylva.org>; Rick Bryson <bryson@sylvapolice.org>; Bruce Moore <moore@sylvapolice.org>
Subject: Fwd: Reconcile Sylva protest - July 11

I haven't signed this yet, but I will probably Monday.

I'll send out signed copies.

Thanks,
Chief

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From: Kelly Brown <brownkellyg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:06:25 AM
To: Amanda Murajda <townclerk@townofsylva.org>; Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>
Subject: Fwd: Attached Image

Morning!

Attached is a permit from Reconcile Sylva a protest at Bridge Park on July 11th.

Kelly Brown

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Haywood Lodge <fax@haywoodlodge.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Subject: Attached Image
To: <brownkellyg@gmail.com>

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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 unlike." Maya Angelou

Re: March on July 11

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Wed 7/1/2020 1:23 PM

To: Arsenal <arsenal@frontier.com>

Yes sir, we do know about it.

It's anticipated to be a smaller event. This was just recently posted.

At this point, it seems, this event will have the same format as the last event. More info to come as the event gets planned.

Thanks for reaching out to us,
Chief Hatton

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From: Arsenal <arsenal@frontier.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:17:14 PM

To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: March on July 11

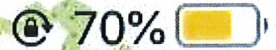
Chris,

Not sure if you all know about this one or not but one of my girls at the shop just seen it on Facebook and I thought I would email you to give you all a heads up in case you didn't know

Howard



1:09 PM



March to Reconcile Sylva



Details

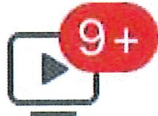
Please join us to discuss the removal of Jackson County's Confederate monument in downtown Sylva, NC. We will have speakers before our march through downtown who care deeply about this cause and represent many walks of life in our community.

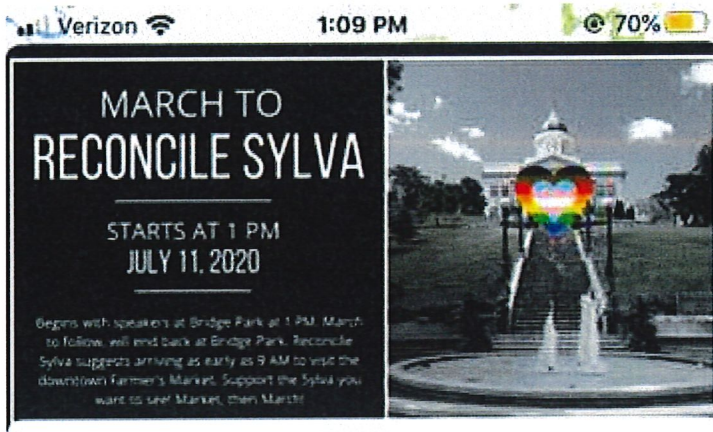
Speakers will start at 1PM at the Bridge Park, followed by a walk, led by organizers. We all need YOU to help us reconcile Sylva. YOUR SUPPORT at this event will make a difference.

****Please help us keep our community safe by wearing a mask at all times during this event, if you are physically able.****

Causes

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SAT, JUL 11 · 1 PM - 2:30 PM



March to Reconcile Sylva

Sylva, North Carolina

☆ Interested



19 Going · 57 Interested · 12 Shares

Public event by Reconcile Sylva

Sylva, North Carolina
Sylva, North Carolina 28779

Details

Please join us to discuss the removal of Jackson County's Confederate monument in downtown



FB Message

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Fri 7/10/2020 9:53 PM

To: Chip Hall <sheriffhall@jacksonnc.org>

Information from Sheriff Hall and Chief Hatton:

Hello Sylva and Jackson County,

Below you will find factual information from Jackson County Law Enforcement about Saturday's protest and counter-protest events. These protests are over the Confederate monument in Sylva. Both of these protests are scheduled to take place from 1:00pm until 3:00pm, in Sylva NC. These protests will take place at two different locations.

Reconcile Sylva Protest:

Originally a group titled "Reconcile Sylva" planned a protest to show their support for re-locating the Confederate monument. This group has obtained a permit from the town for this event. Their group is scheduled to gather at Bridge Park from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. The group also plans to do a March around the downtown area to show their support for their cause.

Counter-protesters will not be allowed in this area during the times listed.

Jackson County Unity

Coalition Counter Protest:

There is also a counter-protest being planned by a group titled, the Jackson County Unity Coalition to show support leaving the monument in place. This counter-protest is set to take place in the parking lot of old historic courthouse on this same date and time.

For the safety of all involved, protesters and counter-protesters will not be allowed to share the same space.

Jackson County Law Enforcement asks for each group to simply protest with their groups and avoid creating unsafe situations.

