

11/12/2005	8:40pm	Desecration of Australian Flag	Brighton
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Several calls received commencing 8:40pm. Approximately 300 Middle Eastern people gathered. The Australian flag was desecrated with individuals stomping, spitting, urinating on and driving over the flag.¹⁹³ After a short period a Middle Eastern male picked up the Australian flag and carried in onto the northern footpath of Bay street. An accelerant was poured onto the Australian flag and it was burnt. The accelerant appeared to come into contact with this male as the right portion of his track suit pants became engulfed in a clear blue flame. His pants remained alight for some time before a group of Middle Eastern males were able to assist him extinguish the flame.¹⁹⁴ Three males charged for malicious damage and possession of cannabis - [redacted] (born: 1981), [redacted] (born 1988) and [redacted] (born 1979) charged.¹⁹⁵

11/12/2005	8:40pm	Report of Middle Eastern males in car park	Brighton
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A white Tarago van containing Middle Eastern males was in the car park at the intersection on Ramsgate Road yelling threats to other people in a red BMW. Both vehicles left area.¹⁹⁶

11/12/2005	8:07pm	Report of vehicles enroute to Maroubra	Maroubra
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10 to 12 vehicles with Middle Eastern males on board heading towards Maroubra Beach. Vehicles proceeded through intersection of Maroubra and Bunnerong roads Maroubra. Vehicle are ignoring red lights and almost causing collisions. Last seen Maroubra Road towards Maroubra Beach. Occupants yelling out obscenities and racial comments.¹⁹⁷

11/12/2005	8:45pm	Vehicle fire bombed	Maroubra
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Police were at the intersection of Maroubra Road and Malabar Road Maroubra assisting Ambulance Paramedics when a convoy of seven (7) vehicles were observed travelling north in Malabar Road through traffic control signals at this intersection. Police then observed a white Holden Commodore travelling north with the convoy when a male occupant leant out of the vehicle and swung a long black object towards a marked vehicle in Malabar Road.

Police followed the convoy and saw it slow on several occasions. On one occasion, about 100 metres south of Moverly Road, the convoy slowed and an occupant from one of these vehicles threw a flaming object at a parked vehicle, which resulted in the vehicle catching fire. Police stopped the convoy and as they approached the convoy six (6) vehicles accelerated north along Malabar Road. The remaining vehicle and the occupants were searched which resulted in a baton being located inside the vehicle and the driver being identified as unlicensed. The vehicle was secured and the occupants issued with a move-on direction. No action was taken at the time due to other on-going public order disturbances. Strike Force Enoggera has charged several young persons with riot and affray.¹⁹⁸

¹⁹³ Source: COPS E:25277230.

¹⁹⁴ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:40. District/Channel: 'L' / CIDS Reference: 05096986DL18005 / 05096986DL18006

¹⁹⁵ Source: COPS E:25277230

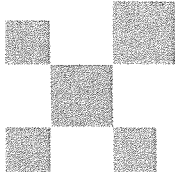
¹⁹⁶ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:43. District/Channel: 'L'

¹⁹⁷ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:44. District/Channel: 'C' / COPS E:25646411

¹⁹⁸ Source: COPS E:26117607.

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11/12/2005	8:45pm	Vehicles damaged along Maroubra Rd	Maroubra
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Group of 15 vehicles with at least five (5) on board hitting parked vehicles. Occupants are exiting vehicles throwing items from vehicles. Heading toward Maroubra Beach. ¹⁹⁹

11/12/2005	8:45pm	Report of convoy on King Georges Rd.	Wiley Park
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Community Source reported up to 50 vehicles heading south bound on King Georges Rd Wiley Park (x Canterbury Rd). Informant believes they are heading to Cronulla. The vehicles are driving in convoy along King Georges Rd and are going through red lights and stopping other vehicles. ²⁰⁰

11/12/2005	8:45pm	Maroubra attacked	Maroubra
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First reports of Maroubra being attacked.

11/12/2005	8:47pm	Intelligence about OMCG	
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Intelligence received that Rebels and Banditoes have combined forces to "bash" any Middle Eastern male in the area. ²⁰¹

11/12/2005	8:48pm	Convoy at Punchbowl	
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Information from the POC was the group of cars sighted at Punchbowl are going to Maroubra and or possibly Cronulla. Information was from Campsie 10. ²⁰²

11/12/2005	8:49pm	Maroubra being attacked	
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First reports received by Command about Maroubra being attacked. ²⁰³

11/12/2005	8:49pm	Brawl and rampage	Maroubra
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- 30 to 40 Middle Eastern males on a rampage, armed with bats and other weapons, smashing up cars. Males are near the Fire Station on Maroubra Rd. ²⁰⁴
- Large number of vehicles stopped and number of vehicles damaged. ²⁰⁵
- Four (4) car loads of Middle Eastern persons throwing bricks threw car windows. One vehicle described as a red Daihatsu sedan. ²⁰⁶
- 100 people fighting in street. Unknown weapons, unknown injuries. Police arrive whilst informant on phone. Large group of people fighting with poles. ²⁰⁷

Numerous other calls received.

¹⁹⁹ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:45. District/Channel: 'C' / COPS E:25646411

²⁰⁰ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:45 – District/Channel 'F'

²⁰¹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁰² Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁰³ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁰⁴ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:49. District/Channel: 'C' / COPS E:25646411

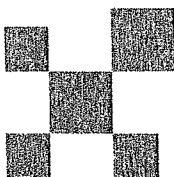
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11/12/2005	8:50pm	Assault on [REDACTED] in Maroubra Road	Maroubra
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About 8:50pm 11/12/2005 Mr [REDACTED] arrived home at Maroubra Rd Maroubra in his brothers Champagne coloured Daihatsu Sirion. As Mr [REDACTED] stepped out the vehicle he was approached by a male person described as being of Middle Eastern appearance. This Middle Eastern male enquired as to Mr [REDACTED]'s race to which he replied "Greek." The Middle Eastern male then said, "Then you're alright mate." As Mr [REDACTED] was having this conversation another Middle Eastern male approached him carrying a baseball bat. This Middle Eastern male struck the vehicle Mr [REDACTED] had been driving. This group has continued along Maroubra Rd. When the group was about two (2) metres away the victim has turned towards the damaged vehicle. As he did this the Mr [REDACTED] was struck in the face. He fell to the ground and became unconscious. When he came to Mr [REDACTED] could feel severe pain to the left side of his face and blood in his mouth. He went inside, receiving first aid and remained there until the morning when he attended the City Hospital. ²⁰⁸

11/12/2005	8:51pm	Report of Middle Eastern males and 'Bra Boys'	Maroubra
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Informant ([REDACTED]) states a message received stating there are about 100 Middle Eastern males in the vicinity of Maroubra Rd and Anzac Parade with baseball bats. Overheard them saying they are on their way to Maroubra Beach to confront the Bra Boys. ²⁰⁹ EB15 reports large group at intersection of French Street and Maroubra Rd. ²¹⁰

11/12/2005	8:54pm	Report of assault at [REDACTED] French Street	Maroubra
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Victim arrived at 43A French street after being assaulted by large group of Middle Eastern males armed with bats and iron bars. POI's last seen heading towards Maroubra Road. ²¹¹

11/12/2005	8:56pm	Report of gathering at Punchbowl	Punchbowl
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Report of a Group of Middle Eastern people gathering in the vicinity of Rosemont and Hillcrest streets, Punchbowl. ²¹²

11/12/2005	8:58pm	Police assistance required at Maroubra	
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Report received from Maroubra calling for police assistance. OSG at Cronulla to be deployed to Bridges. ²¹³

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Report of a large group on Marine Parade	Maroubra
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Group of 100 walking towards beach just turning into Marine Parade. Police are further down the road and are unsure if they can see this lot coming. ²¹⁴

²⁰⁸ Source: COPS E:25976951

²⁰⁹ Source: COPS E:25646411

²¹⁰ Source: COPS E:25646411

²¹¹ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 20:54. District/Channel: C. COPS E:25646411

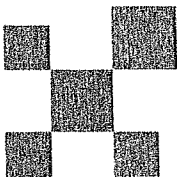
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²¹³ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005.

