



(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) Executive Summary

(U//FOUO) THE FBI, IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ITS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS, CONTINUES TO MONITOR AND RESPOND TO EVENTS RELATED TO THE VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH LAWFUL PROTESTS.

(U//LES) With the recent threats and civil disturbance at the United States Capitol targeting members of Congress; state, local, and tribal law enforcement jurisdictions are requested to maintain operational awareness of their respective Congressional Representative's district offices and residences for any types of threats or potential criminal activity. At this time, there are no credible threats against any member of Congress.

(U) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

- (U//LES) According to open sources, as of 19 January, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols from 16 January through at least 20 January, and at the US Capitol from 17 January through 20 January.
- (U//LES) According to US Park Police and D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, there are 45 planned events in the NCR through 1 February, with estimated sizes of inauguration-related protests ranging from one to 60 committed participants. Twenty-three permit applications listing between four to 5,000 participants were submitted as of 18 January. Planned demonstrations specific to Inauguration Day range in size from one to 897 committed participants with permit applications listing between three to 1,000,000 participants.
- (U//FOUO) As of 19 January, 25,368 National Guard members are providing site security for 28 state capitols. A total of 18,619 National Guard members are on duty in the NCR. As of 18 January, the National Guard in Washington, DC reported attempts by individuals to photograph vehicles and credentials at security checkpoints.
- (U//FOUO) On 16 January, The United States Attorney's Office (USAO) advised all defendants arrested on charges associated with their criminal activity on 6 January at the US Capitol have a stay-away order specific to Washington, DC. USAO DC provided probable cause arrest authority should the FBI identify a defendant attempting to enter Washington, DC.

(U) INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

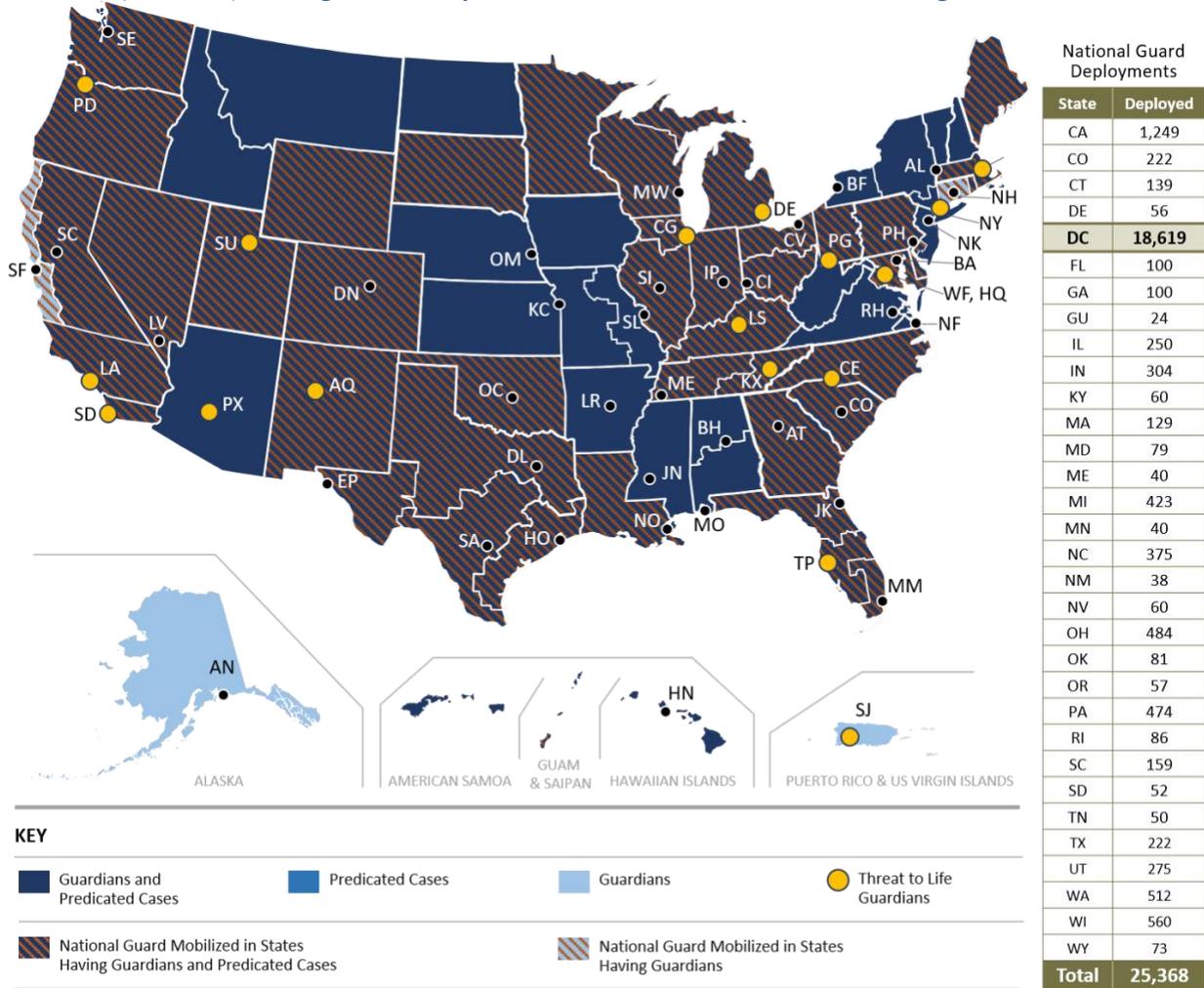
- (U//FOUO) On 6 January, the FBI activated a digital media tip line URL (<https://fbi.gov/USCapitol>) which opened to the public. As of 0700 on 19 January, the FBI has received more than 202,926 digital media tips.