It should be noted by all, that the fountain area and the entirety of the old courthouse hill and steps will be closed to everyone. Nobody will be allowed in that area.

For safety purposes, traffic will be diverted around our downtown area during the march portion of this event. We will re-open traffic just as soon as possible.

"This protest event puts your local law enforcement in a tough spot, we want both sides to be seen and heard on Saturday. Although we may not all agree on this issue, we are one community and we can't allow any injuries or property damage." - Chris Hatton, Chief of Police

Per N.C.G.S. 14-277.2, no dangerous weapons will be allowed at either protest or march locations.

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Fwd: After Protest FB Post

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Wed 7/15/2020 5:52 PM

To: Paige Dowling <townmanager@townofsylva.org>

See below

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From: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 3:41 PM

To: Aimee Sumner

Subject: After Protest FB Post

A letter to the community from the Chief

Hello Sylva,

As you all know, we had a large protest and counter-protest event here in our town on Saturday. Our goal was achieved. At the end of the day, we didn't have any injuries, no property was damaged and we didn't have to make any arrests. This event and the way law enforcement handled it has generated a lot of questions. My purpose today is to try and give you some information to help you understand our tactics during this event.

It's no secret that the Sylva Police Department only has 14 officers and we aren't equipped to handle these large protest events without the help of our sheriff's office, fire department and other public safety partners. These events seriously stretch our town's resources, but it is not an option to use that as an excuse for anything less than optimal public safety. We must keep everyone safe. From the public safety standpoint, this event utilized approximately 80 people, that includes public safety, public works staff and volunteers helping with logistics. We are so fortunate to have such great partners.

Many citizens noticed that our tactics, traffic patterns and overall response for this weekend's protest seemed more visible and "beefed-up" than prior events. This is true and for good reason. Some of the things you may have noticed on Saturday were changes to the protest routes, road closures, location of safety barriers, more roadways blocked by large vehicles and the completely blocked off "safety zone" on W. Main Street. Another change was the length of time traffic was closed off to the protest route / downtown.

Why the extra precautions? Prior to this event, our law enforcement learned of a potential threat to our property and possibly our safety. While I can't go into the specific details, we received information that an out-of-town group was planning to attend our event with criminal intentions. This group was not part of our local protestors or counter-protestors. During the week prior, this group was collecting a "bail fund for the Sylva event" on social media.

We worked together with our federal and state law enforcement partners to learn about this group and their tactics at other events. We took advisement from these organizations and our local criminal justice resources to devise a plan that would keep everyone safe at our event.

Did it work? All information learned post-event indicates that this group was in our town on Saturday, but left before the event was over. During the event, social media chatter from the group indicated that

our town was "locked down and saturated by cops." After the event, we debriefed the officers involved and compiled all information learned. We've also had many discussions with citizens in Sylva about things they observed on Saturday. While we may never know for sure, but all evidence points to the fact that we were able to prevent a potentially dangerous situation in our town. This is a huge win for us all and I'm really proud of our team.

We realize these street closures had a serious impact on our downtown businesses, we simply could not sacrifice your safety. We certainly recognize that our businesses are having a very hard year, and we are working on new ideas that will help them in the future. To our business owners, please know that we only closed down the traffic for as long as we had to.

As stated, this protest event was a real challenge for our resources, and the fact that it took so much cooperation between agencies and individuals may help you to understand that it wasn't without complications and temporary failures. We had some unexpected issues with traffic flow early on in the day. The Dillsboro bridge closure created some problems for us in a couple locations. We made some adjustments to the traffic route and were able to get traffic flowing smoothly.

We also had an issue early on with parking for the protest event at Bridge Park. Our safety plan included closing down Railroad Avenue to make room for protestors and keep them safe from any possible vehicle traffic. The traffic pattern was set up incorrectly at first and it caused the people attending the Reconcile Sylva event to have to park elsewhere. Officers blocked off Railroad Avenue for safety as planned, but didn't allow vehicles close enough to park their cars in the adjacent parking lots. As soon as this problem was discovered, we immediately opened the roadway to allow cars onto that section of Railroad Avenue.

It's disheartening, but many people have made the assumption that this was on purpose by our officers. This is a completely false assumption. This parking problem was nothing more than an oversight while setting up that road closure. A mistake that came from officers trying to keep the protestors safe. The Sylva Police Department has a history of being nothing short of 100% responsive and helpful when it comes to working with protest organizers and protecting our citizen's right to assemble and protest. Thank you to those of you that gave us the benefit of the doubt.

