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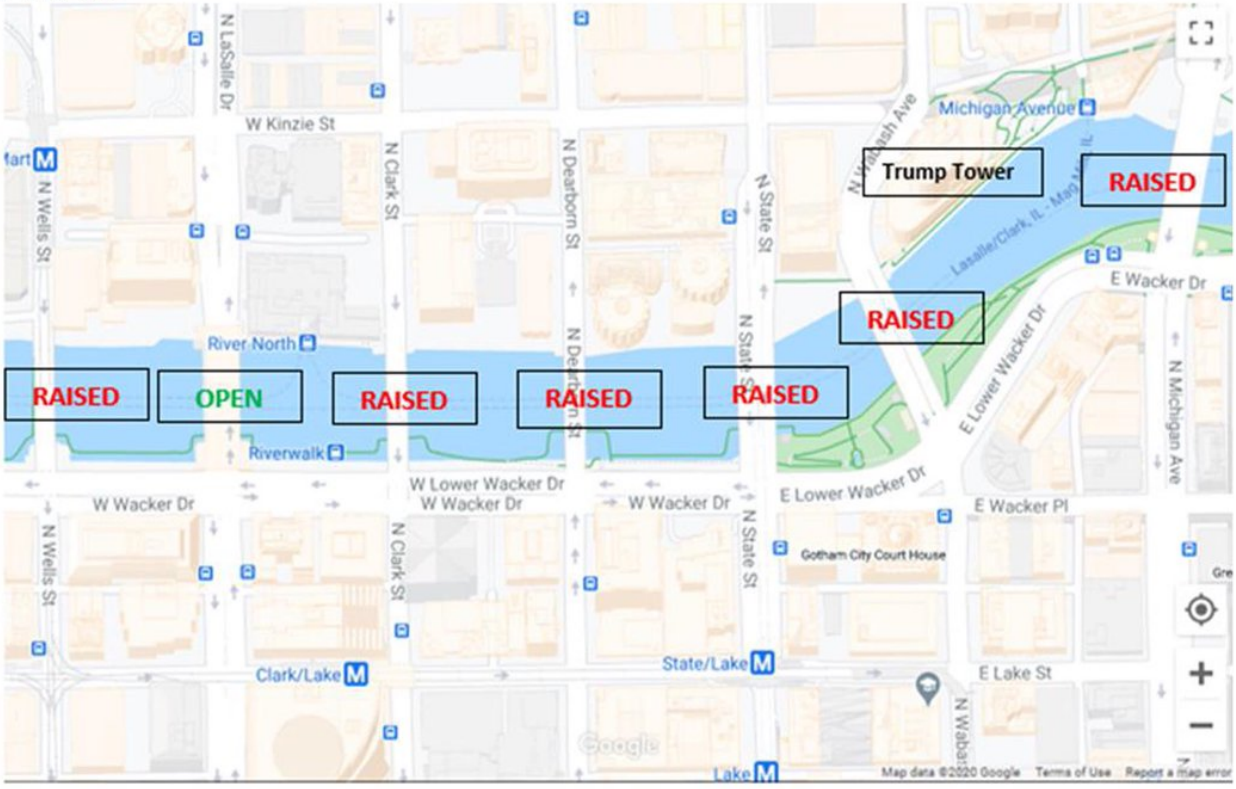
A lot is happening in Chicago. Mayor Lori Lightfoot Emanuel gave over 65% of CARES Act money to CPD. Today, the Office of Inspector General released their report on the uprisings where it is revealed how Lori is directly responsible for the brutality.

Page 55 documents how during the May 30th protests, CPD refused a person their seizure medication, watched them collapse and threatened another detainee with violence if they moved, presumably to assist the person having a seizure. Footage then records a cop threatening rape.