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- (U//LES) As of 0800 on 19 January, approximately 362 persons of interest have been identified as having unlawfully entered the US Capitol. Eighty-nine individuals have been arrested, with an additional 23 outstanding warrants and 20 complaints being reviewed.

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(U//FOUO) Investigative Activity related to Electoral Certification and Inauguration 2021



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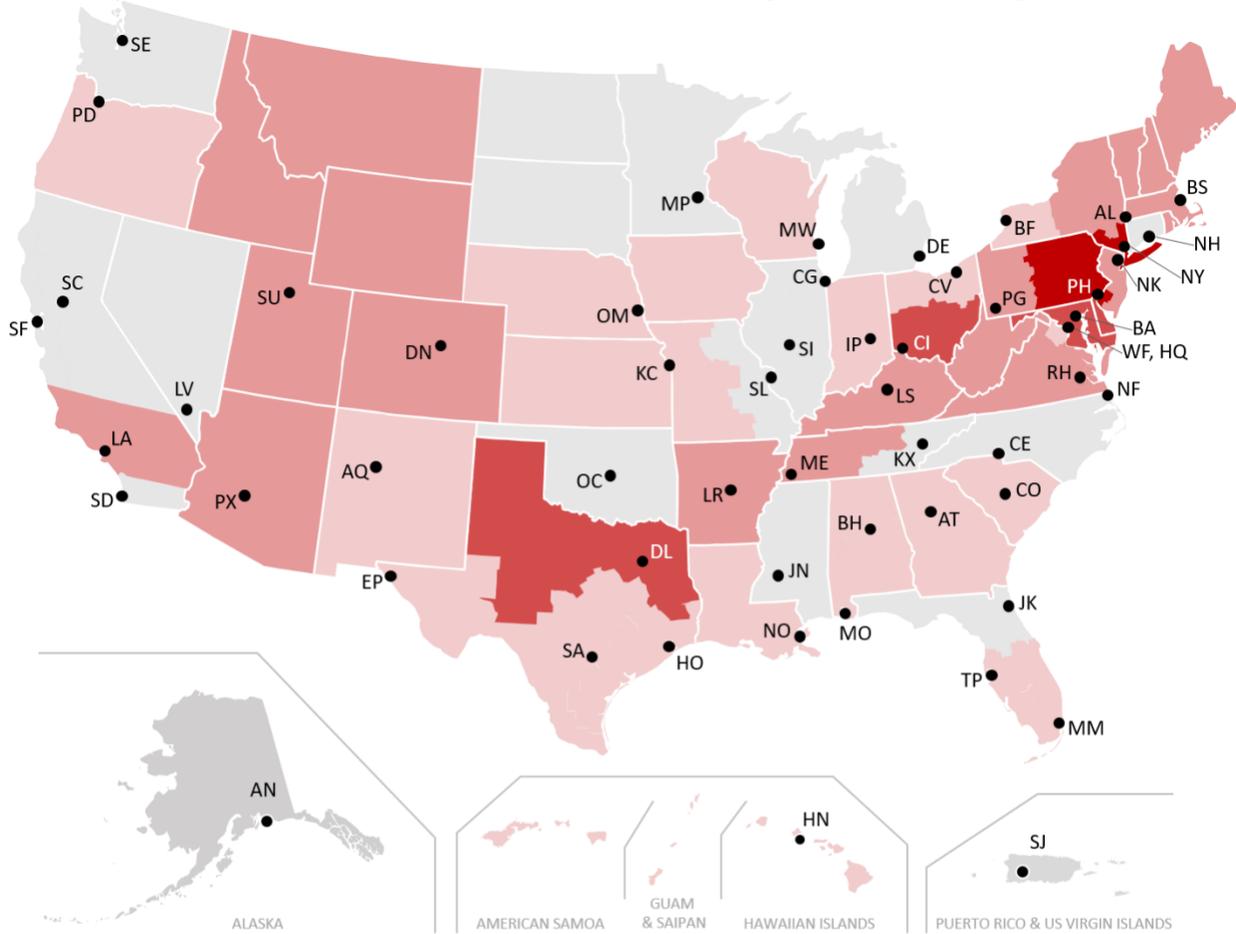
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Predicated Cases are cumulative as of 6 January 2021 - present. Guardians are cumulative as of 27 December 2020 - present. National Guard Deployments are current as of 1400 on 19 January 2021.

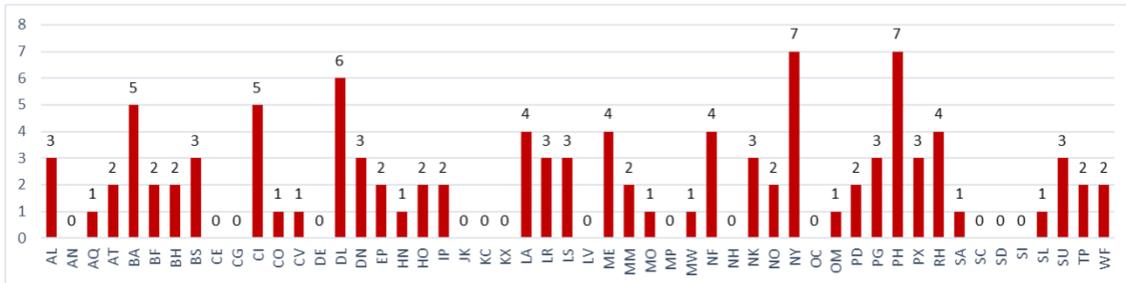
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(U//FOUO) Federal Arrests related to the 6 January Illegal Entry of the US Capitol



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7 – 8 Arrests 5 – 6 Arrests 3 – 4 Arrests 1 – 2 Arrests No Arrests



(U) National Threat Picture Through Inauguration 2021

(U) CURRENT FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential of criminal offenses or violence related to the 6 January 2021 Electoral College certification of the 2020 Presidential Election results for situational awareness – past/ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours) affiliated with Criminal Offenses, threats of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Counterterrorism, and Federal Law Enforcement Deployments.

(U) Past/Ongoing in the last 12 – 24 Hours

- (U) Nothing Significant to Report

(U) Planned in the next 12 – 24 Hours

- (U) Nothing Significant to Report

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

(U) Possible catalysts to help understand potential flashpoints for upcoming violence, including anniversaries of past events, ongoing legal cases of past incidents where milestones could result in community reaction, or recent events during criminal activity associated with protests (injuries, etc.) that could spark local responses.