²¹⁴ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 21:00. District/Channel: C. COPS E:25646411

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11/12/2005	9:00pm	Assault at [REDACTED] on Malabar Road	Maroubra
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About 9pm 11/12/2005 Mr [REDACTED] parked his vehicle and entered the Seven Eleven store on the corner of Meagher Avenue and Malabar Road. A short time later he returned to his vehicle. Whilst getting into the vehicle a group of six (6) to ten (10) vehicles containing four (4) to five (5) middle eastern males stopped nearby. About six (6) to seven (7) males approached him and one said, "Do you have a problem with Lebs?" Mr [REDACTED] said, "No." The middle eastern males then punched and kicked him several times to the body and head. Whilst the victim was being assaulted other middle eastern males smashed the driver's window, rear passenger side window and dented the rear drivers side panel. The males then left the scene. The victim received minor injuries. ²¹⁵

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Robbery at Payphone on Malabar Road	Maroubra
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About 9pm 12/12/2005 Mr [REDACTED] went to the Telstra payphone on Malabar Rd South Coogee to contact his parents. Whilst dialling the number he heard a noise from behind him. As he turned he saw a group of middle eastern males yelling and walking behind him as well as a group of four (4) to five (5) males approaching him. The group have then continually (about one minute) punched and kicked the Mr [REDACTED] and have stolen his Nokia mobile phone. The males then walked away and the victim returned home and sought assistance. As a result of the assault the victim received general bruising and scratches. ²¹⁶

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Assault outside Maroubra Hotel	Maroubra
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Between 8pm and 9pm 11/12/05 Mr [REDACTED] has just left the Maroubra Hotel when he heard a commotion coming from across the road on Marine Parade. Mr [REDACTED] walked over to see what was going on and as he stepped onto the footpath a group of males attacked him with baseball bats, knocking him unconscious. The victim was uncertain as to the events from this point other than being taken to hospital in a car. As a result of the assault the victim received a broken nose in his left ear, swelling, bruising and cuts. ²¹⁷

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Female struck by baseball bat	Maroubra
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About 9pm 12/12/2005 Ms [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED] were in their residence when they heard noise outside on Maroubra Road. They went out to where their cars were parked and saw both vehicles were damaged. They saw a group of ethnic males running east along Maroubra road carrying baseball bats and other similar weapons. Ms [REDACTED] started to walk off the roadway and onto the footpath when a male of Middle Eastern appearance ran east along the footpath and struck Ms [REDACTED] in the forehead with a baseball bat. The Middle Eastern male kept running east. Ms [REDACTED] stumbled to the foot path and Mr [REDACTED] came to her assistance and was holding her when another Middle Eastern male kicked Mr [REDACTED] in the back. Both victims were forced to the ground and the assailants continued running east. ²¹⁸

²¹⁵ Source: COPS E:48601602

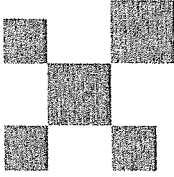
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²¹⁷ Source: Eagle.I 'Enoggera' ST-119

²¹⁸ Source: COPS E:25528556

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11/12/2005	9:00pm	Firearm produced on Maroubra Road	Maroubra
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About 9pm 11/12/05 Mr [redacted] heard what he believed to be a small firearm being discharged. Mr [redacted] went to his front gate on Maroubra Road Maroubra and he saw several people walking down Maroubra Road towards the beach. As he did this a male of middle eastern appearance ran towards him. Mr [redacted] closed his self locking gate and prevented the middle eastern male accessing him. The middle eastern male start kicking the gate and then said to Mr [redacted], "I've got a gun. Get inside or you're dead." Mr [redacted] noticed the middle eastern male was holding a firearm. Mr [redacted] ran back inside his house and the middle eastern male later left. About 10 minutes later Mr [redacted] saw a large number of people running back up Maroubra road from the beach. ²¹⁹

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Assault on Brazilian National	Maroubra
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About 9pm the victim left his brothers place in the vicinity of Maroubra beach. As he walked towards the Surf Lifesaving Club a large number of armed males came from 'nowhere' and ran towards him in the vicinity of the grassed area on Marine Parade. One male of middle eastern appearance punched the victim in the head and the group began assaulting him. During the assault the victim was stabbed once to the lower right side of his body. The victim escaped the group and sort refuge in the ladies toilet at Maroubra Surf Club. The victim was later treated at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, receiving stitches to his wound. ²²⁰

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Brighton-le-Sands being attacked	
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Acting Inspector Hayston contacted POC and advised about Malicious Damage offences at Maroubra and ethnic males were burning an Australian Flag at Brighton-le-Sands. ²²¹

11/12/2005	9:00pm	Superintendent Rogerson contacted	Maroubra
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Phone call to Superintendent Rogerson at home from station about brawl between Lebanese and Caucasian people. Maroubra MIRT activated whilst enroute to station Superintendent Rogerson contacted Superintendent Hutchings and was briefed about the situation. ²²²

11/12/2005	9:05pm	Maroubra MIRT activated	Maroubra
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin contacted Superintendent Rogerson and activated his MIRT. ²²³

²¹⁹ Source: COPS E:25579032

²²⁰ Source: COPS E:25565014

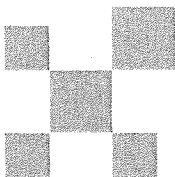
²²¹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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11/12/2005	9:00pm	Brawl at Marine Parade	Maroubra
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100 armed locals are arriving at Maroubra Rd and Marine Pde. Locals are converging on Middle Eastern Males. Brawl occurs.

POLICE: Need OSG Here.

POLICE: EB16 – Need some riot gear here to protect us.

POLICE: EB14 – Contact the POC we need more police.

POLICE: EB15 – We need more police – 1000s of the *****.

POLICE: EB15 – They are throwing glass.

POLICE: EB14 – Group running. Marine Pde heading towards *****. Locals engaging other group.

POLICE: IME60 – On the way (OTW) Code Rd with 2 other OSG.

POLICE: DOG29 – On the way from Sutherland.

By 9:10pm Ambulance request made to Marine Parade with male was on the ground. Situation has calmed with one (1) group having left. ²²⁴

11/12/2005	9:05pm	Assistant Commissioner Goodwin leaves Cronulla	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin moves the Command to the POC as the situation was now on multiple fronts. Chief Superintendent Cullen and Acting Inspector Hayston also leave the Command post with Assistant Commissioner Goodwin. ²²⁵

11/12/2005	9:05pm	Report of 1000's of Middle Eastern people	Cronulla
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About 9:05pm a community source contacted police. Caller stated a friend had heard thousands of armed Middle Eastern people will be attending Cronulla at 9:30pm. ²²⁶

11/12/2005	9:06pm	Report of gathering at Parry Park	Greenacre
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Community source reported a series of fireworks or loud bangs in the vicinity of Parry Park, Wangee Road Greenacre (x Roberts Road). There are groups of Middle Eastern youths walking around. ²²⁷

11/12/2005	9:13pm	Report of gathering Punchbowl Park	Punchbowl
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Report of a large congregation of Middle Eastern males armed with knife/guns and batons getting ready to make their way to Cronulla as revenge to today's incident. All males are at Punchbowl Park. CA10 attended, patrolled the area and no vehicles sighted. ²²⁸

²²⁴ Source: COPS E:25646411

²²⁵ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

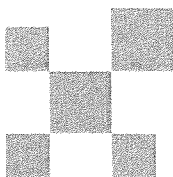
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²²⁸ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 21:13 – District/Channel 'F'.

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11/12/2005	9:20pm	Vehicles in Cook Park (Hashams)	Brighton
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A Highway Patrol vehicle reports 30 vehicles at Cook Park. There were no problems with 60-70 people. Superintendent Redfern requests they keep observing ²²⁹

11/12/2005	9:22pm	Information received about Maroubra	
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Information to hand was over 100 vehicles damaged and over 100 persons armed with sticks fighting. ²³⁰

11/12/2005	9:25pm	OSG teams deployed to Maroubra	Maroubra
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Chief Superintendent Cullen deployed 10 OSG teams to Maroubra. ²³¹

11/12/2005	9:25pm	Search vehicles in Cook Park	Brighton
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Direction for Police at Cook Park to go through cars thoroughly and search cars for weapons. 60 to 70 cars and 200 people there. ²³²

11/12/2005	9:27pm	Tom Ugly's Bridge locked down	
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Tom Ugly's Bridge down to one lane and filtering cars through. ²³³

11/12/2005	9:30pm	Police locking down Cook Park	Brighton
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About 9:30pm between 100 and 150 Middle Eastern people gathered in the car park at Cooks Park, Kyeemagh and immediate surrounds. Several cars belonging to the Middle Eastern people were parked within the confines of Cook Park, in the western and eastern sides of General Holmes Drive. Police arrived 9:30pm and began controlling the entry and exit points to the car park. About five (5) police officers began checking vehicles attempting to leave the car park. Shortly there after other vehicles began arriving and the crowd began converging on the police at the entry/exit points. Urgent police assistance was called for. The crowd became aggressive and began abusing police and taunting police. Many within the crowd were armed with weapons like bats, sticks, rocks and bottles. About 20 people within the group appeared to be the main agitators and continually ran towards police. The group then commenced throwing missiles at police, with these objects including bottles, rocks and concrete. These objects damaged several police vehicles parked nearby. A police sergeant then used his OC spray in an attempt to disperse the crowd. This affected the rioters in the front line but resulted in those behind the front replacing the affected members. ²³⁴

11/12/2005	9:31pm	Assistant required at Cook Park	Brighton
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A Highway Patrol vehicle calls for assistance at Cook Park to search vehicles. ²³⁵

²²⁹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²³⁰ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005.

²³¹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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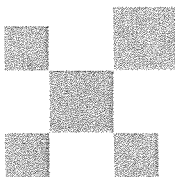
²³³ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²³⁴ Source: COPS E:25738768

²³⁵ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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11/12/2005	9:31pm	PolAir enroute	Brighton
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PolAir heading towards Maroubra. ²³⁶

11/12/2005	9:34pm	Further police cars to Cook Park	Brighton
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Further police vehicles required at Cook Park. Highway Patrol Cars from Captain Cook Bridge on the way. ²³⁷

11/12/2005	9:37pm	Gathering at Hasham's	Brighton
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100 cars from Cronulla have gone to Hasham's, near the intersection of General Holmes Drive and Bestic Street. ²³⁸
Approximately 200 persons in 59 – 80 vehicles assembled in the Hasham's Restaurant car park. 25 OSG police were deployed to the location. Numerous people were searched and FCANs issued for Street Offences. One OSG officer struck by vehicle accelerating from scene. Offender arrested and CAN issued. Minor injury to OSG officer. ²³⁹

11/12/2005	9:39pm	Convoy leaving Hasham's	Brighton
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From a Hurstville Highway Patrol vehicle – Many vehicles are leaving Hashams. The Highway Patrol vehicle wants to stop them but not enough vehicles to stop them. A Highway Patrol Vehicle stopping them now...effecting searches. Caged vehicle requested. ²⁴⁰

11/12/2005	9:40pm	Superintendent Rogerson arrives	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson arrived at Maroubra Beach. ²⁴¹

11/12/2005	9:40pm	Assistant Commissioner Goodwin arrives at POC	Maroubra
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin, Chief Superintendent Cullen and Acting Inspector Hayston arrived at the POC. ²⁴²

11/12/2005	9:40pm	OSG redeployed to Maroubra	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin directs 50 OSG personnel to be deployed from Cronulla to Maroubra. ²⁴³

11/12/2005	9:42pm	OSG police arrived at Cook Park	Brighton
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OSG Police arrived at Cook Park and charged at the group and began making arrests. Many of the rioters fled in various directions. About 20 Middle Eastern males were arrested and placed on their stomachs in the 'safe area'. After order had been resorted the car park was searched and police located piles of concrete and building rubble used as weapons against police. ²⁴⁴

²³⁶ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²³⁷ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²³⁸ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 21:37. District/Channel: 'L'

²³⁹ Source: COPS E:25387720

²⁴⁰ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁴¹ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

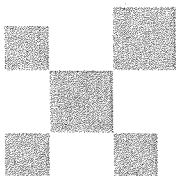
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11/12/2005	9:44pm	Report of gathering at Old Control Tower	Brighton
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Report of a large group of Middle Eastern males stopped at a road construction site and had blocked roads off with witches' hats. ²⁴⁵

11/12/2005	9:45pm	Deputy Commissioner Scipione briefed	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin contacted Deputy Commissioner Scipione and updated him regarding situation. Deputy Commissioner informed regarding one officer was run down and further resources were required. ²⁴⁶

11/12/2005	9:46pm	Further OSG called out	Cronulla
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Northern Region OSG called out. Two (2) Vikings OSG team redeployed to Eastern Beaches. ²⁴⁷

11/12/2005	9:46pm	MIRT teams activated	
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Tom Ugly's Bridge down to one lane and filtering cars through. ²⁴⁸

11/12/2005	9:48pm	Report of gathering in Bestic Street	Brighton
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Report of 10 vehicles with 50 Middle Eastern males were gathering and yelling in parking area. ²⁴⁹

11/12/2005	9:50pm	Media assaulted at Cooks Park	Brighton
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The victim, a Channel camera operator, attended Cooks Park with a work colleague in response to a possible disturbance there. The victim saw 200 people gathered at the park, some of whom were armed with timber sticks and one with a steel rod. The victim began filming the activity of the group. Six (6) Middle Eastern males from this group then approached the victim, an argument ensued and the males attacked the victim. The victim was chased with a timber stick and assaulted. He eventually fell to the ground and was kicked several times. The victim lost control of the camera and as he attempted to get up he was struck on the back with a pole. He turned around and was struck to the face and forearm with the pole. The victim fell onto a parked car and was dragged off by an unknown person and punched to the face and kicked again. The victim saw a police vehicle 10 metres away and ran for help. As a result of the assault the victim lost the \$95,000 camera. ²⁵⁰ About an hour later the camera was located by police on a grass strip on the eastern side of Cook Park. The repair cost to the camera was \$900.00. ²⁵¹

11/12/2005	9:50pm	Arrests made near Kyeemagh boat ramp	Brighton
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OSG police approached a large group of vehicles and people in the car park near the boat ramp of Kyeemagh. A Middle Eastern male inside a vehicle was confronted by police; he became non-compliant and was arrested. The vehicle was searched and two (2) different registration plates (one was stolen), three (3) wooden logs and two (2) golf clubs were located. These articles were confiscated and returned to St George Police Station. ²⁵²

²⁴⁵ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 21:44, District/Channel: 'L'

²⁴⁶ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁴⁷ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁴⁸ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁴⁹ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 21:48, District/Channel: 'L'

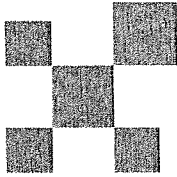
²⁵⁰ Source: COPS E:26377453

²⁵¹ Source: COPS E:48621102

²⁵² Source: COPS E:25738768

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11/12/2005	9:53pm	Greater Metropolitan Region
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Contacted Assistant Commissioner Denis Clifford. Called for any available resources to head towards Cronulla, Brighton-Le-Sands and Eastern Suburbs. ²⁵³

11/12/2005	9:57pm	Vehicles stopped on Captain Cook Bridge
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Police stopped several vehicles on Captain Cook Bridge and checked the bona fides of the occupants. The occupants indicated they were "not looking for trouble." ²⁵⁴

11/12/2005	9:57pm	Deputy Commissioner Scipione briefed
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Cronulla

Deputy Commissioner Scipione briefed on the following; ²⁵⁵

- They are swarming the suburbs
- 200 cars damaged
- Inner Metropolitan Region OSG deployed to Eastern Suburbs
- 30 to 60 cars turning up, going into attack and then splitting up
- Northern Region OSG, two (2) OSG Teams from Macquarie Fields and Vikings from Castle Hill & Central Coast
- Hurstville, Campsie, Botany Bay, Eastern Suburbs, Eastern Beaches, Miranda, St George and Surry Hills LAC Commanders recalled to duty. All advised to activate their MIRT Teams.

