

Civil Unrest

Rodney King once asked, "Can't we all just get along?" Unfortunately the answer is an emphatic NO! There has been a Civil War, numerous riots and various other disturbances throughout our history. It is reasonable therefore to simply state that there will be episodes of this kind of thing again. It is simply a question of when, where, why and what form.

I have no crystal ball to foresee the future, so let's deal with a few basics first and go on from there. I will state however that anything is possible in this country at this time, including the possibility of revolution. I will state that being prepared for the worst means that any lesser scenario is easier to handle.

There are two basic but unalterable rules that we must operate with in any situation of local unrest. **Number one is; Do not get involved unless absolutely necessary.** **Number two is; if you become involved you must be ready to do whatever it takes to survive.** It really does come down to these two things. If you become involved in a riot or other such action to satisfy your sense of adventure you are an idiot. If you are not willing to kill in order to survive, then you are a victim already and you are useless.

Most riots tend to take place in downtown areas. The question of defending your home will not likely come up in such a situation. Defending a place of business does not carry the sense of purpose or importance as defending a home.

Downtown

If you are caught in a riot situation in a downtown area, leave as fast as you can, and by this I mean start walking. Do not try to drive a car out of an area that is in total chaos. You will be dragged from the vehicle and the vehicle will be destroyed. If you doubt this ask Reginald Denny. Walk with purpose, do not make eye contact and get out of the area. Do not try to seek safety with the police, stay out of their way; do not risk being mistaken for a rioter. Walk to a safe area and call for help in getting home. Get your car the next day or two.

Suburbia

Any disturbance that occurs in the suburbs is an entirely different matter. Now your home could in fact be in jeopardy, and your family could become involved. In a situation where there could be a rampaging mob loose in a suburban neighborhood, there are a wholly different set of actions that are required.

Now let's set a scenario. Something has occurred that has a large segment of the population highly agitated to the point of forming mobs and going about on a rampage. There is more than one mob involved in different neighborhoods in the city. The mobs are violent in that they are smashing windows and there have been a few reported home invasions. The media is covering the disturbances live and the situation is rapidly deteriorating. (The precise details do not matter. The mobs could be any race or ethnic group, and could be agitated by any number of factors.) Each mob or group seems to have its own leader and there does not appear to be an overall controlling person or group. Some members of each group are armed, and violence is increasing by the minute.

You are anxiously watching the coverage on the television when you recognize that your neighborhood is one of the areas that is about to be overrun by one of the mobs.

The Alamo

You must immediately come to grips with the fact that you must be willing to do whatever it takes to protect your home and family. You are in your own Alamo now and you need to focus. **Move all family members and pets inside and immediately lock all doors and windows.** You try dialing 911 and you get a busy signal. Trying again you get an operator who tells you that the police are all engaged and you cannot rely on them to come to your aid immediately. **You are on your own.** Keep watching the coverage on the television and see if you can get clues as to the exact location of the mob, and any other details you can glean from the coverage. Call any close neighbors and make sure that they are aware of what is going on in the immediate area. Close all blinds and drapes. Do not stand in front of doors or windows trying to look outside.

If you own any firearms get them loaded and give any member of the family that can safely handle one, a firearm. Get all fire extinguishers that you own within arms reach. Stack anything heavy or dense you can find in front of doors and windows that could be used to enter your home. **REMAIN CALM** Move everyone into hallways and away

from windows. Try to keep the television in view to monitor what is going on outside. Do not open a door or window unless you are absolutely sure of who is on the other side and sure that the mob cannot get in. Once you think that the mob is too close to safely open a door, do not open it for anyone after that point is reached. After the point of no return, you cannot help. **Trying to help others that cannot be helped, will get you injured or killed.**

Now, hunker down in your Alamo and pray that the violence passes you by. Turn off all but essential lights if it is night. Remain quiet and calm. Allow any dogs that are with you to bark as loud as possible, but keep them in your immediate vicinity. The hope at this point is that the violence will pass by and you will be left alone.

If the mob begins throwing rocks or other items into the windows, do your best not to respond. Sometimes inactivity after such a provocation will cause the mob to move on to the next structure. If someone is throwing incendiary devices such as a Molotov cocktail, use the extinguishers. Generally a mob will not come equipped with such things unless the disturbance is planned in advance.

Storming the Castle

If for one reason or another, the mob decides to try to storm into your home, you have an entirely different situation. Now your life and the lives of your family are in immediate peril. You must take whatever actions are necessary to defend your lives. **DO NOT RUN!** If you run you invite pursuit, you are your most vulnerable when running and where are you going to go? Running should only occur if your home catches fire. Make a stand and fight. Sometimes the mere action of standing up to someone is enough to get them to back down.

Okay, someone is trying to get into your home. You hear the door being rammed by someone trying to break it down or glass breaking and someone trying to crawl in. If you have firearms, now is the time. Shoot to kill. Aim for center mass of the body and fire until they are down. You must kill anyone trying to violently storm into your home in a mob situation. **It is you or them at this point!** There will be time for mourning the dead later. Release your dogs if you have any. If you do not have firearms use anything heavy to throw at the person. Billiard Balls make excellent weapons. Also good are; heavy knives, tools baseballs, drinking glasses, heavy books, small appliances and so

forth. If you own a sledge hammer, keep it for Coup de Grace blows to the head or chest of any assailant still alive after the violence has died down. Yes I mean exactly what I just said!!! Anyone that has forced their way into your home in a mob action must be killed. If they are merely wounded and they manage to get up, and you have no weapons left, **you are dead!!** Kill anyone who has forced their way into your home. There is no jury in the world that would ever convict you of a crime in these circumstances.

After the first person to step into your home is dead there will either be more coming or they will all leave you alone. This sounds very obvious, but I do not want you to think that just by killing one person the mob will leave you alone. Hopefully they will have gotten the message.

If more of the mob try to storm in after the first person is killed, you have a free fire situation. Kill anyone approaching any broken down door or broken window, if you can. **Stay as calm as you can.** Aim for center mass and fire slowly. If you have no firearms pick up and re-use those items you threw at the first attacker. If they get close enough to actually reach out and touch them, go for their eyes, or their knees. Once they are down or blinded, kill them.

Remember, any first responding Law Enforcement personnel will identify themselves before trying to enter your home. More than likely, none of the good guys will try to enter any homes until the level of violence is reduced significantly. If someone approaches your home claiming to be law enforcement make them show an I.D. If they are legitimate follow their instructions to the letter. If they are not legitimate you will know very quickly.

Once the violence has died down or passed you by, reload and stay calm. Stay in your home. Call back any dogs that are still alive. Tend the wounded starting with you. Remain calm. You will likely have an enormous amount of adrenaline flowing through your veins; this may make you dizzy and nauseous. Throw up if you need to, but stay alert. Try to keep everyone quiet and listen for help to arrive.

Remember that your greatest weapon in this situation is your brain. Slow down and think! Mobs do not think they act and react. You have the upper hand!