In conclusion, I'm humbled by our community partners for their contributions to this weekend's successful event. If you interact with anybody from any of these groups, please be sure to thank them. Below you will find a list of involved agencies:

Sylva Police Department & Public Works staff
Sylva Fire Department
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Jackson County Emergency Management
Federal Bureau of Investigation
NC State Bureau of Investigation
NC Highway Patrol
Western Carolina University Police Department
Harris EMS
Macon County Sheriff's Office
Bryson City Police Department
Franklin Police Department

Thank you Sylva, we are your police department and we want you know we are worthy of your trust. I hope this is helpful for you to understand events on Saturday.

Please reach out to us if you have any problems we can help you with.

10/16/2020

Mail - Chris Hatton - Outlook

Please stay safe and well,

Chris Hatton, Chief of Police

Greetings from Sylva Police Department

Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Thu 7/16/2020 8:42 AM

To: ben@benscaleslaw.com <ben@benscaleslaw.com>

Hi Ben,

I am Chief Chris Hatton of the Sylva Police Department. I hope this email finds you happy and healthy.

This morning, I read a quote from you in the Smokey Mountain News about our recent protest event in Sylva. I just wanted to reach out and make sure you get to know what Paul Harvey used to call, the rest of the story. The part of the story we couldn't tell before the event. You'll find a surprising amount of details in a SPD Facebook post from yesterday.

In many ways, I lead the kind of police department most cities wish they had and I want to make sure that nobody walks away from Saturday without knowing why the parking problems happened. We aren't perfect, but we take this topic serious and we have a clear history of being nothing less than completely supportive of our citizen's right to protest and we will remain that way.

Please don't feel you have to respond, I just want people to know why and how things happened.

I hope you have a wonderful day,
Chief Chris Hatton

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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Re: Protest Update**Ben Guiney** <bguiney@townofsylva.org>

Thu 7/16/2020 11:08 PM

To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>

You've definitely earned it! Enjoy!

On Jul 16, 2020, at 10:53 PM, Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org> wrote:

I'm finally taking a day off tomorrow, this stress and pace of all this is taking a toll at home. Have a great night! Thank you for your support! Chief

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From: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:51:38 PM
To: Ben Guiney <bguiney@townofsylva.org>
Subject: Re: Protest Update

Rapid fire questions. I was there for four hours...
I'm exhausted. Lots of tough questions, but I believe we built lots of trust by having the guts to be there and have that open of a discussion, at least that's the feedback I got from the group.

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From: Ben Guiney <bguiney@townofsylva.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:36:48 PM
To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>
Subject: Re: Protest Update

Thx! I wish I could have been there longer!

You needed a string quartet playing in the background with some wine and cheese to complete the scene. 🍷

Ben

On Jul 16, 2020, at 10:26 PM, Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org> wrote:

Ok Ben, always happy to talk about anything you feel important, especially if it has something to do with our officers.

Fyi, thanks for stopping by the event this evening, I felt your positive vibes coming my way..haha

Chief

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From: Ben Guiney <bguiney@townofsylva.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:14:36 PM
To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>
Subject: Re: Protest Update

Hello,

Was thinking about last email.

It was intended to be solely compliment to SPD.

The stuff about JCSO wasn't really necessary and probably not appropriate and was more for background.

Ben

On Jul 15, 2020, at 12:52 PM, Ben Guiney <bguiney@townofsylva.org> wrote:

Agreed!

Oh hey just wanted to pass another little tidbit along. I was talking to my wife about policing in general and I was saying how in Sylva we've got a good force and everybody that I interact with seems great and very professional. Then she mentioned how I've complained about some sketchy things I've seen from law-enforcement in the ER and I had to think it through it and it's actually that the only sketchy things I've seen from law-enforcement in the ER were sheriffs deputies and I've never seen anything but total professionalism out of Sylva PD.

Ben

PS I've also seen some really good deescalation from JC as well. Bull is a master at it.

On Jul 15, 2020, at 12:24 PM, Chris Hatton
<hatton@sylvapolice.org> wrote:

I think it's great. The crowd may want your take on some of the issues.

I'm happy to meet with our people. I believe these days the lack of community and police dialog is our greatest shortfall.

Thank you!
Chief

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From: Ben Guiney <bguiney@townofsylva.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:06:36 PM
To: Chris Hatton <hatton@sylvapolice.org>
Subject: Re: Protest Update

Hi Chris,

Just FYI I'm thinking about rolling by your meet the chief meeting tomorrow on my way to work. I'm not planning on participating, just watching and listening.

Just want to make sure you don't think it will be a distraction. I think it's great you're doing it!

If you do think I'll be a distraction let me know and I'll just keep in rolling.

Thanks!

Ben

On Jul 13, 2020, at 2:34 PM, Ben Guiney
<bguiney@townofsylva.org> wrote:

Thank you!