> BWC footage from May 30 captures a wide range of interactions between CPD members and members of the public. Among those interactions is an instance in which a male arrestee within a transport wagon asks a CPD transport officer for their seizure medicine; no response to that request from any CPD member is captured in the footage. When the transport wagon arrives at the CPD detention facility, the transport officers exit the wagon, leaving the arrestees in the back. After one of the arrestees begins banging on the wagon from within, a transport officer opens the back door to find a female arrestee lying face-down on the floor. The CPD member comments, "chick's having a seizure, I guess" and further notes that she appears to be breathing and that there is nothing to be done. The member then closes the door of the transport vehicle with the occupants still inside, without rendering aid. Comments from CPD members captured on other pieces of BWC footage include an officer telling an apparently passive arrestee, "I will tase you if you move, do you hear me?" and an officer calling an arrestee a "little bitch" after the arrestee complained about being in pain. A CPD member is also captured recounting to fellow officers how the member made an arrestee cry by telling the arrestee that they would be raped

When Lori demanded the bridges be raised, it forced CDOT to call off duty employees. This was a move they were surprised to receive since it is rarely done. The raising of bridges was considered during the NATO protests in 2010 and was ultimately rejected as 'ineffective'.

FIGURE 8: DOWNTOWN CHICAGO RIVER BRIDGES RAISED ON SATURDAY, MAY 30



Source: OIG-generated map.

The raising of the bridges created the conditions where police battered people including lifting one person by his neck and throwing him to the ground before dragging him through horse manure.

"In the afternoon, I ended up on the Wabash Bridge. The police formed a line and had horses behind them. And they did not call to disperse at that time.

I was between the police and some Black people that I didn't know. And the police—there was an officer pushing into my chest horizontally with a baton...and he was pushing me very, very hard. And I was afraid of stumbling. I was trying to hold my ground, but I wasn't fighting. I never raised my voice. And I was afraid that I was going to fall on the ground and get trampled because the police were advancing, but also because of how much it hurt to have the baton pushed into my ribcage and my chest. I asked him to stop and he wouldn't. He kept shoving me. So I put my hands up. I thought he would stop if I was protecting myself, but he shoved the baton into the fingers of my bone and was pushing with his body weight. And so I screamed and I said, 'Stop. Please stop.' So he gave me a look, and he jumped to a person next to me, which was a Black person and started shoving him even harder. And I said, 'Stop. Stop. Please stop.' And the police officer next to him looked at me and said, 'You want to be in it. Now you're in it.' And he grabbed me by my neck and he lifted me up, and I flew. I went airborne by my neck. He dragged me backwards so quickly that my shoe flew off and my hat flew off. He dragged me down the street through horse poop so hard that my back was scraped up and bleeding. And then two other officers jumped on me and I was screaming, 'Stop. You got me. You got me. You won.'

They put me in zip ties. I sat on the curb of the Trump Tower for three hours. They—this is when the bridge went up. I sat on a sheriff's bus for three hours." [80]

Once Protester #1 got to the Wabash Avenue Bridge, the police held the line there. Police started pushing the protesters back, but it was not clear where the protesters were supposed to go. CPD

In the same footage as the person having a seizure, CPD responds to another officer saying they should "shoot the occupants of the vehicle in the head".

jail given their thin physical stature. In the same video, after a radio call related to a car pursuit, an officer can be heard telling other officers that CPD should just shoot the tires out and shoot the occupants of the vehicle in the head.

FIGURE 9: AN ARRESTEE EXPERIENCES A SEIZURE IN THE BACK OF A CPD TRANSPORT WAGON



The morning after May 30th, where we had over 30,000 people participate in the protests, Lori requested OEMC save all city footage so that they can disprove any "accusations of misconduct by CPD."

Early the next morning, the Mayor emailed senior leadership at OEMC to ask that footage from City cameras across a wide swath of downtown be preserved from much of the day on Saturday and through the night. She wrote, "I know that is a huge volume, but we need to make sure that if there are any accusations of misconduct by CPD, we have the video to disprove it, and also if we need evidence for any of the arrests made or TBD, we have the video support."[97]

Later in the morning, a senior member of CPD's command staff who was a long-time Department veteran wrote to a colleague, "It was so bad yesterday. I've never see[n a]nything like it."