11/12/2005	10:00pm	Malicious wounding Woollooware Golf Club
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Brighton

About 10pm the victim (C. J.) left with three friends. Upon reaching the driveway at Road they saw a vehicle bearing the Australian flag driving. One friend was in the process of pointing this vehicle out when another vehicle containing males of Middle Eastern appearance stopped across the road from them. A male from this second vehicle yelled out "Australian Dogs" and about three (3) exited this vehicle ran towards the victim and three (3) friends. All ran from this second group. One of the friends, as he was being chased, looked behind and saw the victim on the ground being kicked by two middle eastern males and two other middle eastern males were chasing two female friends, with one middle eastern male heard to yell "Get the Aussie sluts". The three friends sought refuge in nearby homes and police were contacted. A short time later the friends returned to the area and observed the victim had a knife blade imbedded in his back. Two persons have been charged with Malicious Wounding and Affray. ²⁵⁶

11/12/2005	10:00pm	Gathering at Bay Street, Brighton-le-Sands
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Brighton

200 males assembled in Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands. Bottles were thrown at Police and vehicles, with two (2) police vehicles being damaged. Operational Support Group (OSG) police were deployed to location with shields and batons and formed a line to move the crowd on. One female was later arrested and reported. ²⁵⁷

²⁵³ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁵⁴ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005

²⁵⁵ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

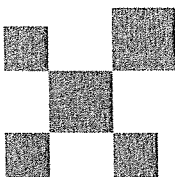
²⁵⁶ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁵⁷ Source: COPS E:27711383 & H 2777263 & H:27848551

²⁵⁷ Source: COPS E:25387720, H:26346914

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11/12/2005	10:01pm	Gathering at 7/11 Store	Rockdale
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30 Middle Eastern youths were at the 7/11 Store, Railway and Watkins Street, Rockdale. Males appear to be planning something.²⁵⁸ Police attended the location and saw several people running along Frederick street Rockdale. Police gave chase and eventually stopped and search two Middle Eastern males. No weapons were located during the search.²⁵⁹

11/12/2005	10:09pm	Forward command post (van) stood down	
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The van used as the Forward Command Post in Prince Street, Cronulla was stood down and the officers are to work from the Command Post.²⁶⁰

11/12/2005	10:13pm	Report of vehicles towards Maroubra	Maroubra
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About 10:13pm community source advised eight (8) vehicles speeding through red lights heading towards Maroubra (General Holmes Dr).²⁶¹

11/12/2005	10:14pm	Further OSG	
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Assistant Commissioner Clifford contact Assistant Commissioner Goodwin and advised as many OSG as possible going to Wetherill Park. Superintendent Darcy (Bankstown Commander) called out to organise all Greater Metropolitan Region Highway resources and an OSG Commander from Greater Metropolitan Region to go to Wetherill Park to organise staff and gear.²⁶²

11/12/2005	10:15pm	Cook Park search	Brighton
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Middle Eastern males searched at Cook Park where 50 vehicles were parked. Persons search with nil find, however police located baseball bats, poles and knives on the beach area.²⁶³

11/12/2005	10:20pm	Vehicle swerved towards police officer	Brighton
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About 10:20pm police established a road block at intersection of The Grand Parade and Bay Street, Brighton-le-Sands. A black Mitsubishi Magna, registration . . . (NSW), approached the intersection. The vehicle was waved around the police vehicle by Constable Pope. The vehicle then swerved sharply towards the constable, who was standing in between oncoming traffic and the stationary police vehicle. The constable took evasive action. The vehicle continued to drive along The Grand Parade without stopping. About 2am 12/12/05 the vehicle was stopped on King Street Mascot and the driver was arrested.²⁶⁴

²⁵⁸ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:01. District/Channel: 'L'

²⁵⁹ Source: COPS E:104531194.

²⁶⁰ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005

²⁶¹ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:13. District/Channel: L

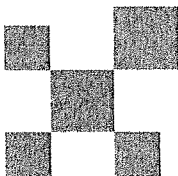
²⁶² Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁶³ Source: COPS E: 48634302

²⁶⁴ Source: COPS E:25376009

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11/12/2005 10:20pm Briefing of Deputy Commissioner Scipione

Deputy Commissioner Scipione contacted and advised Maroubra is under control and locked down. Superintendent Rogerson advised three quarter of the Maroubra crowd have left and are possibly on the way to Brighton-le-Sands. ²⁶⁵

11/12/2005 10:25pm Gathering of Middle Eastern males

Brighton

12 Middle Eastern males were congregating at the intersection of Trafalgar Street and The Boulevard obstructing traffic. Request made to move crowd on. ²⁶⁶

11/12/2005 10:27pm Police vehicle damaged

Brighton

A group of Middle Eastern males have just vandalised an unattended police vehicle at the intersection of The Grand Parade and Duke Street Brighton. ²⁶⁷ About 10:38pm a community source advised seeing males throwing a shopping trolley at a police vehicle. ²⁶⁸ Police identified a second police vehicle had also been damaged. ²⁶⁹

11/12/2005 10:27pm Command post at Cronulla

Cronulla Command Post still operating. ²⁷⁰

11/12/2005 10:28pm Middle Eastern males at Punchbowl Park

Intelligence

Intelligence received about Middle Eastern males gathering at Punchbowl Park intending to attend Cronulla. ²⁷¹

11/12/2005 10:30pm Caucasian heading towards Hasham's

Maroubra

Superintendent Rogerson advised VKG he believed the Caucasians were heading to Hasham's diner from Maroubra. VKG were aware of the situation. ²⁷²

11/12/2005 10:32pm Briefing to Deputy Commissioner Scipione

Deputy Commissioner Scipione contacted and advised a person had been stabbed at . with Middle Eastern Males seen to leave – The Premier advised a large group had gathered at Punchbowl Park. ²⁷³

²⁶⁵ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁶⁶ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:25. District/Channel: 'L'

²⁶⁷ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:27. District/Channel: 'L'

²⁶⁸ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:38. District/Channel: 'L'

²⁶⁹ Source: COPS E: 25387720

²⁷⁰ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

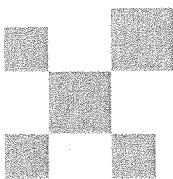
²⁷¹ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005

²⁷² Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

²⁷³ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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11/12/2005	10:32pm	Briefing by tactical advisor Chief Superintendent Cullen	
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Chief Superintendent Cullen advised the following teams were located at;²⁷⁴

- Brighton - 10 Teams of OSG (50 Operatives) on Grand Parade (x Bay Street).
- Cronulla - 15 Teams of OSG (75 operatives) awaiting transport on buses.
- Maroubra – There is no one at Maroubra at that moment.
- Command Post still running as at 10:27pm.

11/12/2005	10:37pm	Punchbowl Park	Intelligence
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Campsie Duty Officer advised officers patrolled area and confirmed persons present in area and advised POC.²⁷⁵

11/12/2005	10:39pm	Report of males in Bay Street.	Brighton
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Report of a group of Middle Eastern males running up and down Trafalgar Street, near Bay Street.²⁷⁶

11/12/2005	10:40pm	OSG recalled	Maroubra
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30 North Region OSG recalled from home.

11/12/2005	10:40pm	OSG enroute to Maroubra	Maroubra
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Sergeant Francis advised 30 OSG were enroute to Maroubra Bay Hotel for support.²⁷⁷

11/12/2005	10:44pm	Report of a bomb threat at Brighton	Brighton
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Report from a male caller (Middle Eastern) stating there was a bomb in a car park in Brighton-le-Sands. When asked for the exact location caller advised police were already at the location and would find out when they hear the explosion.²⁷⁸

11/12/2005	10:45pm	OSG protective equipment - request made	Brighton
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Permission requested for OSG to use protective equipment (riot equipment). Reports of projectiles being thrown at Brighton.²⁷⁹

11/12/2005	10:46pm	Briefing about stabbing at Woollooware Golf Club	
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Briefing conducted about stabbing – advised incident was a random attack based on race.²⁸⁰

²⁷⁴ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁷⁵ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005

²⁷⁶ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005.

²⁷⁷ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:39. District/Channel: 'L'.

²⁷⁸ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

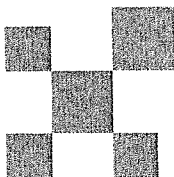
²⁷⁹ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:44. District/Channel: 'L'.

