METROPOLITAN POLICE

AXIELPD

Public Order Level 2

Introduction

Introduction
Pre-Course welcome

Welcome to Level 2 Public Order -

This course is designed to give you the confidence and training to deploy in a Public Order Level 2 capacity to a large scale public order situation. Whilst we can't be sure of the exact duration of this course, here is an outline of what it involves so you can follow along.

- Introduction
- Fitness Tests
- Classroom based learning
- Field instruction (tactics, formations and movement)
- Working with Carriers
- Final assessment

Pre-Course notes

Pre-Course briefing
Assessment

All officers attempting to become a POL2 officer must meet the following criteria in relation to fitness.

- Multi-Stage fitness test (Bleep test) score of 6.4
- Run a distance of 500 metres in full POL2 PPE and whilst carrying a long shield in less than 2 minutes 45 seconds
- Please note these scores and times are universal, and are not adjusted for age or gender.

In addition, officers are asked to take note of the following

- These are individual tests, you do NOT need to run as a team
- These are best effort tests, and maximum effort is expected.

Classroom Portion

Classroom module 1
Public Order Levels

Public Order Officers are categorised in three levels, each with its own scope of training.

- POL 1 - POL 1 is an advanced public order level, this allows officers to utilize less-lethal devices beyond that of ASP and straight stick as a means of crowd control. POL 1 officers are the only PO officers able to utilise taser in a public order situation, the limitations of which are outlined in the POL 1 Training. POL 1 officers may also utilise AEP launchers. They also form snatch teams to identify, move to and arrest ring leaders before pulling them back through the line. POL 1 training is only given to members of TSG and MO19.
- POL 2 - Intermediate Public Order Officers. Mostly drawn from broughs, it is also open to members of MO19 and other departments. Universally trained to form front line serials. Course is open to all officers including those on probation.
- POL 3 - Provided to all officers as part of initial training, covers cordons and other basic crowd control skills. During a PO deployment, they are responsible for prisoner handling, searching and logistics.

Classroom Module 2

Legislation

Section 1 – Riot

Section 2 – Violent Disorder

Section 3 – Affray

Section 4 – Fear or provocation of violence

Section 4A – Intentional harassment, alarm or distress

Section 5 – Harassment, alarm or distress

It is important to note: contrary to popular belief, the need to issue a warning before arresting someone before arresting for sections 4, 4A and 5 is false. This requirement was removed in 2014.

Classroom Module 3
Composition of a PSU

A PSU is formed of 3 sections or 'serials' with additions and other details which will be explained.

The structure of a PSU is based on a platoon of soldiers in the British Army, and this structure is universal across the UK, meaning officers deployed on mutual aid will see little to no difference.