Here is a video of the May 30th protests made by @sensitivevisual and featuring @Damon_AF giving context https://t.co/VItoJRyEo0

In addition to calling in the National Guard, Illinois State Police, and the other 70 police agencies that operate in the City, Lori also hired three private security firms.

On June 6, the Mayor also announced the City's procurement of three private security firms—including Monterrey Security[123]—to provide 100 unarmed security guards to monitor commercial corridors and notify CPD of crime.[124]

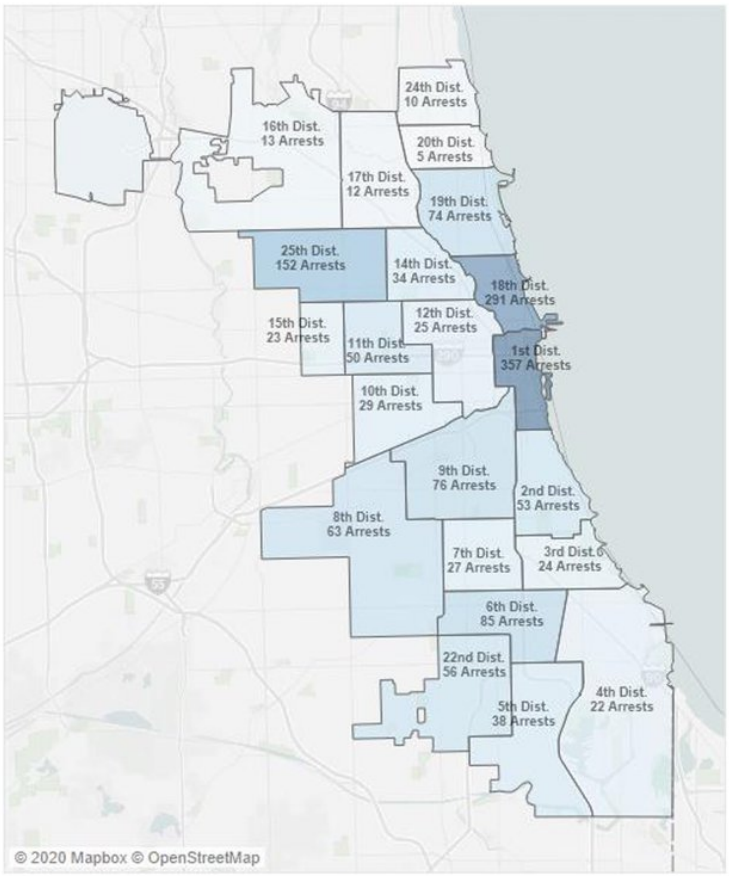
Page 72's footnote, highlights that one of the three private firms has a notorious reputation "running afoul of City contracting rules". A WTTW piece covers the fact that the city spent $1.2M for private security forces to patrol the South and West sides.

[123] Monterrey Security is a private security firm founded by Juan Gaytan, a former CPD member, which has run afoul of City contracting rules and has long counted among its leadership a number of former high-ranking CPD officials. In October 2020, Monterrey Security announced that those ranks would be joined by two more recently retired CPD officials; they had served, respectively, as CPD's First Deputy Superintendent and Chief of the Office of Operations during the events of May and June 2020. Frank Main, "Politically Connected Monterrey Security Lures Two High-Ranking Chicago Cops Into Post-Retirement Jobs," Chicago Sun-Times, October 27, 2020, accessed January 18, 2021, https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/10/27/21535203/politically-connected-monterrey-security-lures-two-high-ranking-chicago-cops-post-retirement-jobs.

[124] Heather Cherone, "City To Spend Up To $1.2M For Security Guards To Patrol South, West Sides," WTTW, June 6, 2020, accessed November 17, 2020, https://news.wttw.com/2020/06/06/city-spend-12m-security-guards-patrol-south-west-sides.