Ben

On Jul 12, 2020, at 2:17 PM,
Chris Hatton
<hatton@sylvapolice.org>
wrote:

Ben,

Thank you for your kind words.

I'm so relieved everything went well in the end. We learned some lessons (traffic related) that we will definitely apply from now on. We had so many moving parts to the plan yesterday. Please assure everyone, our traffic problems yesterday we simply that, unintentional problems. There was no malice or ill will on our part and we will learn from our mistakes.

Of course, I was only teasing you about the County's new \$fancy\$ off road type vehicle, I / we fully realize that our town board is doing everything for SPD that Sylva can afford. No worries there, we know that. I'm not sure if you know to what extent, but our sheriff's office and emergency management has some very elaborate vehicles and tools in our county.

Have a rocking Sunday afternoon, and thank you for always having a smile and being so positive,

Chief Chris Hatton

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From: Ben Guiney
<bguiney@townofsylva.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020
11:40:09 PM
To: Chris Hatton

<hatton@sylvapolice.org>

Subject: Re: Protest Update

Hi Chris,

Thanks again for keeping it safe out there.

I didn't hear any defund the police chants today. Greg and I were talking about the graphic to each other trying to figure out if it was new as we walked by, but didn't approach the officer nor say anything negative as I recall.

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.

Ben

On Jul 11, 2020,
at 9:42 PM, Chris
Hatton
<hatton@sylvapolice.org> wrote:

Hi everybody,

The monument protest is over and the goal of the day was achieved, everybody got to be safely seen & heard and with no injuries or arrests. Thank goodness! Your police officers are all sunbaked and tired.

Unfortunately, we did have some traffic flow issues early on in two areas of town. It certainly wasn't best case scenario, but we made the necessary changes quickly to get things flowing smoothly. These large events stretch us further than you may realize. I would have liked for that to have gone better, but considering I was coordinating over 80 individuals at the same time today, I believe it could have been much worse.

You may have noticed that our response was a bit different and more visible during this event. I want you all to know there was a reason for that.

We had much more going on today than what meets the eye.

We received information this week that caused us to make these changes. We had to shut down traffic earlier than usual. We did things the way we did for a reason.

Our plan kept the people of Sylva safe today. I'm so proud of our police officers and our local and federal partner's work during this event. We worked harder than ever on this one.

A negative -
One of my youngest officers was worried he was in trouble or something because a Board Member made a negative comment to him about the graphic on his patrol car. It was also disheartening for our officers to see their Town Board members marching to the chant of Defund the Sylva Police. I did what I could to

explain. I'd just ask that everybody remember that your words are more powerful to our town staff than you may realize. We all want to do a good job for you and feel supported by our board.

A positive - One really great thing about today was that our community came together and fed everyone involved in managing this large operation today. It was really good for our officer's hearts and minds to receive such support. I'm really grateful for every community group and individual that helped cook and serve. What a wonderful experience.

Sorry this is so late today, I'm

just getting
settled in at
home and having
time to send this
out.

Thank you for
your ongoing
support of our
police
department.

I hope you all
have a wonderful
Sunday,
Chief Chris
Hatton

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To KB Kelly Brown



Hopefully we will solve this case this morning. We will see.

6/25/20 2:27 PM

Sorry, Just getting back into my office.
What email??

Understand. Protest permit

What email do you want me to send it to?

Oh. Lol.

Brownkellyg@gmail.com

6/26/20 11:08 AM

Hey Kelly, the farmers market goes until 12:00 that day.

Are you okay with competing with that, or do you want to start at 1:00 to give your people time to get there and park close to the even?

Hey! Lets start at 1:00

Ok. I think that's the best choice so that your attendees can have issue-free parking.

Wonderful. I'm flexible lol

Anytime you can avoid tangling up with the

+ Message Kelly

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To KB Kelly Brown



Wonderful. I'm flexible lol

Anytime you can avoid tangling up with the farmers market, it's always a good idea. Lol

Brother. Don't get me started.

Exactly

Lol

6/26/20 3:57 PM

So do I assume we're approved?

Yes. I won't actually sign it until Monday, but yes approved.

Okay. I'll hold until Monday to say it's approved...

Ok, but don't let that slow down you're planning... Drive on!

Verbal approval..haha

Full steam ahead now hahaha.



7/1/20 11:46 AM

Hey!
How's the attendance numbers looking for the 11th? Or can you tell yet?

So! We just started promoting it on Facebook today. Sooooo, I haven't a clue. I'd like to see 100! Lol

7/1/20 1:06 PM

Do you know what the county commissioners are planning to do at their meeting a couple days before?