²⁸⁰ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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11/12/2005	10:48pm	OSG equipment – deployment granted	Brighton
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Request for riot gear to be worn in Brighton made. Riot gear approved by Assistant Commissioner Goodwin due to officers getting pelted with brick and rocks. ²⁸¹

11/12/2005	10:54pm	Report of an armed males behind police	Brighton
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Report of a group of 50 males at Bay Street, Brighton Le Sands. Males were armed with lumps of steel and pieces of timber and were coming up behind the police. The community source was in a high rise apartment and can see the males approaching. All males were on mobile phones. ²⁸²

11/12/2005	10:55pm	Alford's Point Bridge not covered	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin conveyed message from Deputy Commissioner Scipione that there was no Highway Patrol Vehicles on Alford's Point Bridge. ²⁸³

11/12/2005	10:56pm	Alford's Point Bridge not covered	
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Superintendent Redfern contact by Assistant Commissioner Goodwin to get Highway Patrol deployment in order at Alford's Point Bridge. Advised Superintendent Redfern that Tom Ugly's bridge had been reduced down to one lane. Assistant Commissioner Goodwin stressed a similar operation on Alford's Point Bridge and Captain Cook Bridge. ²⁸⁴

11/12/2005	11:00pm	Skateboard assault in GyMEA	Cronulla
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Victim assault by 10 males of Lebanese appearance whilst he was riding his skateboard along GyMEA Bay Rd (x North St). One assailant said, "You like bashing Lebs." The victims received five stitches to the head. The victim advised he knew one of the attackers as being a friend of a friend who works at the at GyMEA. ²⁸⁵

11/12/2005	11:00pm	Baseball bat assault upon [REDACTED]	Cronulla
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About 11pm the victim ([REDACTED]) went to the front footpath of an address in Elouera Rd Cronulla and saw several males of middle eastern appearance attacking motor vehicles with baseball bats. The victim ran towards the vehicles in an attempt to stop the males destroying the vehicles. A male of middle eastern appearance ran towards victim and struck him several times with a baseball bat. The victim eventually got on his feet and sort refuge in a nearby house. No suspects have been identified. ²⁸⁶

11/12/2005	11:00pm	Vehicles damaged in Gordon Street	Brighton
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Several vehicles driving up the road with people leading out and smashing parked vehicles. ²⁸⁷

²⁸¹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁸² Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 22:54. District/Channel: 'L'

²⁸³ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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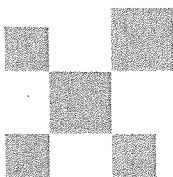
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²⁸⁶ Source: COPS E:26163478

²⁸⁷ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:00. District/Channel: 'L'

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11/12/2005	11:02pm	Report of males in Crawford Road	Brighton
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Report of 30 Middle Eastern males walking up Crawford Road and heard the males saying they were heading towards Punchbowl Park. ²⁸⁸

11/12/2005	11:03pm	Report of gathering at Punchbowl Park	Punchbowl
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Report of 20-25 people loitering and yelling in Punchbowl Park. ²⁸⁹

11/12/2005	11:14pm	Request for redeployment of Police Air Wing	
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Request made to redeploy the Police Helicopter to Lake Illawarra to search for a child. Request declined due to the imminent danger in Sydney. ²⁹⁰

11/12/2005	11:16pm	Response gathering at Punchbowl Park	Punchbowl
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An estimated convoy of 40 cars at Punchbowl Park. A deployment is required to go through all of them. ²⁹¹

11/12/2005	11:21pm	Gathering at Punchbowl Park	Maroubra
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20-30 males of Middle Eastern appearance are gathering in park. Informant advised the situation was extremely volatile and that police "need to attend immediately to prevent another Brighton-le-Sands." ²⁹²

Police patrol the area about 11:30pm and saw a large group (30+) of Middle Eastern males with several vehicles congregating within the fringes of the park. About four (4) vehicles were blocking traffic along the street in both directions. Police stopped their vehicle behind these vehicles. The crowd surrounded the police vehicle and began attacking the police vehicle. Police were able to manoeuvre their vehicle away from the crowd and further police assistance was summoned. All the Middle Eastern males dispersed prior to further police assistance arriving. ²⁹³

11/12/2005	11:22pm	Conflict between Police	Brighton
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Running battles at Brighton. The groups are running and splitting apart, and then regathering. Arrests have been difficult. Different strategies are being tried. ²⁹⁴

11/12/2005	11:28pm	Campsie MIRT in place	Campsie
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Superintendent Richardson contacted POC and advised his MIRT is operating. Currently 30 to 40 people gathered at Punchbowl Park. Local cars calling for urgent assistance. Campsie Duty Officer is gathering other vehicles and heading down there on mass. ²⁹⁵

²⁸⁸ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:02, District/Channel: 'L'

²⁸⁹ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:03 – District/Channel 'F'

²⁹⁰ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁹¹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

²⁹² Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:31 – District/Channel 'F'

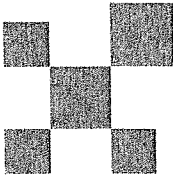
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11/12/2005	11:28pm	Report of convoy leaves Punchbowl Park	Punchbowl
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Reports of 30-40 car loads of Middle Eastern males have just left Punchbowl Park in a convoy. ²⁹⁶

11/12/2005	11:32pm	Middle Eastern males smashing Vehicles	
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Four (4) Middle Eastern males have smashed vehicles outside Crawford Road, Brighton. The males jumped over the fence into a car park behind Queens Road. One male is apparently injured as he fell off one of the garage roofs. ²⁹⁷

11/12/2005	11:35pm	Cronulla command post relocated	
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Superintendent Redfern advised Assistant Commissioner Goodwin he intended to move the Command Post back to Cronulla Police Station. Assistant Commissioner Goodwin. ²⁹⁸

11/12/2005	11:35pm	Bridge operations – Highway Patrol vehicles	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin when speaking with Superintendent Redfern and enquires if Highway Patrol cars were in place for the bridge operations. Superintendent Redfern stated they were not in place because all of the Highway Patrol cars had been called to Brighton. One (1) OSG team, mobile supervisor and one other car were patrolling the Kingsway and other major roads. Assistant Commissioner Goodwin stressed, "I want the three (3) bridges locked down with Highway Patrol resources...down to one (1) lane with cones. ²⁹⁹

11/12/2005	11:42pm	Bridge operations – Highway Patrol vehicles	
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Superintendent Redfern advised four (4) Highway Patrol cars from Sutherland that had gone to Brighton had been redeployed back to the bridges – two (2) back to Alford's Point bridge and two (2) Captain Cook bridge. ³⁰⁰

11/12/2005	11:49pm	Report of gathering at Roberts Park	Greenacre
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Report of Community Source advised a gathering of 20 vehicles parked at Roberts Park, Waterloo Road Greenacre. There were 20 to 30 persons hanging around and yelling. ³⁰¹

11/12/2005	11:49pm	Briefing to Police Minister	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin contacts Minister for Police and briefed Cronulla was calm, issues at Maroubra and Brighton. Advised 200 OSG on the ground at the moment, it will be monitored and scaled back after the situation is analysed. ³⁰²

²⁹⁶ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:31 – District/Channel 'F'

²⁹⁷ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:32. District/Channel: 'L'

²⁹⁸ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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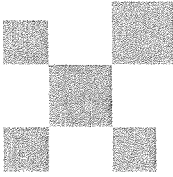
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11/12/2005	11:52pm	Report of convoy leaving Roberts Park	Wiley Park
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Report of Community Source advised 30-40 vehicle filled with male youths look like they are gathering to leave along King Georges Road. Area patrolled no vehicles sighted. ³⁰³

11/12/2005	11:55pm	Vehicles damaged in Mitchell St Cronulla	Cronulla
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A vehicle with Middle Eastern males has smashed the victim's vehicles. The victim advised police of a convoy of vehicles traveling around the surrounding streets. ³⁰⁴

11/12/2005	11:55pm	Cronulla Railway Station closed	
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Superintendent Redfern contacts POC concerning HWP on site at the bridges leading into the Sutherland Shire due to vehicles being redeployed to other areas in Brighton and Maroubra. It was determined to leave two (2) HWP at Alfords Point Bridge, two (2) HWP at Tom Ugly's until further notice. POC will task remaining bridges. ³⁰⁵

11/12/2005	11:57pm	Convoy at Greenacre enroute to Cronulla	Cronulla
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30 to 40 cars filled with male youths are at the intersection of Waterloo and Old Kent road, Greenacre. Inquiries are unable to establish with certainty that this was the same convoy that was intercepted by a Sutherland car as is indicated in the CIDS. Information from one of the constables on that car indicated that a convoy of about 50 cars was seen at The Boulevarde and Port Hacking Road. The Sutherland car commenced to follow the convoy to the intersection of Port Hacking Road and Taren Point Road where other police vehicles appeared and the convoy broke up with vehicles traveling in different directions and many doing 'U' turns. ³⁰⁶

³⁰³ Source: CIDS created 11/12/2005 23:52 - District/Channel 'G'

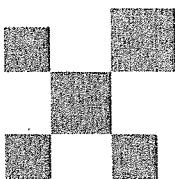
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³⁰⁵ Source: Superintendent Redfern Command Log 11/12/2005.

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**Monday, 12th DECEMBER 2005**

12/12/2005	12:01am	Assault on [REDACTED] - Elouera Road	Cronulla
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About 12am Monday 12/12/05 the victim was walking north along Elouera Rd Cronulla speaking to his girlfriend on a mobile phone. The victim was near the intersection of Hume when the girlfriend heard him say over the phone, "What the fuck." Another male was heard to say, "Fuck you." The mobile phone then dropped out. It is believed the victim was then viciously assaulted. The victim was later admitted to St George Hospital in a serious but stable condition and treated for major bruising to the face, a fractured eye socket and nose and two stab wounds on his lower back. ³⁰⁷

Further investigation by Strike Force Enoggera has identified four offenders. These males have been charged with Maliciously Inflict Grievous Bodily Harm, Robbery in Company Cause Wounding, Affray and Assault causing Grievous Bodily Harm. ³⁰⁸

12/12/2005	12:01am	Gathering outside Cronulla High School	Cronulla
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30 to 40 Middle Eastern males in several vehicles were hanging around. During the call some vehicles left the location on Captains Cook Drive. One male had a baseball bat. ³⁰⁹

12/12/2005	12:01am	Mass arrest kits	
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Direction from Chief Superintendent Cullen that all duty officers are to have mass arrest kits available for OSG in the case of mass arrests. ³¹⁰

12/12/2005	12:07am	Report of convoy on Tom Ugly's Bridge	
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Report of 10 to 20 cars full of Middle Eastern youths are on Tom Ugly's Bridge, King George Road. ³¹¹

12/12/2005	12:10am	Gathering at McDonalds [REDACTED]	Bass Hill
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Community Source advised 15-20 Middle Eastern males are in the McDonald's car park attempting to tip over a vehicle. ³¹² Police attended 12:14am and observed a vehicle had been tipped onto its roof. No suspects have been identified and there was no CCTV. ³¹³

12/12/2005	12:11am	Brawl at Bexley	Brighton
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30 Middle Eastern males in 13 vehicles are fighting outside Seaforth Street, Bexley. Police spoke with three (3) people in a vehicle. They stated they were heading near the park as Brighton was too dangerous. Bona fides checked no problems. ³¹⁴

³⁰⁷ Source: COPS E:25323637

³⁰⁸ Source: COPS H:25916056 / H:26113838 / H:27663482 / H:25689137

³⁰⁹ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:01. District/Channel: L

³¹⁰ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³¹¹ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:07. District/Channel: 'L'

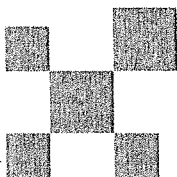
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³¹³ Source: COPS E:25921104

³¹⁴ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:11. District/Channel: 'L'

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12/12/2005	12:12am	Conflict between police	Brighton
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Running battles at Brighton. The groups are running and splitting apart, and then regathering. Arrests have been difficult. Different strategies are being tried. ³¹⁵

12/12/2005	12:15am	Report of armed males at Rockdale	Brighton
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11 to 12 Middle Eastern males filling cars with golf clubs, hammers and sledge hammers outside the 7/11, 99 Railway St Rockdale. ³¹⁶

12/12/2005	12:17am	Report of convoy on Port Hacking Road	Cronulla
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40 cars full of Middle Eastern males have just parked at the road works near the intersection of Port Hacking Road and Princess Highway, Sylvania. Occupants appear to be waiting for other vehicles to arrive. ³¹⁷

12/12/2005	12:19am	Convoy followed to The Boulevard	Cronulla
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(SU17) followed the convoy onto The Boulevard just north of Taren Point road. ³¹⁸

12/12/2005	12:25am	Briefing and handover to Assistant Commissioner Clifford	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin commences a handover to Assistant Commissioner Clifford. ³¹⁹

12/12/2005	12:27am	Report of gathering of Caucasian youths	Lurnea
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About four (4) Caucasian youths on mobile phone could be heard saying to get down here; we need Aussies to help smash Middle Eastern stuff. Community source believed they were heading towards the Lurnea shops where there are Middle Eastern owned shops. They also received a call from someone asking they 'take up arms against the Arabs and join fellow Australians.' ³²⁰

12/12/2005	12:30am	Convoy stopped in Elouera Road	Cronulla
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Police were patrolling Cronulla CBD when they observed a convoy of five (5) motor vehicles containing Middle Eastern male occupants. Three (3) of these vehicles were stopped and searched the occupants. The searches result in nothing being found. All were allowed to leave but informed to leave the Cronulla and surrounding areas immediately. The occupants complied with the police request. ³²¹

³¹⁵ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³¹⁶ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:15, District/Channel: 'L'

³¹⁷ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:17, District/Channel: 'L'

³¹⁸ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:17, District/Channel: 'L'

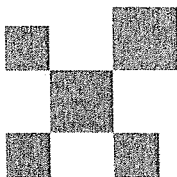
³¹⁹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³²⁰ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:27 - District/Channel 'K'

³²¹ Source: COPS E:27870888

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12/12/2005	12:30am	Attack on a yellow HQ utility	Cronulla
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About 12:30am 12/12/05 [redacted] had parked his vehicle, a [redacted] in Mitchell Road Cronulla. At the time [redacted] was a passenger. Four (4) vehicles have then pulled behind their vehicle and about 15 males of Middle Eastern appearance exited the vehicles and began smashing [redacted] vehicle. One of the males attempted to drag [redacted] from the passenger side door. The males of Middle Eastern appearance have then left the scene. ³²²

12/12/2005	12:32am	Report of a police scanner	Sans Souci
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Four (4) Middle Eastern males walking down the street with a scanner which was loud. Males were in Alice Street, San Souci. ³²³

12/12/2005	12:34am	Report of male armed with bottle	Cronulla
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Middle Eastern males in a dark blue WRX tried to get victim out of vehicle. Male was armed with bottle. Males were last seen heading east on The Kingsway towards the beach. ³²⁴

12/12/2005	12:35am	Report of male throwing objects	Cronulla
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Cars full of Middle Eastern youth (30 to 50) are throwing objects at people passing by. ³²⁵

12/12/2005	12:50am	All quiet in Brighton	Cronulla
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Chief Superintendent Cullen advised very little occurring at Brighton. OSG now driving around Cronulla and Miranda. ³²⁶

12/12/2005	1:01am	Vehicle stopped at United Service Station	Roselands
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CA38 conducted a random vehicle stop on a vehicle containing five (5) Middle Eastern males. Police searched the vehicle and located a knife, scissors and sockets. ³²⁷

12/12/2005	1:02am	Report of convoy on Roselands Road	Roselands
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Report of eight (8) cars throwing items at passing vehicles and vehicles passing by are being surrounded by the eight (8) car convoy. Vehicles containing Caucasians were having bottles and projectiles hurled at them. ³²⁸

12/12/2005	1:05am	Traffic Services enroute to Cronulla	
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Superintendent Redfern advised POC that Traffic Services were coming back to Cronulla. ³²⁹

³²² Source: COPS E:26117507

³²³ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:32. District/Channel: 'L'

³²⁴ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:34. District/Channel: 'L'

³²⁵ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 00:35. District/Channel: 'L'

³²⁶ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

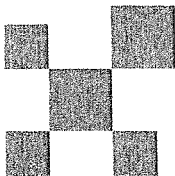
³²⁷ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 01:01 - District/Channel 'F'

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³²⁹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

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12/12/2005	1:12am	Report of Middle Eastern males near unit	Cronulla
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3-4 Middle Eastern males near [redacted] North Cronulla talking. Stated the Police helicopter just flew overhead and requested police patrol area. ³³⁰

12/12/2005	1:15am	Convoy stopped in Ewos Street Cronulla	Cronulla
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A convoy of eight (8) vehicles containing Middle Eastern males were stopped by OSG Police and Highway Patrol vehicles in Ewos Street. The occupants were searched. ³³¹

12/12/2005	1:17am	Standing down of resources	Cronulla
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Superintendent O'Brien contact POC from Cronulla concerning the standing down of the following resources;

- Five (5) Highway Patrol getting fatigued as on since 8am. Enquired as to whether knocking them off was going to expose bridges. Sutherland Highway Patrol cars are at Tom Ugly's and Alford's Point. Assistant Commissioner Goodwin suggested Superintendent Redfern be stood down too. ³³²

12/12/2005	1:22am	Briefing by Assistant Commissioner Goodwin	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin conducted a briefing and addressed the following issues; ³³³

- Need to pull together tonight SITREPS from all LAC's to prepare a briefing note.
- Planning for the future.
- Chief Superintendent Cullen advised that roads around Cronulla and Maroubra were empty.

12/12/2005	1:31am	Strike Force SETA established	
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Strike Force SETA name of investigation into related incidents. ³³⁴

12/12/2005	1:43am	Vehicle stop	Maroubra
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About 1:43am 12/12/05 a Holden Commodore sedan was stopped with four (4) people on board due to the circumstances earlier that evening in Maroubra. When spoken to the driver claimed they were "just going for a drive" in the area. The vehicle was searched and a shortened broom handle. The occupant claimed this was a martial arts aide. ³³⁵

12/12/2005	1:45am	OSG arrive	Maroubra
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Chief Inspector Humphrey (North Region OSG Coordinator) arrives at location with 30 OSG operatives. ³³⁶

³³⁰ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 01:12. District/Channel: 'L'

³³¹ Source: COPS E:25920449.

³³² Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³³³ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

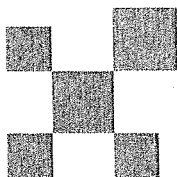
³³⁴ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³³⁵ Source: COPS E:25758413

³³⁶ Source: Superintendent Rogerson Debrief 22/03/06 OD:68

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12/12/2005	2:00am	Report of shots fired	Maroubra
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Report of shots fired on Bedford Street, South Coogee. Vikings 20 and POLAIR 2 responds. ³³⁷

12/12/2005	2:01am	Command planning	
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Superintendent Carey to come in at 6am for MIRT Command in POC and Superintendent Owens to take over from Denis Clifford as the Operation Commander in the morning. ³³⁸

12/12/2005	2:05am	Robbery with wounding	Rockdale
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Two (2) Middle Eastern males assaulted a male (Asian) on the Princes Highway Rockdale. The victim was conveyed to St George Hospital suffering three (3) puncture wounds to the upper left arm and one (1) puncture wound to the right knee. During the incident the victim's mobile phone was stolen. The victim could provide little details about the offenders. Police checked CCTV footage from the 7/11 and St George Tavern. ³³⁹

12/12/2005	2:55am	Superintendent Rogerson reviews standing down	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson converses with Assistant Commissioner Clifford regarding relief and standing down. ³⁴⁰

12/12/2005	3:02am	Command handover in POC	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin ceased duty and handed command to Assistant Commissioner Clifford. ³⁴¹

12/12/2005	5:00am	Maroubra Beach locked down	Maroubra
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Maroubra Beach stayed locked down until 5:00am. ³⁴²

12/12/2005	6:00am	Superintendent Rogerson ceases duty	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson ceases duty. ³⁴³

12/12/2005	8:25am	MIRT Commander arrives at Cronulla	Cronulla
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Superintendent Graham arrives at Cronulla and is briefed by Sergeant Smith. ³⁴⁴

12/12/2005	9:00am	Superintendent Rogerson commences duty	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson commences duty. ³⁴⁵

³³⁷ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

³³⁸ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³³⁹ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 02:19. District/Channel: 'L' / COPS E: 25888105.

³⁴⁰ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

³⁴¹ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³⁴² Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

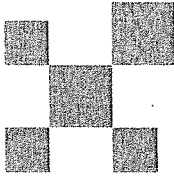
³⁴³ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

³⁴⁴ Source: Superintendent Graham Command Log 12/12/2005

³⁴⁵ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

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12/12/2005	9:37am	Relocation of Forward Command Post	Cronulla
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Superintendent Harding sent email to Superintendents Redfern and Hutchins and Assistant Commissioner Goodwin requesting Forward Command Post be set up North Cronulla Surf Club for coming weekends operation and REU be on site to provide communication. ³⁴⁶

12/12/2005	10:00am	Commissioner's briefing	
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin held meetings with Deputy Commissioner Scipione and Commissioner Moroney at the Police Executive Office. Meeting then held with the Premier and the Police Minister. ³⁴⁷

12/12/2005	10:36am	Lebanese youths with Lebanese flag	Cronulla
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Anonymous source advise a group of Lebanese youths at Memorial Park Hurstville, Forest Road, with a large Lebanese Flag. The informant concerned a violent incident would occur. Police attended, youths not causing problems and flags put away during police presence. ³⁴⁸

12/12/2005	11:00am	Premiers briefing	
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The Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Goodwin met with the Premier and the Police Minister. ³⁴⁹

12/12/2005	11:16am	Report of 'All Arabs Unite' SMS	Brighton
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Calls received about SMS circulating;

"All Arabs unite as one we will never back down to anyone the Aussies will feel the full force of the Arabs as one brothers in arms. Unite now lets show them who's boss destroy everything. Gather at Cronulla 18/12/2005 midday; spread the message to all Arabs meet up at the Lighthouse." ³⁵⁰

12/12/2005	12:01pm	Media conference	
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Media conference held in the Premiers Press Room. ³⁵¹

12/12/2005	12:15pm	Local Federal and State Members contacted	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson briefed local Federal Member (Peter Garrett) and Local State Member (Michael Daley). ³⁵²

12/12/2005	12:30pm	Assistant Commissioner Goodwin at Sutherland Police Station	Cronulla
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin and Police Media (Kylie Keogh) travel to Sutherland Police Station for a briefing with Sergeant Campbell and Senior Constable Smith. ³⁵³

³⁴⁶ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³⁴⁷ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³⁴⁸ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 10:36 – Radio/District 'L'

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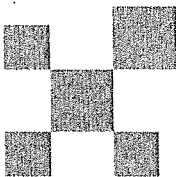
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12/12/2005	12:40pm	MIRT planning and briefing	Cronulla
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Superintendent Graham MIRT team conduct general planning and briefings throughout the day. Discussions about the strategies with teams in responding to the large number of vehicles en-route to Cronulla. ³⁵⁴

12/12/2005	12:53pm	Briefings conducted	Cronulla
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Assistant Commissioner Goodwin held meetings with Deputy Commissioner Scipione and Commissioner Moroney at the Police Executive Office. Meeting then held with The Premier and the Police Minister. ³⁵⁵

12/12/2005	12:57pm	Report of Lighthouse Brighton	Brighton
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Community Source overheard an Arabic conversation between two males in the Shell Service Station at Brighton that a group calling themselves '4 Brothers in Arms' are to meet at the lighthouse near Brighton before going to Cronulla. ³⁵⁶

12/12/2005	1:37pm	Vehicle fire on Arden Street	Maroubra
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About 12:30pm the vehicle was parked on Arden street whilst the driver went for a swim at Coogee Beach. Upon returning to the vehicle smoke could be seen near the ignition switch. The vehicle caught fire. The local Fire Brigade attended and extinguished the fire. ³⁵⁷

12/12/2005	1:38pm	Report of metal poles stolen from work site	Maroubra
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About 1:38pm a group of males on building site at Maroubra Road and Bona Vista Avenue, Maroubra. 10 – 15 metal poles stolen from site. ³⁵⁸

12/12/2005	2:00pm	Caucasians being threatened and abused	Hurstville
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A large group of Middle Eastern males outside Soul Pattersons Chemist, Forest Road, abusing and threatening Caucasian persons. Only about five (5) persons at location, all were calm. ³⁵⁹

12/12/2005	2:00pm	Lebanese Muslim Association President contacted Campsie Commander	Lakemba
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In addition the President of the Lebanese Muslim Association (Ahmed Kamaledine) attended Campsie to express concerns about the current situation. The Lebanese Muslim President advised the Campsie Commander Lebanese marshals would be provided to assist in managing the crowd. ³⁶⁰

³⁵⁴ Source: Superintendent Graham Command Log 12/12/2005

³⁵⁵ Source: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin Command and Activity Log.

³⁵⁶ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 12:57 – District/Channel 'L'

³⁵⁷ Source: COPS E:27570180

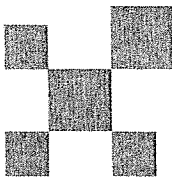
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12/12/2005	2:10pm	Armed males at Maroubra Bay Hotel	Maroubra
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2:10pm to 3:10pm - Police attend location and spoke with 50 "locals" who were congregating outside the Maroubra Bay Hotel as they had heard a "motor vehicle had just been bombed in Arden Street, Coogee. The locals [believed] a number of Middle Easterners were in the area and they wanted to Protect their Community." The group was advised the fire referred to was an electrical fault fire. Police dispersed thirty of the males over a period of an hour. During a later patrol police located and seized several metal poles. ³⁶¹

12/12/2005	2:19pm	Report of gathering near Maroubra Beach	Maroubra
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Community source advised of 50 young males, approximately 15 holding sticks at Maroubra Beach, near Maroubra and McKeon Streets. Also several cars containing Middle Eastern males driving around. ³⁶²

12/12/2005	2:19pm	Report of convoy with Middle Eastern males	Cronulla
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A convoy of 20 cars containing Middle Eastern Males driving towards Cronulla on Burraneer Bay Road and called out to a female with a four (4) year old 'better start running'. Police patrolled Burraneer Bay Road and observed no vehicles/persons of interest. ³⁶³

12/12/2005	2:28pm	Report of elderly male being harassed	Brighton
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Anonymous female stated there was a group of Lebanese males harassing an elderly male who was sitting reading the paper on The Grand Parade, Brighton. Informant has no description as there were too many. Area patrolled no person sighted. ³⁶⁴

12/12/2005	2:29pm	RSL flag replaced	Brighton
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Road block in Bay Street, Brighton, established for 20 minutes to allow for the replacement of the Australian flag at the RSL. ³⁶⁵

12/12/2005	2:30pm	Resources to be deployed	Maroubra
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Superintendent Owen contact Superintendent Rogerson and advised the following resources could be available for Monday 12/12/06; ³⁶⁶

- 15 OSG – 5pm to 5am
- 20 General Duties – 6pm to 6am
- Vikings – On Call

³⁶¹ Source: COPS E:25752068

³⁶² Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 14:19 – District/Channel – 'C'

³⁶³ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 14:19 – District/Channel 'L'

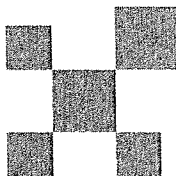
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³⁶⁶ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

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12/12/2005	2:35pm	Intelligence about a fight at Bondi Maroubra	Maroubra
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Intelligence received from Inspector Carrick (Waverley) about a meeting of Middle Eastern people on Monday night at Belmore Park and that they were going to Bondi for a fight. ³⁶⁷

12/12/2005	2:47pm	Report of possible brawl in Coogee	Maroubra
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Community source advised his son stated he had heard a brawl was going to occur in Coogee involving a group of Middle Eastern males. The informant believed the males were going to fire bomb vehicles. ³⁶⁸

12/12/2005	2:56pm	Staffing for Cronulla and Eastern Beaches	Cronulla
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Superintendent Owens forward email to Assistant Commissioner Goodwin and Deputy Commissioner Scipione with staffing; ³⁶⁹

50 OSG Staff (5pm to 5am)

- 20 OSG at Cronulla
- 15 OSG at Eastern Beaches LAC
- 15 OSG (mobile with Highway Patrol – three (3) per vehicle) St George

Vikings staff on call (30 staff)

40 General Duties Police (6pm to 6am)

- 20 to Cronulla
- 20 to Maroubra

Highway Patrol Vehicles

7 Vehicles and drivers (10 Additional vehicles working within the Inner Metropolitan Region)

Dog Squad: Four (4) dogs

Horses: Eight (8) 10am to 4pm.

PolAir – One (1) helicopter (4pm to 2am) – Thermal imaging and downlink capacity

Major Incident Response Team (MIRT)

- Cronulla - Superintendent Nolan
- Eastern Beaches – Superintendent Finch
- POC – Superintendent Benson

12/12/2005	3:00pm	Items located outside Maroubra Bay Hotel	Maroubra
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Superintendent Rogerson informed that 30 items comprising of poles, stakes and other items were found outside the Maroubra Bay Hotel and Caucasians had left the hotel. Numerous sweeps of Arthur Byrne Park and the beach area for weapons of violence resulted in 100 items being seized. ³⁷⁰

³⁶⁷ Source: Superintendent Rogerson de-brief Strike Force Neil

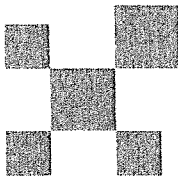
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12/12/2005	3:01pm	Middle Eastern males at Coogee	Maroubra
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In response to a call for service EB37 (Eastern Beaches) attend beach at Coogee and advised of numerous Middle Eastern males on the Beach. No problems detected. ³⁷¹

12/12/2005	3:06pm	Report of gathering of Middle Eastern	Miller
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40 Middle Eastern males are blocking traffic on Corriedale Street, Miller (x Cartwright Ave). ³⁷²

12/12/2005	3:25pm	Caucasian males collecting weapons	Maroubra
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Two (2) vehicles full of Caucasian males at Chapman and Fenton Avenues Maroubra pulling large wooden pieces of wood from skip bins. Police attend location at 3:27pm, located the skip bins but saw no person of interest. ³⁷³

12/12/2005	3:29pm	Bra Boys carrying cricket bats	Maroubra
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EB140 spoke with Bra Boys, two of whom were carrying cricket bats, on Fenton and McKeon Streets Maroubra. The Bra Boys advised they were preparing to play a game of cricket on the beach. No offences detected. ³⁷⁴

12/12/2005	3:51pm	Café next to newsagent Rockdale	Brighton
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Approximately 25 Middle Eastern males coming and going from the Café for the past hour. Appears to be having "some sort of meeting". Informant is concerned they are up to no good. Police attend 3:52pm – one of the shops nearby is a hairdresser owned by some Middle Eastern males. No offences detected. ³⁷⁵

12/12/2005	4:22pm	Report of males preparing to attack	Maroubra
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Community source saw several Middle Eastern males in the vicinity of Maroubra beach loading weapons into vehicles. The males were overheard saying they were going to attack in an hour. Police patrolled the location at 4:35pm and observed no person of interest. ³⁷⁶

12/12/2005	4:30pm	Intelligence - Middle Eastern activity	Lakemba
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Information was received at the Campsie LAC concerning Middle Eastern activity generated from the Arncliffe Boys and Lakemba boys. These males were believed to be forming up at various locations throughout the Campsie Command to retaliate against the 'Bra Boys' who were believed to be heading to the Campsie Command from Maroubra to cause a revenge attack on the Lakemba Mosque. ³⁷⁷

³⁷¹ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 14:47 – District/Channel – 'C'

³⁷² Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 15:06 – District/Channel 'K'

³⁷³ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 15:25 – District/Channel – 'C'

³⁷⁴ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 15:29 – District/Channel – 'C'

³⁷⁵ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 15:51 – District/Channel: 'L'

³⁷⁶ Source: CIDS created 12/12/2005 16:22 – District/Channel – 'C'

³⁷⁷ Source: COPS E:26430165

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