In the approximate seven days the OIG report focusses on, a total of 1,519 arrests were made with most occurring on May 30th.

FIGURE 11: MAP OF ARRESTS RELATED TO PROTESTS OR UNREST, BY DISTRICT



Source: OIG analysis of CPD arrest data.

CPD's practice of incommunicado detention was rampant throughout the uprising and is cited in the OIG report here.

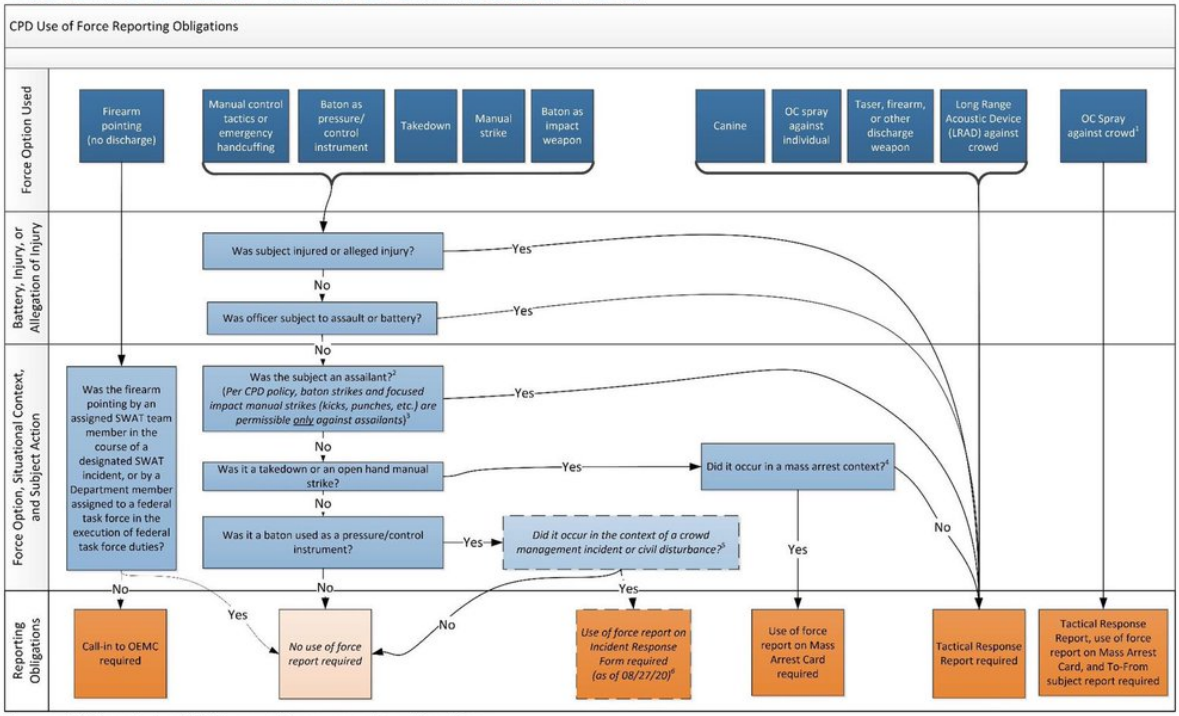
> The delays in transport and processing meant that many arrestees could not be located for lengthy periods until they were fully processed. For instance, one protester recounted during a community listening session that, after they were arrested and taken to the 18th District, "multiple attorney[s]...were unable to ascertain [their] location for hours."[195] This same protestor testified that they were held for 12 hours at the 18th

The attached diagram shows CPD's use of force protocol which is absolutely fucking bizarre.