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To KB Kelly Brown



Bahahaha. I'm not about that! Lol

Good one! 😊

7/2/20 1:42 PM

Don't forget about me! Lol

7/2/20 2:00 PM

Oh sorry, I thought we handled it...lol. My bad.

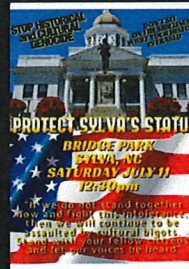
Haha. No worries. I know you're busy. Just wanna talk damage control

I'm working on something related now. This is what I'll be doing, full time, until the 11th. It was the same way for the last two events.

Gosh. I'm sorry.

It's democracy.

.... yeah....



right now we are all trying to get this off people's Facebook pages.

I just put my head on my desk and said "fuck" lol

7/2/20 5:04 PM

Jimmy Ashe
(828) 503-0915

7/3/20 7:36 AM



I must tell you about my conversation with Jimmy

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/6/20



I know your pain friend.

I'd say you know it more than I

7/5/20 4:06 PM

Hey Kelly, how are the numbers looking for Saturday??

7/6/20 4:37 PM

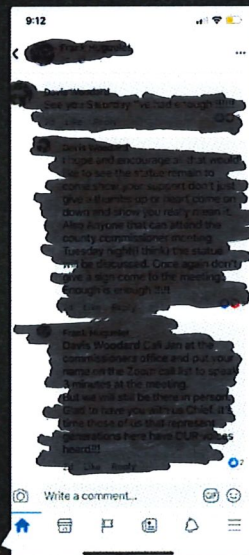
Well....today the first day I've not had a panic attack about Saturday.

7/6/20 7:31 PM

That's good, right!?

Shew. Until I got on Facebook and saw the comments under my article with smoky times. Lol

7/7/20 8:31 AM



Davis was in your position before I arrived

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/8/20



7/8/20 2:51 PM

Up for a chat about Saturday.

Sure. Give me just a min

10-4

7/8/20 9:12 PM

Is Reconcile Sylva your group's name, or just this event??

Yes. That's the group name

Ok. Making sure. Thanks

Cool.

7/9/20 9:00 AM

Jake came to me with an idea that would make things safer Saturday, if you're ok with it. Jake may call you in a bit. That ok with you?

Yes!

Ok. Just know it's your call whether we do it or not.

10-4 I'm open lol

7/9/20 9:41 AM

Are you interested in meeting with the Sheriff and I today, or do you feel like we've got it covered?

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/9/20



7/9/20 9:41 AM

Are you interested in meeting with the Sheriff and I today, or do you feel like we've got it covered?

What time? Could it be on the phone or video

Whichever you want. Not sure about time, we'd have to work that part out

I work until 430 but could do a video chat

Ok. How much notice would you need?

20-30 minuets

Ok. I'll see what I can do. I'll let you know

Okay. Thanks

I'm on the phone with Jake it might would be good for him to be on the call

Nah

Okay. Just let me know and I'll be available for video

7/9/20 11:32 AM

I do have 230-330 claimed now. Lol
Also. we're going with the

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/9/20



7/9/20 11:32 AM

I do have 230-330 claimed now. Lol
Also, we're going with the route change

Ok. Sounds good thanks.
Could you meet in person tomorrow?

With the Sheriff and I

What time?

what time are you available?
What do you mean about 230-330?

Are you free tomorrow evening, maybe 5?

I'm probably gonna take tomorrow off. 230-330 was about today

If we could do during the day that would be much better for me

The sheriff is asking if we can do it at 2:30

Could that work?

That'll work. 230 tomorrow?

Yes. Tomorrow at 2:30.
Where you wanna meet?

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/9/20



Yes. Tomorrow at 2:30.
Where you wanna meet?
Does it matter to you?

That works. How about
your place just because I
miss being in there! 😄

Also just noticed that you
and the sheriff have the
same initials



I can do better than that,
why don't we meet at the
EOC.

CH squared is how it's on
my calendar lol.

STIP

STOP

Oooh with Todd and
Michael. Shew. The holy of
holies! I feel important lol

Exactly!

Haha. I'll change my
calendar. 😄



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To KB Kelly Brown



7/10/20



7/9/20 5:30 PM

So official!

7/10/20 1:27 PM

Are we meeting at Todd
and Michaels or 911

Man. Today is off the chain.
I think the 911 center.

Dude. Tell me about it. I've
bout had it.

7/10/20 1:55 PM

We're going to be a few
late.

Wait, maybe not

Haha. Okay. I'm about to
leave my house to head
that way.
Where are we meeting?

How about the fountain?

