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PRESENTATION

When Protestors Become Patients: Civil Unrest and the ED

DESCRIPTION

Periods of civil unrest place great strain on a community's emergency response apparatus. Emergency Department providers will be called upon to provide care to patients with a wide array of injuries but must remain cognizant of challenges that civil unrest poses to effective operations.

OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

- Understand injury patterns commonly encountered during periods of civil unrest.
- Explore challenges that periods of civil unrest pose to ED operations.

- A. Introduction
- B. Definition of civil unrest
- C. Injuries Encountered
 - a. Chemical
 1. Mucosal irritants
 2. Pepper Spray, Tear Gas
 - b. Conducted Energy Weapons
 1. Tasers
 - c. Kinetic Impact Weapons
 1. Rubber bullets
 - d. Burns
 1. Malatov cocktails
 - e. Blunt trauma
 1. Stampede
 - f. Challenges to ED operations
 1. Location security
 2. Staff safety
 3. Patient safety
 - g. Conclusion

DISCLOSURE

No significant financial relationships to disclose.