1) It's laughable to pretend that this is ever practiced by CPD bc its so convoluted

2) It really requires a suspension of humanity to determine how & when to execute violence as routine

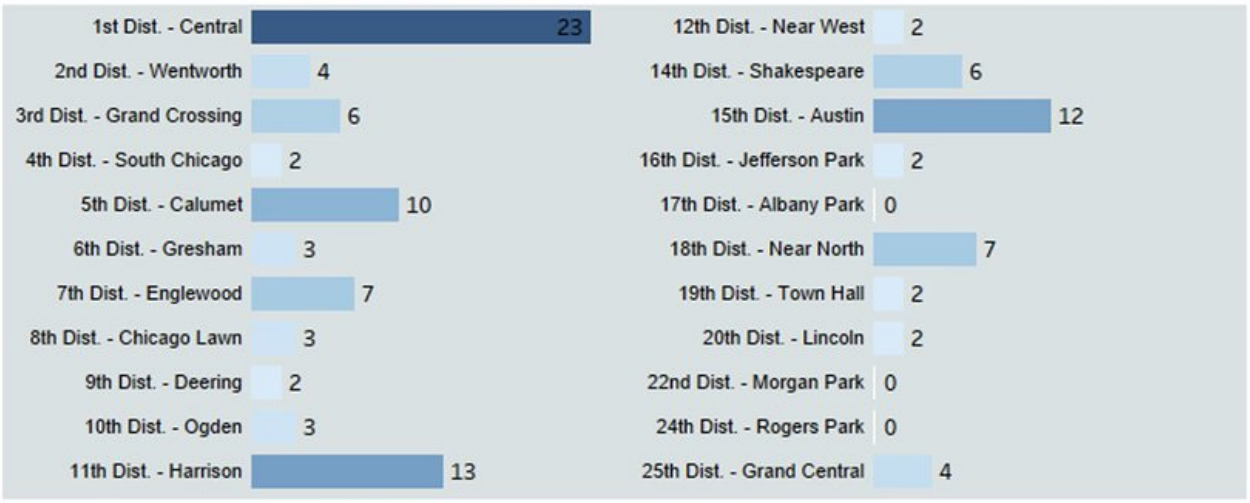
FIGURE 17: CPD USE OF FORCE REPORTING OBLIGATIONS



Source: OIG analysis of CPD use of force reporting directives.

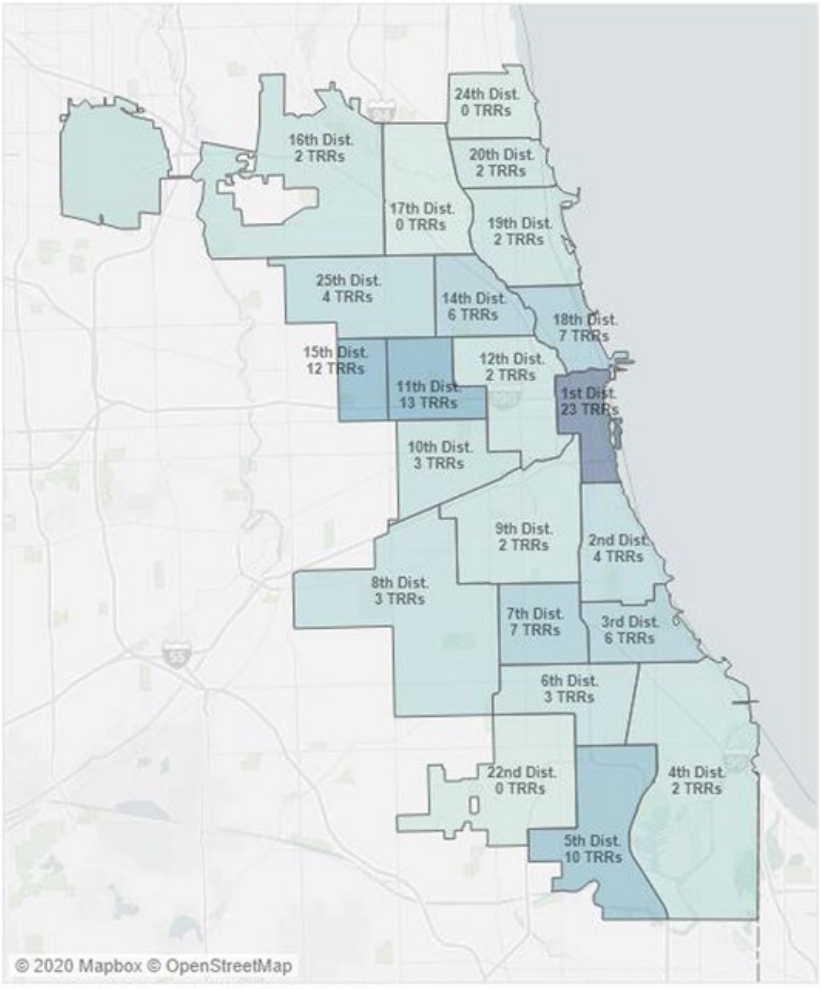
Attached is the diagram of reported incidents of use of force by district. This of course is woefully inaccurate and underreported.