That's where we both are
now

That'll work

7/11/20 11:11 AM



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To KB Kelly Brown



7/11/20



7/11/20 11:11 AM

So far things look good.
Y'all good on your side

7/11/20 11:58 AM

Yes

7/11/20 1:27 PM

You good??

Yeah. But no one can get
here

We've fixed that

They can. It just didn't look
like it to them. We fixed
that a while ago

Should be seeing some
traffic

Okay. Thank you

How till March time, you
think?

Just started speeches

7/11/20 2:16 PM

One more speaker and we
move



All well!?!?

Yes sir. How about your
end? How's the crowd?

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/11/20



Yes sir. How about your end? How's the crowd?

All good.

7/11/20 2:43 PM

Complete

They planning on staying on the roadway?

Reading names and moving.

My knees hurt.

7/11/20 5:09 PM

All well and ended well?

It seems that way

7/11/20 5:28 PM

Yay. That's good news. Lol

Amen.amen

Thank you and I wanna be clear that I didn't say a damn word when they started chanting defund the police. Lol

I heard they even got specific.. not just the police. Wonder if our Board members felt awkward?

Since they actually FUND the police

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/11/20



Since they actually FUND the police.

I think they did. I pulled Gayle Woody on stage. I probably screwed myself doing that. Lol

I heard they booed her off stage. That true?

I'll call you back

That was a butt dial. Sorry.

Basically they did and she had some Hillary Clinton email bs lol

Whaaat

Yes. It wasn't good. Haha

7/14/20 7:14 PM

Can you take a call?

Sure.

7/16/20 8:10 AM

Did you read my FB post yesterday about Saturday? I'm curious what you think? You think it'll help our folks understand what was going on?

I did. So, I was going to text you with this....

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To KB Kelly Brown

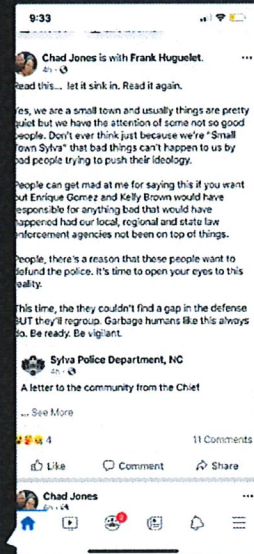


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I did. So, I was going to text you with this....

I've been labeled a terrorist. Lol



I think you took a good stab but our "friends" up on the hill ran with it as antifa was present and that we had a mission to loot and tear up businesses.

Good lord.
They've done that on their own. I clearly said they were not part of either group.

I know. Its hilarious. I will say Chad Jones and Micheal Floyd are some individuals to keep eyes on because they post some very concerning things.

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/16/20



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I know. Its hilarious. I will say Chad Jones and Micheal Floyd are some individuals to keep eyes on because they post some very concerning things. Chad is an ex wrestler....too many concussions? lol

Some people are going to dumb stuff no matter what. On the right and left. I'm interested in what you think about the post, did it leave any questions?

Right! 🤔

I don't think so. I think it was clear. You were looking out for the totality of safety and had to be a leader and make a decision based on information.

You read the newest Smokey MTN article where they basically put us across the ring from each other? Brb

Yes. I did. It definitely didn't help. Granted the talked to me on Saturday in the heat of everything and I was not

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To KB Kelly Brown



7/16/20



Yes. I did. It definitely didn't help. Granted the talked to me on Saturday in the heat of everything and I was not pleased lol

I hope you really know we aren't on different sides. Not now, and not on Saturday.

If there's ever another situation like that, just call me.
I haven't said a negative word bout you throughout this and I won't.

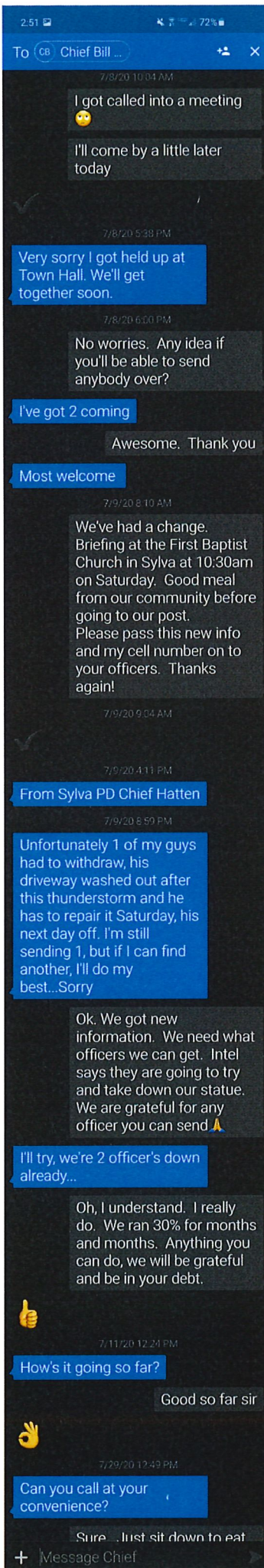
Yes sir! I do. Saturday was just hard. And likewise I've tried to say I'm frustrated with the process. I understand lots of moving pieces.