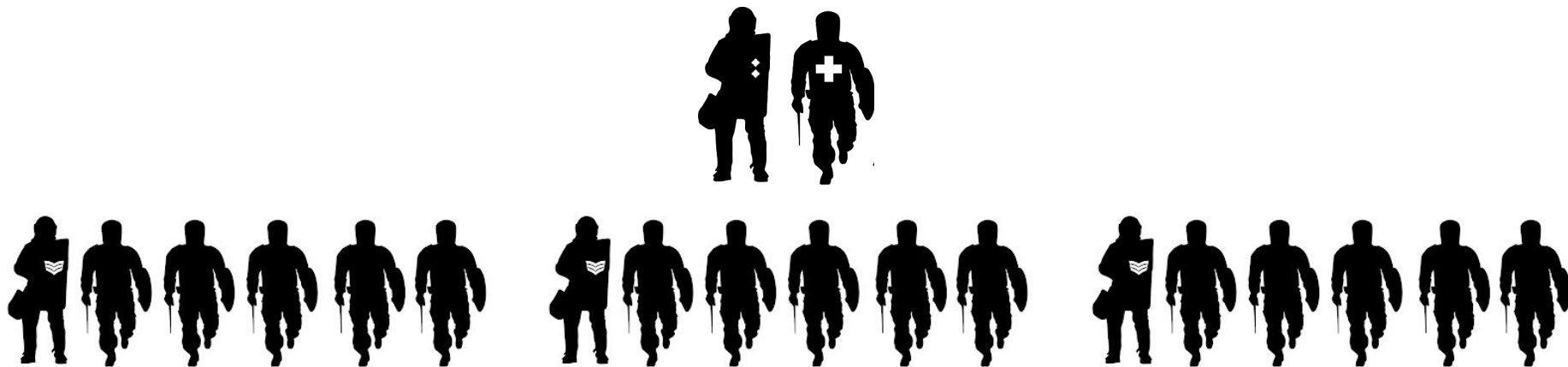# Classroom Module 3

Serial - 5 Constables, 1 Sergeant

Classroom Module 3

PSU composition

The PSU commander (normally an inspector) is situated at the rear of the PSU with the PO Medic. For movements, the PO medic is attached to B Section. C Section is the designated split section for horses, dogs or snatch teams. In the event of the PSU commander being injured, killed or incapacitated, the C Serial Sergeant will assume command until relieved, but will remain with their Serial.

A Section

C Section

B Section

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Classroom Module 4
Identification and Communication

Commands issued to a PSU will be similar to that of a formation of Soldiers in the military, containing a precautionary order, and a reactive order. Precautionary orders refer to the specific set of officers the command following refers to, this could be "PSU", "C Serial" etc. All commands except for halt, taking junctions and protective bubble should be repeated by all officers in the relevant serial or PSU.

AS 2175	AS 3165	EG AS 2213	AS 655		
L2 TRAINED (Note Blue)	PUBLIC ORDER MEDIC	EVIDENCE GATHERER	SERIAL COMMANDER	PSU COMMANDER	BRONZE COMMAND

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Further Public Order addons (not trained here)

In addition to POL2, officers may have the ability to train to other public order roles such as;

- PSU Commanders Course - (Generally for Inspectors and above) trains an officer to command a PSU.
- Public Order Medics Course - An enhanced first aid capability to treat and stabilise casualties in areas deemed too dangerous for paramedics.
- Public Order Evidence Gatherers Course - Trains officers to gather video footage for use in court, or post-incident identification of individuals
- Method Of Entry - Allows the use of enforcer and RABBIT.
- Rapid Entry - Gives officers the skills to rapidly enter a property to prevent loss or destruction of evidence.

Introduction to Public Order

Shield

Long Shield: Issued to front line serials as part of a cordon. A tall but heavier shield proving greater protection to officers.

Short Shield: Issued to PO medics, Serial Commanders and arrest teams. Lighter, but provides less protection.

Shields can be equipped using /longshield or /shortshield

Shields can be raised above the head to protect from attacks from above or missiles thrown by using /shieldup

Formations, movement and tactics

Formations

Section File

Most effective way of moving serials quickly and together. The Serial commander (red) will hold their hand up and shout "Section File". This is then repeated by all officers before falling into position. A Serial takes the left, C Serial takes the middle, B Serial takes the right.
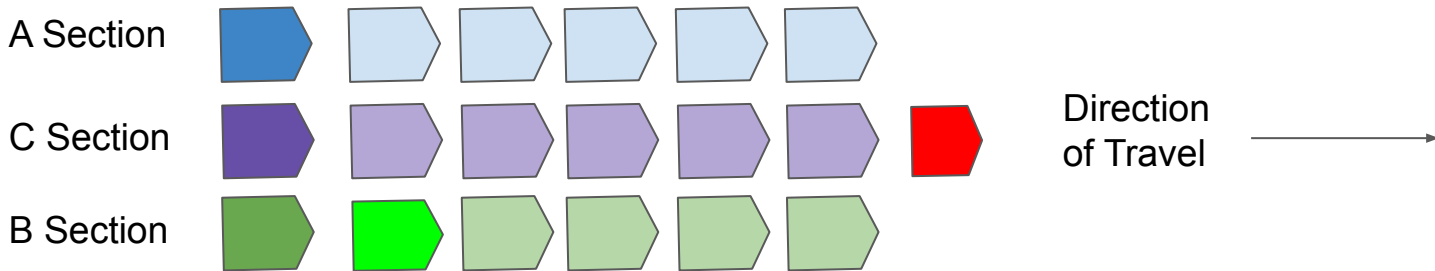
Formations

Closed Cordon

Used to cordon an entire street to prevent protestors/rioters from passing a designated police line. The line should however be fluid, meaning non-hostile persons should be allowed past. The Serial commander and PO medic are located behind the main line. The purple represents C Serial which remain at the rear. A and B Serials will have their sergeant's in the middle and behind.

Word of command is: "Closed, Cordon"
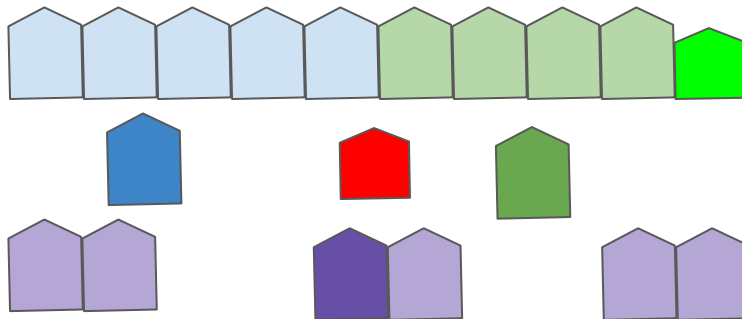
Formations
Staggered filter cordon

Allows innocent members of the public to move freely, but officers can prevent violent or disorderly persons from moving through the cordon. Word of command is "Staggered Filer, Cordon!"
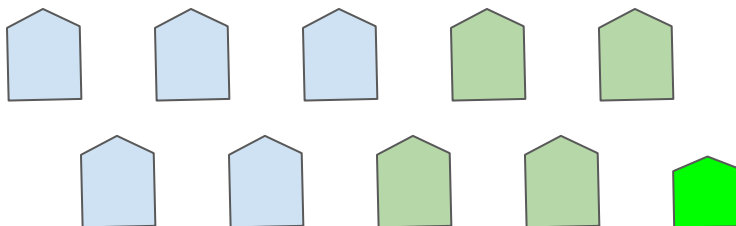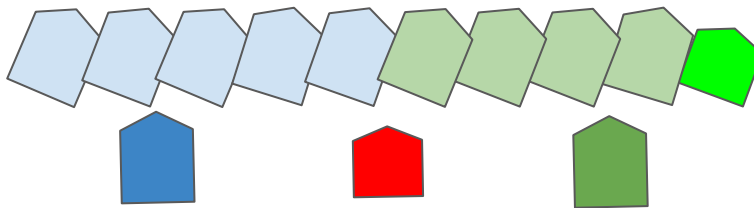
Formations

Single Belt Lock

Used when a large violent crowd is moving towards the line. Command is "Single Belt, Lock!". The line will then close together, locking shields together and holding onto the belt of the officer to the right of them. This helps to strengthen the line. Officers are slightly angled (approximately 15 degrees to the right).

Formations

Protective Bubble

Used to protect arrest teams, officers conducting searches, injured officers etc. a tight shield wall is formed using one serial sized team of 6. Around the protectee. Word of command is "Bubble"
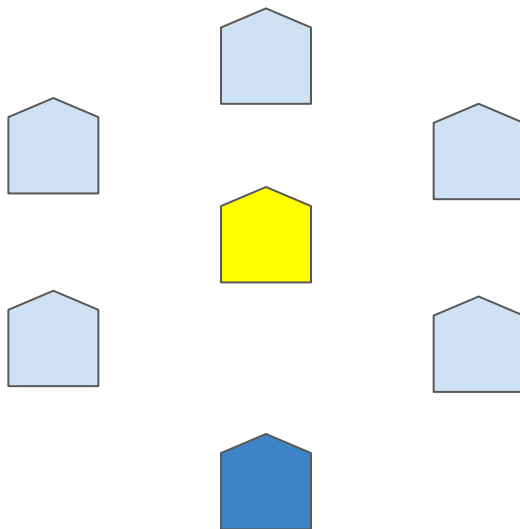
Tactics

Batons

Batons can be drawn at any time you believe it to be justified, it can also be drawn on orders of the serial commander.

"Draw Batons" - draw your baton

"Low profile" - baton is hidden behind the leg

"Show force" - baton is lifted above the head and "stay back" is shouted and repeated by all officers.

"Ready Stance" - Raise the baton over the right shoulder into the ready position

Movement
Forward and Go

On the command "Forward" – the PSU or section will repeat the command and then begin advancing at a walk forwards. They will stop either when facing a junction or when ordered to.

On the command "Go" The formation will charge until meeting a junction or ordered to halt.

On the command Halt – the section will stop and reform their previous formation.
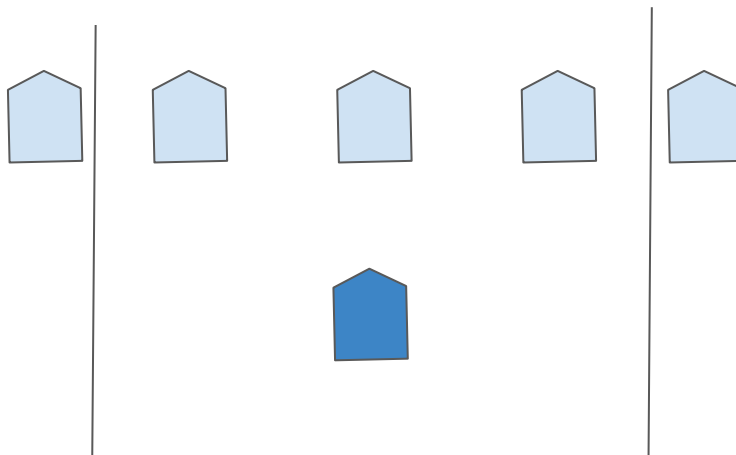
Tactics
Junction (check)

On arriving at a Junction, the PSU will halt, and a junction check will be conducted (shown on next slide). The far left officer will check to the right of the collum and the far right will check to the left, then report their respective sides and report "(Left or right), [Report]. The PSU or Serial commander will check ahead, this does not need to be vocalised. The officers checking to the left and right agle themselves slightly to the left or right respectively.

Reports:

Clear - no threat or anything of note
Crowd - Protesters/rioters
Petrol bomber - suspect holding a petrol bomb or similar
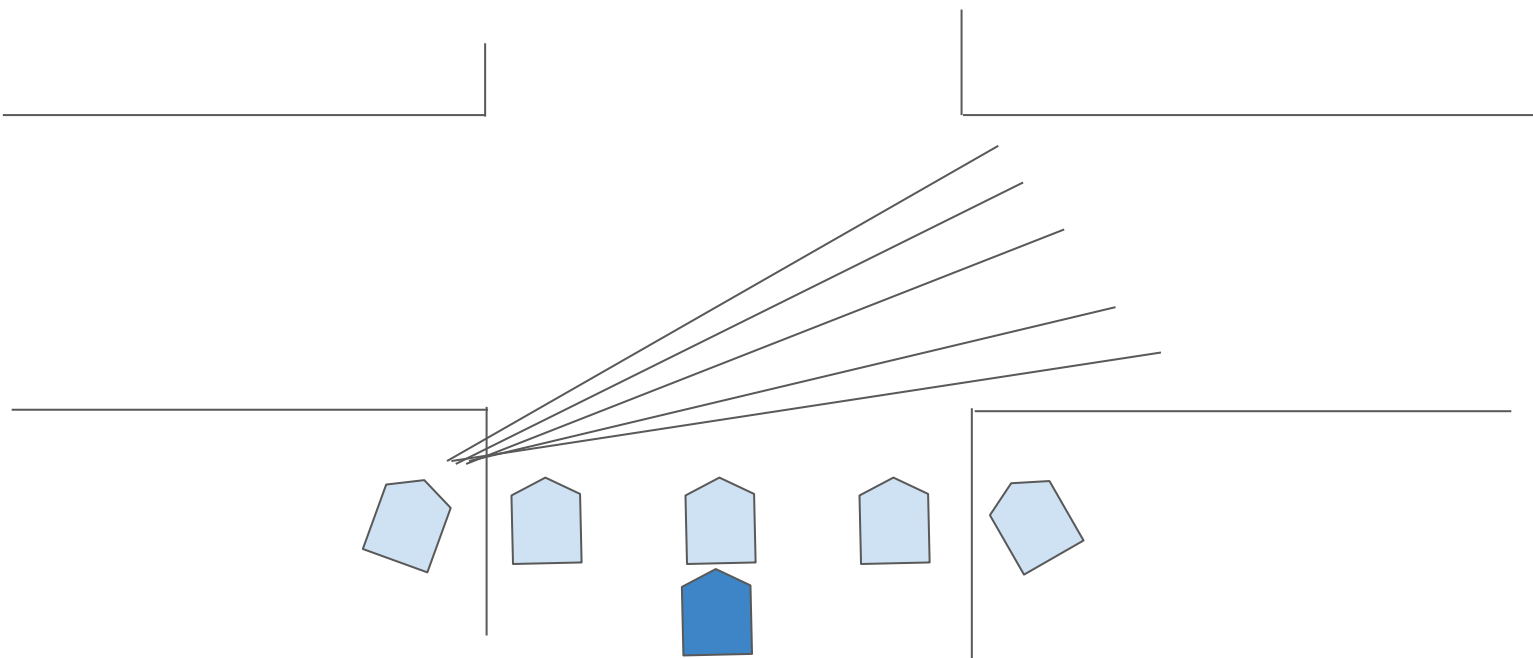PSU - another PSU formation
Dogs - Most commonly Public order support dogs
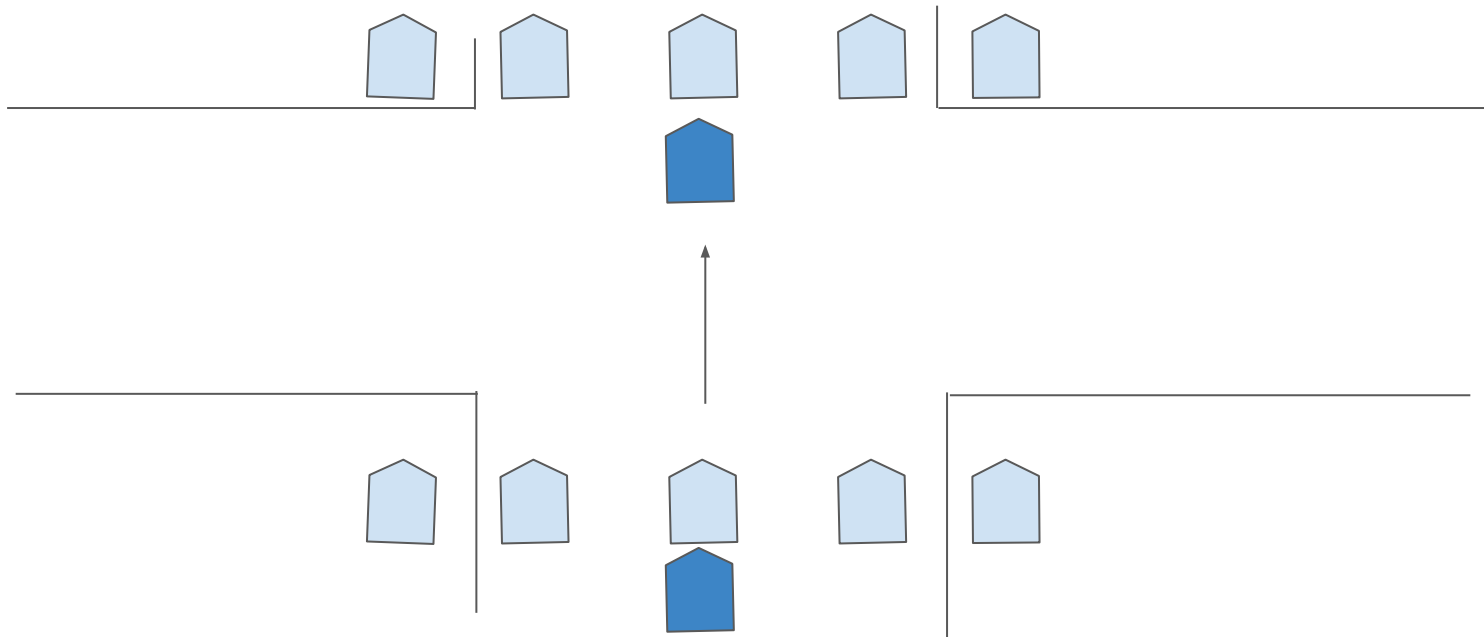Horses - Police mounts

Tactics
Junction check

Movement

Taking Junction to the Front

Word of command "Take Junction, Go" formation will dash over the junction and halt on the other side awaiting further instructions.
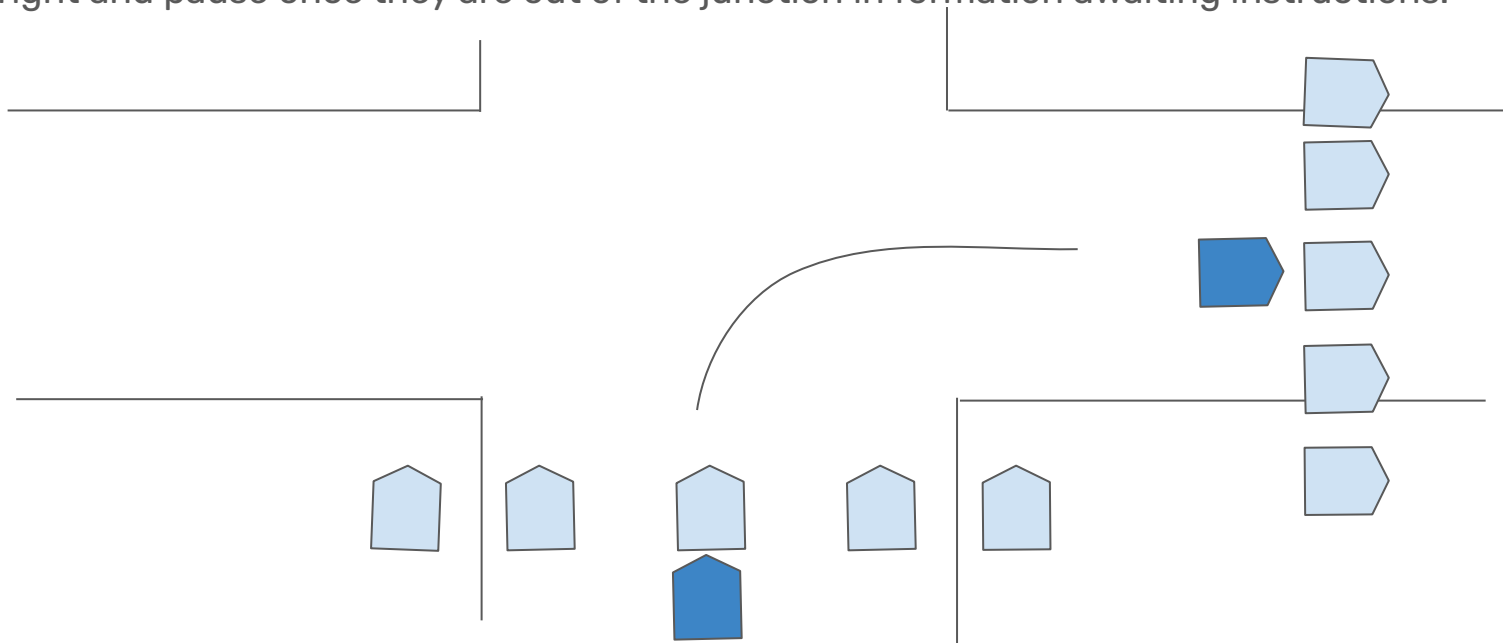
Movement

Taking Junction Left/Right

Word of command is "Taking Junction to the (left or right), Go!". Officers will charge and wheel to the left or right and pause once they are out of the junction in formation awaiting instructions.

Next Stage

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What happens next

We will now move in game, please board a carrier and we will now proceed to the container dock yard to conduct the practical element. This will go over what you have just learned in a practical scenario, followed by the "fire bomb ally" confidence test, and then a public order scenario as a final assessment.

YOU ARE NOW BEING ASSESSED

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