FIGURE 19: TOTAL USES OF FORCE REPORTED BY TRR, BY DISTRICT



Source: OIG analysis of CPD TRR data.

FIGURE 20: MAP OF TOTAL USES OF FORCE REPORTED BY TRR, BY DISTRICT



Source: OIG analysis of CPD TRR data.

The Mayor herself, admitted to authorizing the use of OC spray (pepper spray) on people. She then claims people had bottles of urine, pick axes and bats which has never been corroborated and found to be true even on CPD and the City's own surveillance footage.

In an interview with OIG and the IMT, Mayor Lightfoot stated that Superintendent Brown sought and received her authorization before authorizing the use of OC spray for crowd control on Saturday, May 30 on the east side of Trump Tower. Neither the Superintendent nor the First Deputy Superintendent mentioned the Mayor's role in this decision in their interviews. By the Mayor's account, "[the Superintendent] asked for [the authorization] and I gave it to him." The Mayor further emphasized that her authorization was given in response to "a lot of violence that had broken out in and around Trump Tower." There were, by her recollection, "things like frozen water bottles, water bottles full of urine" being thrown at the police and "protesters that had hammers, pick axes, bats." These protestors were "physically challenging the police" and "not heeding commands to disperse or move back." The Mayor stated that she gave the authorization to use OC spray for crowd control not as a blanket authorization but as an authorization "unique to that specific circumstance" and specific place. As described above, at least one CPD Legal Officer believed that the authorization to use OC spray was what prompted the BIA Chief and the Chief of Detectives to generate a mass arrest RD number.

The OIG report confirms that incidents of use of force were massively underreported by CPD (of course they would be). They site multiple instances of battery.

Testimonials offered during the federal District Court listening sessions included at least three reports of CPD using batons to strike the heads or necks of protesters or to exert choking pressure on their necks during the period covered by this report.[236] One community member stated, "At the protest on May 31st, I witnessed an officer deliberately hit a teenage girl in the face with his baton, visibly shattering the bridge of her nose."[237] Another said, "an officer hit me in the throat with his baton."[238] The third testimonial that clearly identified a baton used on a subject's head or neck described one officer using his baton as a pressure instrument against the individual's neck, as well as other officers using their batons as impact weapons against others.[239] This community member stated, "[the officer] pressed his baton horizontally against my chest and also my neck...He was pressing the baton against my neck so hard that I couldn't fall to my knees. I was hanging by his baton...Later that day [May 30], I also watched the police swing their batons and hit protesters in the head, the neck, the shoulders, the face."[240]