7/16/20 8:45 AM

I'd say we both have a couple examples of reasons to have misunderstandings and get upset with one another, but I feel like I know your heart man. Hopefully, you'll be able to learn mine. That's half the battle in most situations. I'm on team KB.

I'm going to keep giving KB

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To SS Scott Smith...



7/6/20 2:17 PM

We've got a protest on Saturday with potential issues.
Who should I contact to ask SHP for assistance or having troopers on standby in case we have disorder?

7/7/20 8:39 AM

Hey send me an email with some details, Intel, etc...so I can forward up the chain.

7/7/20 9:40 AM

Would you text me your email again?

7/7/20 11:59 AM

Brandon.smith@ncdps.gov

7/9/20 7:07 PM

Call me please

7/9/20 7:22 PM

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dg3Jl5Zl-n845jDdPQP1ImCy6AR473/view?usp=drive_sdk

7/9/20 7:43 PM

Todd is going to begin the process tonight.

Good deal

7/10/20 8:44 AM

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That work?

We're going to submit the request, but we've unofficially been told we probably won't get it. There's two bigger events in other areas that day.

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To TD Todd Dillard...



7/10/20 ▾



It

7/10/20 3:12 PM

When you get there, can you bring up the zoom page for Paige

Ot should be up now

I'll be there in just a minute.

Okay

7/11/20 8:36 AM

I still need a viper. But, it may be in the SO's trailer

I think it is.

You at the church?

At the PD now

8/19/20 10:06 AM

+ Message Todd Dillard



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7/5/20

7/5/20 5:04 PM

Can you attend a meeting at the eoc tomorrow at 9:30am? About the upcoming protest.

Yep

Ok. May need more from your guys this time. We'll see.

Okay

This one may will be different

Lots of internet

*Interest

7/5/20 5:27 PM

I'm afraid trouble is coming our way. We need a strong plan.

7/5/20 5:48 PM

I think the protestors aren't going to 'obey' this time. May make a run at the monument. We'll see.

7/5/20 6:10 PM

Damn it. I knew this was going to spiral.

Keep that info to yourself though. Don't need everybody panicing

Okay.

7/5/20 7:15 AM

AC cold this morning ❄️

Shit. I'll be over in a minute

7/5/20 7:27 AM

Holler at me when you get in this morning? I have some thoughts on the protest

Ok. I'll be there in 15-20 min

7/5/20 7:35 AM

Just a reminder of the 10am protest traffic meeting at the pd

Hadn't forgotten that one. I'll be over shortly to get with Bruce. We got all the sign boards in place yesterday so we're actually ahead

Guuuuud

He'll fill you in. We have new info. More potential for trouble. See you in a bit


Oh good lord

7/5/20 8:22 PM

Can you move your guys on?? Unless you need them here

Thanks

7/5/20 7:05 AM



Sheriff is asking if we can put a barrier here in front of this one.

Yeah, we can.

Did you get any sleep last night?

Enough

Did you?

Enough. I'm gonna take my kids to my moms place and the. I'll be in.

Ok man. Sounds good. I hate you're having to work today. Just know you're appreciated.

I know it. I'm happy to help. Thank you.

7/5/20 8:40 AM

Is the 9:00 am briefing at the Pd or sheriff's office?

First Baptist church

Oh okay

7/5/20 1:31 PM

I'm hearing that baby Jack

+ Message Jake

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To SP 4 Lt. Bruce...

7/10/20

Sounds good

7/10/20 7:34 AM

Looks like Franklin can only
send 1 now

7/10/20 5:36 PM

You still around?



Of course

7/10/20 8:35 PM

Thought:
Jacob could use a viper
tomorrow, so he can talk to
the shp.

7/10/20 9:34 PM

Sgt. Blanton called. The
SHP mobile field force
request has been denied.
However, a Lt. from the
SHP will be on scene and if
need be they will form
another squad from within
Troop G to assist.

Ok

7/11/20 7:18 AM

Which would you prefer a
chicken biscuit or sausage
biscuits?

I've done ate man but I
appreciate it

Ok

7/11/20 8:02 AM




Good?

Perfect

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To  SP 4 Lt. Bruce...

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Good?

Perfect

7/11/20 10:17 AM

Can you unlock the trailer?
Or have somebody unlock
it.

Yes

I'll have to get it as soon as
we finish briefing #2

Is that okay?

Jake has one also but I'll
get it too

7/11/20 12:40 PM

Are you coming to the
EOC?

Yes. Just making a loop
before the fun starta

You need me?

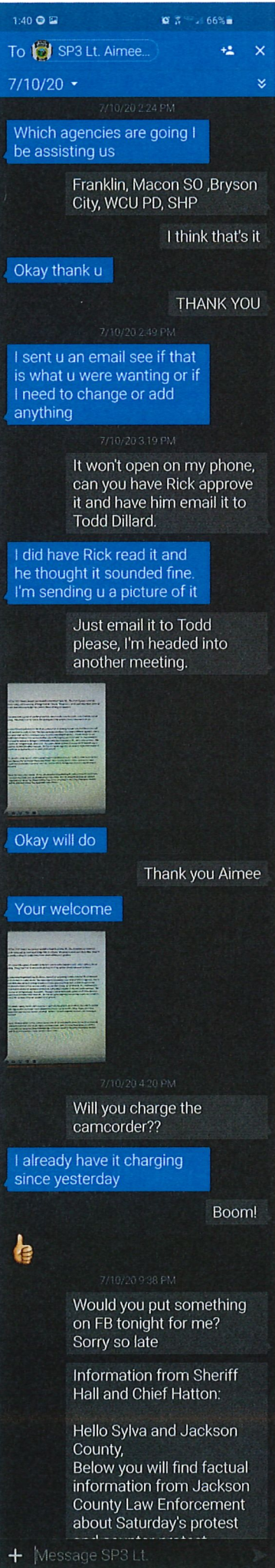
No I was just making sure I
wasn't supposed to be
elsewhere lol

Lol. Ok

7/12/20 11:26 AM

I doubt McKenzie

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To SP3 Lt. Aimee...

7/10/20

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7/10/20 9:23 PM

Would you put something on FB tonight for me?
Sorry so late

Information from Sheriff Hall and Chief Hatton:

Hello Sylva and Jackson County,
Below you will find factual information from Jackson County Law Enforcement about Saturday's protest and counter-protest events. These protests are over the Confederate monument in Sylva. Both of these protests are scheduled to take place from 1:00pm until 3:00pm, in Sylva NC. These protests will take place at two different locations.

Reconcile Sylva Protest:
Originally a group titled "Reconcile Sylva" planned a protest to show their support for re-locating the Confederate monument. This group has obtained a permit from the town for this event. Their group is scheduled to gather at Bridge Park from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. The group also plans to do a March around the downtown area to show their support for their cause.

Counter-protesters will not be allowed in this area during the times listed.

Jackson County Unity Coalition Counter Protest:
There is also a counter-protest being planned by a group titled, the Jackson County Unity Coalition to show support leaving the monument in place. This counter-protest is set to take place in the parking lot of old historic courthouse on this same date and time.

For the safety of all involved, protesters and counter-protesters will not be allowed to share the same space.
Jackson County Law Enforcement asks for each group to simply protest with their groups and avoid creating unsafe situations.

It should be noted by all, that the fountain area and the entirety of the old courthouse hill and steps will be closed to everyone. Nobody will be allowed in that area.

For safety purposes, traffic will be diverted around our downtown area during the march portion of this event. We will re-open traffic just as soon as possible.

"This protest event puts your local law enforcement in a tough spot, we want both sides to be seen and heard on Saturday. Although we may not all agree on this issue, we are one community and we can't allow any injuries or property damage" - Chris Hatton, Chief of Police

Per N.C.G.S. 14-277.2, no dangerous weapons will be allowed at either protest or march locations.

Thank you Aimee,
Just got approval by the Sheriff or I'd have sent this to you earlier.

7/10/20 10:46 PM

Sorry I had been asleep but I saw ur message and got it up. Also I received a phone call a few minutes ago from a credible source that said

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To  SP3 Lt. Aimee...



7/10/20 ▾



Sheriff or I'd have sent this to you earlier.

7/10/20 10:46 PM

Sorry I had been asleep but I saw ur message and got it up. Also I received a phone call a few minutes ago from a credible source that said that the sons of the confederacy have brought in people who have spent the day looking for spots above and across from the library to shoot long range if someone goes near the statue. Across from would be Keener cemetery road. This person was worried enough that they called me repeatedly till I woke up and they are afraid of anyone getting hurt in either side

7/15/20 4:33 PM

Hey, I emailed you the post for FB. Think you can get it on there before everybody goes to bed? I'd like for everybody to read it this evening.

Thank you

Yes sir should have it up in a few minutes

You rock 🙌

+ Message SP3 Lt.