(U) Potential Flashpoints by Geographic Location

- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** As of 15 January, general discussions continued across various RMVE-associated social media groups about the publicized protests/rallies scheduled between 17 and 20 January. There was debate about attendance and there seemed to be a variety of opinions on attendance and the validity of who is organizing these events.
- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** As of 10 January, open sources and social media platforms report messaging for armed protests planned at all 50 state capitols between 16 January through at least 20 January, and at the US Capitol in Washington between 17 January through 20 January.

Date	Location	Activity	Projected Numbers
18, 20 January	Washington, DC (Various parks)	Let America Hear Us, Roar for Trump	300 on permit
20 January	Washington, DC	Million Militia March, also called Million Martyr March	897 going and 2300 interested
20 January	Oregon (Capitol, Governor)	“Takeover” General threats	Unknown
20 January	Minnesota (Capitol)	Guns and “toys” to be used at Capitol	Unknown
20 January	Illinois (Capitol)	Unknown	At least 60

- (U//FOUO) **California:** As of 16 January, an identified group was planning to counter protestors at the state capitol on 20 January. The identified group planned to start protesting from J Neely Johnson Park at 1000 and had a mutual agreement not to fight National Guard members and instead focus on police and right-wing actors.
- (U//FOUO) **Nebraska:** As of 11 January, law enforcement became aware of an email sent to the Scottsbluff Sheriff's office from an identified organization which indicated they are calling for investigations into voter fraud and a civil war is upon us and that they can, “muster 1000s of patriots to keep the peace.”
- (U//LES) **Oregon:** An identified group has made general threats to the Oregon State Capitol since December. A complainant stated the group is planning a takeover of the Oregon Capitol on 20 January. As of 15 January, the identified leader of the identified group has advised all members should stand down and not travel to Salem to commit violence.
- (U//LES) **Texas:** As of 14 January, two identified individuals of a known group made threats to the Austin State Capitol via social media and expressed interest in the building and representatives.
- (U//LES) **Texas:** As of 19 January, law enforcement received information that an identified individual was planning to go to the Austin State Capitol on 20 January. The individual reportedly purchased two firearms, ammunition, and flex cuffs. Law enforcement is aware and is coordinating this matter.
- (U//LES) **Virginia and Washington, DC:** According to law enforcement, an identified group is planning a 20 January march from Arlington, VA to “the steps of Joe Biden’s illegitimate inauguration.” The group claims to have 75,000 attendees. As of 19 January, law enforcement vetted the reporting and deems it aspirational.
- (U//FOUO) **Washington, DC:** As of 13 January, an identified group has shifted their plans from descending on the Capitol to promoting gatherings at several DC-area hotels in an effort to prevent other groups from booking at the hotels. Identified travel companies, hotels, and vacation online rental marketplace companies are weighing the business and safety options for the inauguration.

- (U) **Washington, DC:** As of 8 January, users on two identified social networking sites promoted an identified march on 20 January to prevent the President-Elect from entering the White House. As of 13 January, a social media page indicates 897 people are “going” to the event and approximately 2,300 are “interested.”
- (U//LES) **Washington, DC:** On 8 January, the FBI received information on individuals calling for others to join them in “storming” state, local, and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event POTUS is removed as President prior to Inauguration Day. These individuals are also planning to “storm” government offices including in the District of Columbia and in every state, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump, on 20 January.
- (U//LES) **Washington, DC:** On 7 January, the FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January. They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment a huge uprising will occur.
- (U//FOUO) **Washington, DC:** On 8 January, information was received regarding a video posted on an identified website encouraging people to kill Senators and Congress members. The video was threatening violence in Washington, DC on Inauguration day and advised people to bring guns.