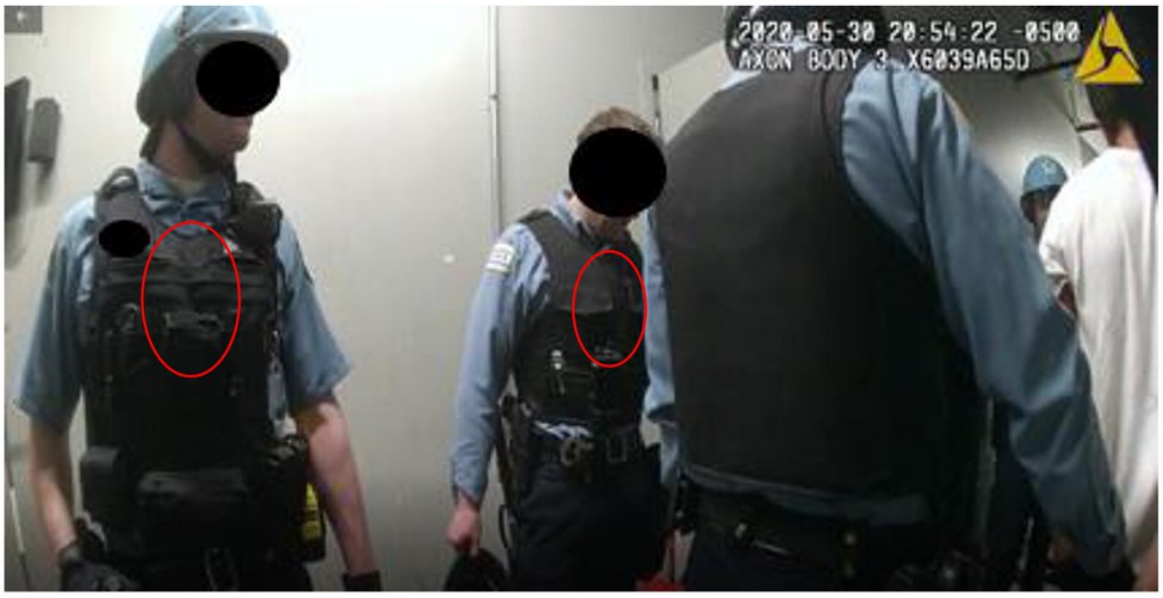
Page 176 sites many incidents of battery that were not included in official reports and conclude that it is impossible to get a clear estimate of total attacks. They include mention of the current police board president who was struck 5 times in the legs with a baton.

TRRs analyzed by OIG.[241] It is difficult to get a clear estimate of the total number of baton strikes against non-assailants that community members claimed to have witnessed in these testimonials, because some describe multiple instances of baton strikes. One community member reported seeing people beaten with batons at the protests "tens of times."[242] Another described seeing someone beaten "on the ground while handcuffed." The testimonials in court included descriptions of protesters beaten with batons "until they were bleeding," and protesters struck with batons in response to minor provocations by someone else (e.g., the throwing of a water bottle). Ghian Foreman, President of the Chicago Police Board, gave a public statement that he was "a victim of police aggression" when he was struck five times in the legs with batons while walking through the scene of a protest.[243]

In one instance captured in BWC footage, an officer in a looted store is apparently attempting to subdue a subject. The subject is face-down on the ground with one arm behind their back and the other arm on their head. Before the officer strikes the subject, the officer calls out "Gimme your hand. Gimme your fucking hand," three times and struggles to apply handcuffs to the subject. The subject calls out "help me" several times and appears to try to move their hand out from behind their back. The officer states, "That's my hand. Don't grab my hand" and "You're hurting me. Don't fucking hurt me." The subject then moves the hand on his head to underneath his body, and the officer then strikes the subject in the head or neck three times. As the officer strikes the subject, the officer says, "stop fucking resisting," punctuating each word with a closed fist strike. The subject immediately responds, "I'm not, I'm not." The subject is subdued and cuffed shortly after this point. This incident was not reported on a TRR.

Most arrests and incidents of use of force occurred when police officers turned off their body cams.

FIGURE 27: MISSING BODY-WORN CAMERAS



Source: CPD body-worn camera footage.

Or removed the cam altogether.