(U) Threat To Life

- (U//LES) Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the Presidential Inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.
- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** As of **19 January, 17** FBI field offices are investigating a total of **40** Threat to Life Guardians, including threats toward prominent politicians and law enforcement and their families.
- (U//FOUO) **Nationwide:** An identified post online, which has since been deleted, discussed targeting identified tech companies, data centers, and media companies; to include references targeting employees at their homes and employees’ children at their schools. **Law enforcement is aware these threats, and as of 19 January, has shared the specific threat information with appropriate personnel of an identified tech company.**
- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** On an identified social networking website, an identified group advised its members that Jewish communities would be vulnerable to attacks while the police and military were preoccupied with the Presidential Inauguration. The identified group emphasized not to go to Washington, DC due to heightened security, but rather focusing on multiple locations where a centralized force would not be able to respond to as quickly. **On 18 January, the FBI’s Office of Public Affairs and Counterterrorism Division held a call with Jewish organizations Secure Communities Network, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Interfaith Alliance to provide additional details regarding this potential threat.**

(U) OTHER

- (U//LES) As of 18 January, preliminary reporting suggests an identified social media platform used by some domestic violent extremists (DVE), including Racially Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVEs), are warning participants that law enforcement is conducting interviews. Additional social media messaging suggest that individuals should record their interviews with law enforcement and share the questions with the group.
- (U//FOUO) As of 18 January, an identified international hotel chain received similar bomb threats in three states and Washington, DC with a computerized voice stating, "Bombs have been placed at all Trump Properties to be detonated at an opportune time. This is just the beginning." Bomb sweeps were conducted with negative results.
- (U//LES) According to law enforcement partners, some members of identified groups that attended the 6 January events had planned to use specific radio frequencies for their communication. This information was shared with DC's Office of Unified Communications to program some handheld radios, which were given to US Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department, for monitoring. For additional information related to this topic and tactic please see FBI product titled "Domestic Violent Extremists' Use of Amateur HAM Radios for Communication and Other Pre-Operational Planning" (17 January; SIR-00340433389).
- (U//LES) Mixed reporting is indicating an identified group to "prepare for potential conflict in response to National Guard troops being activated in Washington, DC," while other reporting is indicating the identified group to stand down. As of 14 January, the identified group leadership issued flyers instructing members to stand down until 4 March.

(U) STATE AND LOCAL SURVEY RESPONSES

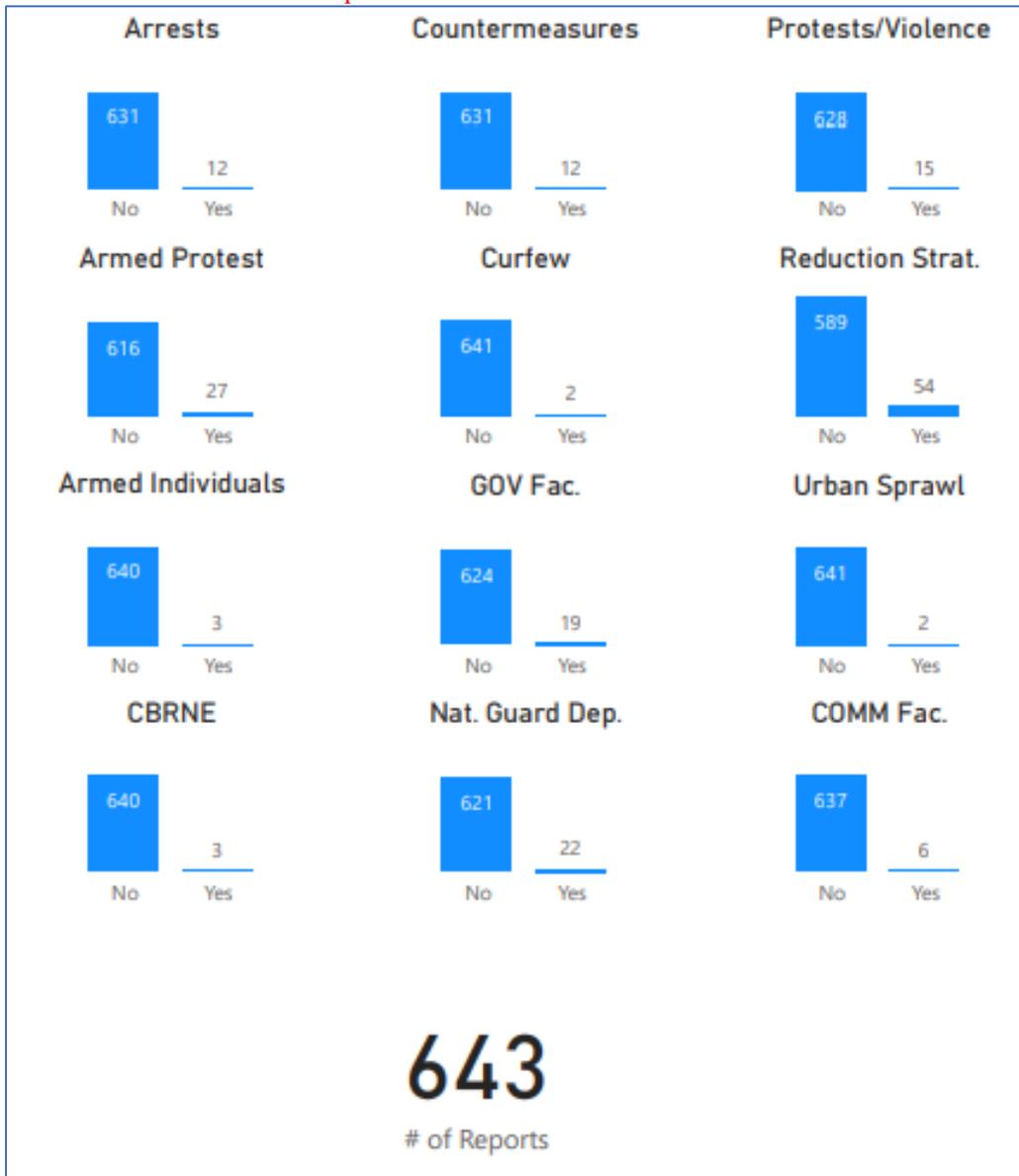
(U) The Office of Partner Engagement (OPE) disseminated a nationwide survey <https://arcg.is/14fOiz> to state and local partners to capture law enforcement investigative and preparatory activity in their respective area of operations related to the Presidential transition of Power, and enable sharing of national trends.

(U//LES) As of 19 January, the FBI had received 643 survey responses to the following questions:

	Survey Question	Yes	No
1	Has there been violence or criminal activity within your jurisdiction that accompanied protests regarding national election results or the inauguration?	15	628
2	Has your office received any indication of armed protests associated with national election results or the inauguration?	27	616
3	Has any such violence or criminal activity spread from urban to suburban areas within your jurisdiction?	2	641
4	Has your jurisdiction implemented a curfew?	2	641
5	Are National Guard deployed in your jurisdiction?	22	621

6	Are any police departments in your jurisdiction engaged in violence reductions strategy which may include marching with protestors or releasing statements in support of peaceful protest activity?	54	589
7	Have government (federal/state/local) facilities been the targets of violent behavior, threats, or criminal activity associated with national election results or the inauguration?	19	624
8	Have commercial facilities been the targets of violent behavior, threats, or criminal activity believed to be associated with national election results or the inauguration?	6	637
9	Have arrests been made within your jurisdiction in response to violence or criminal activity associated with or accompanying protests regarding national election results or the inauguration?	12	631
10	Were any individuals armed while arrested?	3	640
11	Has your office become aware of the use of countermeasures (i.e. radio jamming devices, pre-staged projectiles, incendiary devices, etc.) to misdirect/divert police response to locations of violence or criminal activity?	12	631
12	Has your office responded to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive threats reasonably associated with violent activity associated with national election results or the inauguration?	3	640

(U//FOUO) As of 19 January, the bar graph below depicts the total number (643) of survey results received from state and local partners:



(U//FOUO) From 18 to 19 January, the FBI received 118 survey results from state and local partners:

