

DEPARTMENT TIMELINE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE
TIMELINE OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 6, 2021 ATTACK

This document memorializes critical events leading up to and during the January 6, 2021 attack at the U.S. Capitol.

The timeline is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

- The United States Capitol Police (USCP) learns that different groups of protesters are organizing demonstrations on U.S. Capitol grounds related to the January 6, 2021 joint session to certify the electoral vote count.
- Special Event Assessment issued for January 6, 2021 demonstrations.
 - Initial assessment indicates two groups of demonstrators – a group called “Donald, You’re Fired,” an anti-Trump group, and a group called “Patriots United March,” a pro-Trump group.
 - Initial assessment finds “no information regarding specific disruptions or acts of civil disobedience targeting this function.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

- The USCP begins developing Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) action plan for January 6, 2021 event.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

- Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) hosts first multi-agency teleconference in which agencies share intelligence and initial planning for the January 6, 2021 event. The following agencies are represented:
 - MPD
 - United States Park Police (USPP)
 - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
 - Federal Bureau Investigation Washington Field Office (FBI WFO)
 - Federal Bureau Investigation Headquarters (FBI HQ)
 - Supreme Court Police
 - United States Secret Service (USSS)
 - DC Fire & Emergency Medical Services (FEMS)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

- Revised Special Event Assessment issues for January 6, 2021 demonstrations.

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- Revised assessment includes that on December 19, 2020, POTUS called for supporters to come to Washington, DC on January 6, 2021, for a big protest called “Be There, Will Be Wild.”
- Revised assessment identifies four pro-Trump groups holding protests at the US Capitol: (1) Women for America First; (2) Stop the Steal; (3) Women for a Great America; and (4) The One Nation Under God Foundation.
- Revised assessment identifies three counter-protester groups: (1) They/Them Collective; (2) DC Youth Liberation Front; and (3) Shutdown DC; Refuse Fascism DC
- Revised assessment indicates: “The protests/rallies are expected to be similar to the previous Million MAGA March rallies in November and December 2020, which drew tens of thousands of participants. It is also expected that members of the Proud Boys, Antifa, and other extremist groups will rally on January 6, 2021.”
- Revised assessment finds “no information regarding specific disruptions or acts of civil disobedience targeting this function. Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out.”
- Initial draft of USCP CDU Operational Plan issues to Assistant Chief Chad Thomas, Uniformed Operations, and is approved.
 - Initial CDU Plan proposes perimeter fencing to secure Union Square, along Constitution Avenue between First Street NW and First Street NE, and perimeter fencing along First Street NE between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue.
 - Initial CDU Plan proposes deployment of four CDU platoons of officers in riot gear (Hard Platoons).
 - Initial CDU Plan proposes deployment of eight Grenadiers, including two with each Hard Platoon, equipped with chemical munitions.
 - Initial CDU Plan proposes deployment of USCP SWAT Teams to provide tactical response and counter-sniper over-watch.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

- Chief of Police Steven Sund participates in MPD-hosted bi-weekly law enforcement partners meeting in which intelligence and planning for January 6, 2021 event discussed. Law enforcement partners participating in the bi-weekly meeting include:
 - MPD
 - USPP
 - USSS (Uniformed and non-uniformed)
 - Amtrak Police Department
 - WMATA
 - Federal Air Marshalls

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020

- USCP personnel attend multi-agency teleconference hosted by MPD in which agencies briefed on intelligence and planning for the January 6, 2021 event.
- Joint Session Perimeter Plan issues to Assistant Chief Thomas and is approved.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

- Revised Special Event Assessment issues for January 6, 2021 event.
 - Revised assessment indicates that “[a] number of individuals and groups are calling for their supporters to travel to Washington, DC, on or before January 6, 2021, to show support for POTUS and for overturning the election results. The protests/rallies are expected to be similar to the previous Million MAGA March rallies in November and December 2020.”
 - Revised assessment indicates that “Stop the Steal has posted a webpage entitled ‘wildprotest.com’ that includes a map of the Capitol grounds indicating they will be gathering on the Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 on January 6, 2021. The webpage states ‘We the People must take to the U.S. Capitol lawn and steps . . . [.]’ They plan to show support for the Members of Congress who are expected to file objections to the certification of the electoral vote.”
 - Revised assessment indicates that a Member of Congress is confirmed as a speaker in the “Stop the Steal” event.
 - Revised assessment indicates that “there have been several social media posts encouraging protesters to be armed.”
 - Revised assessment found “no information regarding specific disruptions or acts of civil disobedience targeting this function. Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out.”
- Deputy Chief Timothy Bowen, Uniformed Services Bureau (USB), directs USB division commanders to bring in ALL available personnel for the joint session and demonstrations on January 6, 2021.
- USCP cancels “Ready Reserve” assignments for January 6, 2021.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

- USCP Intelligence and Interagency Coordination Division (IICD) holds an internal briefing to review the December 30, 2020 Special Event Assessment with officials at the rank of Captain and above.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

- Carol Corbin (DOD) texts USCP Deputy Chief Sean Gallagher, Protective Service Bureau, to determine whether USCP is considering a request for National Guard soldiers for January 6, 2021 event.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

- USCP Deputy Chief Gallagher replies to DOD via text that a request for National Guard support is not forthcoming at this time after consultation with COP Sund.
- Revised Special Event Assessment for January 6, 2021 event issues to USCP Executive Team and Deputies to both the Senate Sergeant at Arms and House Sergeant at Arms.
 - Revised assessment indicates that approximately six Members expected to speak at demonstration events scheduled on Capitol Grounds.
 - Revised assessment indicates that “some of militia members who are participating in this event and staying in Virginia, plan to march into Washington, DC on January 5th, while armed.”
 - Revised assessment indicates “[t]here is also indication that white supremacist groups may be attending the protests.”
 - Revised assessment states:

Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out. Supporters of the current president see January 6, 2021, as the last opportunity to overturn the results of the presidential election. This sense of desperation and disappointment may lead to more of an incentive to become violent. Unlike previous post-election protests, the targets of the pro-Trump supporters are not necessarily the counter-protesters as they were previously, but rather Congress itself is the target on the 6th. As outlined above, there has been a worrisome call for protesters to come to these events armed and there is the possibility that protesters may be inclined to become violent. Further, unlike the events on November 14, 2020, and December 12, 2020, there are several more protests scheduled on January 6, 2021, and the majority of them will be on Capitol grounds. The two protests expected to be the largest of the day—the Women for America First protest at the Ellipse and the Stop the Steal protest in Areas 8 and 9—may draw thousands of participants and both have been promoted by President Trump himself. The Stop the Steal protest in particular does not have a permit, but several high profile speakers, including Members of Congress are expected to speak at the event. This combined with Stop the Steal’s propensity to attract white supremacists, militia members, and

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others who actively promote violence, may lead to a significantly dangerous situation for law enforcement and the general public alike.

- USCP increases the size of Dignitary Protection details for Members with four agents to six agents during the week of January 3, 2021.
- USCP extends coverage for Dignitary Protection details to 24/7 coverage.
- USCP posts Dignitary Protection Agents at the residence of certain Congressional Leaders due to open source intelligence.
- USCP mandates that each Dignitary Protection detail include MP7 or M4 assault weapons.
- USCP Investigations Division and IICD extend coverage to 24/7 operations during the week of January 3, 2021.
- USCP embeds an analyst from the National Capitol Region Threat Intelligence Consortium (NTIC) with the IICD analysts during the week of January 3, 2021.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

- USCP IICD holds internal briefing to review the January 3, 2021 Special Event Assessment with officials at the rank of Captain and above.
- USCP IICD issues the January 3, 2021 Special Event Assessment to all USCP officials at the rank of Sergeant and above.
- USCP personnel attend multi-agency teleconference hosted by MPD in which agencies brief on intelligence and planning for the January 6, 2021 event.
- COP Sund attends briefing for the January 6, 2021 event with law enforcement partners, including the following agencies:
 - MPD
 - DC National Guard
 - HSAA
 - SSAA
 - Architect of the Capitol
 - USSS (uniformed and non-uniformed)
 - FBI (Washington Field Office and HQ)
 - USPP
 - Metro
 - Amtrak
 - US Army Military District
- COP Sund asks Senate Sergeant at Arms (SSAA) Michael Stenger and House Sergeant at Arms (HSAA) Paul Irving for authority to have National Guard to assist with security for the January

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6, 2021 event based on briefing with law enforcement partners and revised intelligence assessment.

- COP Sund's request is denied. SSAA and HSAA tells COP Sund to contact General Walker at DC National Guard to discuss the guard's ability to support a request if needed.
- COP Sund notifies General Walker of DC National Guard, indicating that the USCP may need DC National Guard support for the January 6, 2021, but does not have the authority to request at this time.
- General Walker advises COP Sund that in the event of an authorized request, DC National Guard could quickly repurpose 125 troops helping to provide DC with COVID-related assistance. Troops would need to be sworn in as USCP.
- Revised Joint Session Perimeter Plan issues based on request by the SSAA and HSAA to change existing perimeter.
- SSAA notifies USCP that access to the Senate side of the Capitol is to be restricted to Senators and staff with offices in the Capitol.
- USCP issues "USB Operational Posture for the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021," which provides for the following activities beyond routine in-session staffing:
 - Pre-screener officers at each Member/Staff building entrance for House and Senate Office buildings;
 - Increased exterior patrols;
 - West Front is closed for Inaugural preparations;
 - East Front Plaza access is restricted to Members/Staff;
 - Additional Officers posted at the North and South Barricades to facilitate access;
 - Additional Officers posted at the subways to monitor access to the Capitol;
 - House Wing of the building restricted to Members and staff with offices in the Capitol; and
 - 271 officers and officials assigned to CDU platoons.
- USCP personnel investigate threat to fly a plane into the U.S. Capitol to avenge the death of Qasem Soleimani on January 6, 2021.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

- USCP issues new CDU helmets to CDU "Soft" Platoons 1, 3, 4.

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- USCP IICD begins issuing demonstration updates with information about activity related to the January 6th demonstration that are occurring in the DC Metropolitan area.
- COP Sund holds joint task force briefing to discuss January 6, 2021 event and Inaugural events with police chiefs in the National Capitol Region, the HSAA and SSAA, USSS, FBI, and DC National Guard.
- COP Sund, Assistant Chief Yogananda Pittman, Protective and Intelligence Operations, and Assistant Chief Thomas tour the outer perimeter.
- Final Joint Session Perimeter Plan revised based on feedback from SSAA and HSAA to restrict access to the Capitol Square using bike rack with USCP CDU personnel. HSAA approves the revised plan.
- ACOP Pittman coordinates movement of physical barriers with Security Services Bureau and Architect of the Capitol to conform to new plan.
- COP Sund informs SSAA and HSAA in separate discussions about the DC National Guard ability to provide 125 troops if necessary.
- Final CDU Operational Plan for the January 6, 2021 event issues.
 - Final CDU Plan includes seven CDU platoons, including four Hard Platoons, totaling 276 sworn employees.
 - Final CDU Plan includes the use of less lethal munitions by Grenadiers, including the pepper ball launcher systems and FN-303.
 - Final CDU Plan indicates that CDU platoons are scheduled to report at three distinct reporting times; 0800 hours, 1000 hours, and 1200 hours. This ensures CDU coverage from 0800 hours on January 6, 2021, through 0400 hours on January 7, 2021.
 - Final CDU Plan includes deployment of USCP SWAT teams to act as counter-assault ground teams and provide counter-sniper support.
 - Final CDU Plan indicates that counter-sniper teams must monitor for protesters open carrying or concealing firearms.
 - Final CDU Plan indicates that officers will not independently employ force without command authorization unless exigent circumstances justify immediate action.
 - Final CDU Plan indicates that projectiles will not be fired indiscriminately into crowds.
 - Final CDU Plan indicates that “[i]n the event the protest group size exceeds [USCP] capability to obtain compliance, motors and scouts will create a “box” around the mobile protest group and will block approaching traffic to mitigate any vehicle pedestrian collision.”

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- At approximately 1900 to 2000 hours, USCP task force agent embedded with the FBI emails Intelligence Operations Section a memorandum from the FBI Norfolk office providing additional details regarding the January 6, 2021 event.
- USCP assigns two DPD agents each to the House Floor and the Senate Floor on January 6, 2021. A DPD Sergeant is assigned to manage the agents.
- USCP assigns DPD team of agents and officials to the Ellipse event on January 6, 2021, due to Members attending the event.

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TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
Approximately 0600 hours	USCP deploys counter surveillance agents to monitor and report back on demonstrators at the Ellipse, at metro stations in the area, and around Capitol and Supreme Court grounds, including numbers, their attire, packages or equipment they are carrying, directions from which they are coming or going, any gathering locations, and any suspicious activity.
	USCP deploys DPD agents to the Ellipse as protection for Members in the event of any threats.
	USCP assigns agents to all emergency evacuation vehicles for Congressional Leadership in the House Garages.
0743 hours	USCP begins releasing demonstration updates related to the January 6, 2021 event.
0823 hours	The Department receives intelligence regarding the radio frequency that some of the demonstrators are using to communicate. The Department intercepts the frequency and assigns an intelligence analyst to monitor the frequency and protester activity.
0845 hours	75 to 100 demonstrators walk up Constitution Avenue near North Barricade.
0926 hours	Approximately 50-60 people on the House Egg.
1000 hours	Metro transit personnel investigates suspicious package at Capitol South Metro. USCP personnel respond to assist.

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1002 hours	Suspicious package at Capitol South Metro is cleared.
1022 hours	USCP demonstration update indicates that unconfirmed count put crowd size at 25-30k at the rally on the Ellipse. Update also indicates that organizers of the Ellipse event planning a march to the Capitol after POTUS speech.
1048 hours	USCP demonstration update indicates that large crowd of protesters gathered on East Front remain peaceful.
1051 hours	One group originally permitted for Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 will no longer be demonstrating.
1058 hours	Demonstration group gathers in the Senate Park on the C Street side of the Russell Senate Office Building. Also steady flow of demonstrators walking along Louisiana and Constitution heading west.
1058 hours	USCP learns that another agency has recovered two firearms from an unattended vehicle in Northwest, DC and reports it over the radio for situational awareness.
1059 hours	Approximately 200 Proud Boys gather near Garfield Circle move toward Senate Egg.
1109 hours	Approximately 400 demonstrators on the East Front stretching from Senate Plaza to House Plaza.
1111 hours	USCP demonstration update indicates that MPD found a vehicle with a rifle and scope in plain view at L'Enfant Plaza.
1114 hours	USCP personnel investigate suspicious package at the Supreme Court of the United States ("SCOTUS"), 100 block of East Capitol Street.
1115 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP is continuing to investigate a Suspicious Package at the Unit Block of Second Street NE. Staff and other personnel are directed to AVOID THIS AREA until further notice.
1124 hours	USCP personnel monitors 3-4 counter demonstrators setting up "props" on 3 rd Street and Pennsylvania Southeast.

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1126 hours	USCP investigates a twitter posting indicating that a militia was being formed on Capitol Hill by the Silver Arm Band. Allegedly a man was handed a flyer near the U.S. Capitol that states that a national militia is being organized on Capitol Hill to defend the Constitution and the Republic and that members must wear silver armbands signifying that they are lawful combatants.
1135 hours	Additional demonstrators arrive on the Capitol Square.
1139 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP is continuing to investigate a Suspicious Package at the Unit Block of Second Street NE. Staff and other personnel are directed to AVOID THIS AREA until further notice.
1144 hours	Approximately 100-150 demonstrators walking up Delaware Avenue from Union Station.
1151 hours	USCP demonstration update indicates that MPD is responding to reports of a man with a rifle at 15 th & Constitution Avenue NW.
1151 hours	USCP demonstration update indicates that DHS is investigating two handguns found in a vehicle during a security check at 550 12th Street SW.
Approximately 1157 hours	POTUS Trump begins speech at the Ellipse.
1204 hours	USCP clears suspicious package at SCOTUS.
1215 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP has cleared the incident with the Suspicious Package at the Unit Block of Second Street NE.
1229 hours	USCP personnel reports hearing the sound of a Taser at the Senate Egg. USCP personnel advised for situational awareness and officer safety.
1230 hours	Very large group reported as heading to the U.S. Capitol from eastbound on Pennsylvania Avenue at approximately 7 th Street.
1233 hours	USCP demonstration update indicates that USPP have detained a person armed with a rifle at 17 th Street near the WWII memorial.

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Approximately 1236 hours	USCP personnel and USSS escort VPOTUS Pence into the U.S. Capitol.
1239 hours	JEMNS alert sent: Due to Demonstration Activity, the following road closures are in effect: First Street between Constitution and Louisiana Avenues NW and Constitution Avenue between First and Third Streets NW.
Approximately 1244 hours	USCP personnel investigate explosive device at RNC headquarters.
1245 hours	D.C. police camera captures what looks like a wall of people suddenly arriving about a block west of the Capitol.
1246 hours	USCP personnel shut down Constitution Avenue due to approach of large group of demonstrators.
1248 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP is responding to suspicious package at the 300 Block of First Street SE.
1249 hours	USCP K-9 units sweep Command Post at 1 st and D Streets SE and conduct additional sweeps on 1 st Street.
1252 hours	USCP deploy additional personnel to begin clearing residences and businesses near RNC Headquarters.
Approximately 1253 hours	Insurrectionists at the front of the large group amassing near the Capitol Reflecting Pool pick up a metal barrier and push it into USCP officers. A crowd begins to press onto the restricted Capitol grounds.
1255 hours	USCP directs all available USCP units to respond to the West Front of the Capitol to assist with breaches along the perimeter. USCP personnel instructed to lock Lower West Terrace door and south side.
1256 hours	USCP directs units to respond to Upper West Terrace area to contain insurrectionists.
1256 hours	USCP personnel evacuate construction workers.
1258 hours	COP Sund asks for and receives assistance from Acting Chief Contee MPD.

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1300 hours	USCP personnel advise Metro to have trains bypass Capitol South metro station due to explosive device.
1300 hours	CDU Hard Platoon forms line at Upper West Terrace and less lethal Grenadiers prepare to launch from inauguration stage area.
1301 hours	COP Sund asks for and receives assistance from Chief Thomas Sullivan USSS/UD.
1301 hours	USCP personnel evacuates Madison Building due to explosive device at RNC headquarters.
1303 hours	USCP personnel finds vehicle with explosive chemicals (eleven Molotov cocktails) and a firearm.
1304 hours	COP Sund asks SSAA for declaration of emergency for National Guard support.
1305 hours	Prisoner transport staged on House side plaza.
1306 hours	USCP Grenadiers directed to launch chemical munitions.
Approximately 1306 hours	USCP personnel go door to door to notify residents in the vicinity of the explosive device to evacuate.
1307 hours	USCP personnel investigate explosive device at DNC Headquarters.
1308 hours	USCP personnel deploy OC Spray on Upper West Terrace.
1309 hours	COP Sund asks HSAA for declaration of emergency for National Guard support.
1309 hours	USCP personnel closes the following roadways due to explosive devices at RNC headquarters and 300 block of first street: First Street between C and D Streets SE New Jersey Avenue between Ivy and D Streets SE

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	D Street between New Jersey Avenue and Second Street SE
1309 hours	JEMNS alert set: The USCP is continuing to investigate a Suspicious Package in the 300 Block of First Street SE. Staff and other personnel are directed to AVOID THIS AREA until further notice.
1310 hours	POTUS Trump speech ends.
1310 hours	MPD units respond to South Side Upper West Terrace. ¹
1311 hours	USCP personnel evacuates Cannon Building directing staff to leave underground through the Longworth Building due to explosive devices at RNC and DNC headquarters.
Approximately 1314 hours	USCP personnel raise all south barricades.
Approximately 1314 hours	USCP personnel and USSS evacuate protectee at DNC headquarters.
1315 hours	The following PA/Annunciator message sent: "Evacuate, evacuate, evacuate the Cannon House Office Building immediately due to a suspicious package and internally relocate to the Longworth House Office Building. I repeat evacuate, evacuate, evacuate, the Cannon House Office Building immediately due to a suspicious package and internally relocate to the Longworth House Office Building."
1321 hours	Additional MPD units respond to U.S. Capitol Building.
1322 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP is evacuating the following building due to police activity: Cannon.
1322 hours	COP Sund reiterates request to HSAA for emergency declaration for National Guard support.
1323 hours	USCP personnel arrest two insurrectionists for unlawful conduct at the Upper West Terrace south.

¹ Timeline is not a comprehensive account of all LE partners' arrivals or participation.

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1325 hours	USCP personnel arrest an insurrectionist for unlawful conduct at the Upper West Terrace north.
1330 hours	USCP personnel advise DNC security and Fairchild Building security to have occupants shelter in place.
1334 hours	CDU units report to Lower West Terrace.
Approximately 1335 hours	USCP relocates DPD Leadership Limos from the Senate and House side of Capitol Plaza to the Loading Dock and Rayburn Garage respectively.
1339 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The Cannon Building is executing internal relocation due to police activity. All other staff should remain inside their building until further guidance is received from USCP. If you are outside a building on Capitol Hill follow the direction of law enforcement officers. If you are in the Cannon Building, take visitors, escape hoods, and go kits and report to the South Tunnel connecting to the Longworth, further information will be provided as it becomes available.
1340 hours	COP Sund requests and receives confirmation of support from Ashan Benedict, ATF.
1342 hours	Insurrectionists breach Lower West Terrace fence line and scaffolding.
1345 hours	Insurrectionists breach East Plaza fence by the skylights.
1348 hours	JEMNS alert sent: All CLEAR. The evacuation of the Cannon has been cleared, and any associated road closures will clear momentarily.
Approximately 1348 hours	Insurrectionists breach the Upper West Terrace.
1349 hours	COP Sund requests National Guard Support from General Walker. Advises General Walker that a CPB emergency declaration is forthcoming.
1351 hours	COP Sund calls Metropolitan Washington Consortium of Governments to activate LE mutual aid within the National Capitol Region.

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1353 hours	USCP Library Division deploys 12 officers to respond to Upper West Terrace.
1354 hours	Insurrectionists breach the Inauguration Stage and begin tearing things down.
1357 hours	MPD Hard Platoons respond to Lower West Terrace door.
1359 hours	Insurrectionists breach a barrier at the north side of the plaza.
1359 hours	CDU lines form on Senate Steps and Center Steps of East Plaza. Less lethal munitions deployed to Center Steps.
1400 hours	Assistant COP Pittman orders lockdown of U.S. Capitol Building.
1402 hours	JEMNS alert sent: Due to Police Activity, all personnel are advised to relocate from the Cannon House Office Building to the Rayburn and Longworth House Office Buildings through the underground tunnels. Do not evacuate outside the buildings. All personnel should shelter in place in the Rayburn and Longworth House Office Buildings.
1403 hours	COP Sund reiterates to HSAA request for emergency declaration for National Guard support.
1405 hours	The following Annunciator message is sent: Due to an external security threat, no entry or exit is permitted at this time in the U.S. Capitol Building. You may move throughout the buildings but stay away from exterior windows and doors.
1406 hours	Insurrectionists breach Rotunda steps. USCP deploys 10 units with shields up to the Rotunda door to hold the line.
1406 hours	JEMNs alert sent: The USCP is preparing to disrupt a Suspicious package in the 400 Block of Canal Street SE. A loud bang may be heard in the area. There is no cause for alarm, and no action needs to be taken by Congressional Staff.
1408 hours	Insurrectionists breach House Plaza coming from the south side of the U.S. Capitol building.

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1408 hours	Assistant Chief Pittman orders Capitol Complex wide lockdown.
1410 hours	CPB issues verbal emergency declaration and gives authority for National Guard deployment.
1410 hours	JEMNS alert sent: Due to an external security threat located on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol building. No entry or exist is permitted at this time. You may move throughout the building(s) but stay away from exterior windows and doors. If you are outside seek cover.
1410 hours	The following PA/Annunciator message is sent: "Due to an external security threat, no entry or exit is permitted at this time in any building of the Capitol Complex. You may move throughout the buildings but stay away from exterior windows and doors."
Approximately 1410 hours	USCP personnel arrest rioter for kicking in a window on the center steps of the east plaza.
1411 hours	USCP personnel and USSS escort VP Pence from Senate Chambers.
Approximately 1415 hours	USCP DPD units evacuate House and Senate Leadership.
1415 hours	Second floor of the Capitol breached. USCP units directed to respond to Senate chambers.
1415 hours	USCP units directed to respond to the Rotunda, Senate side, first level. USCP orders lockdown of House and Senate Chambers.
1417 hours	The following PA/Annunciator message is sent: Security threat, security threat, security threat. Due to a security threat inside the building, immediately seek shelter inside the nearest office. Take visitors and emergency equipment. Lock all doors if able. If shelter is unavailable, seek cover or concealment. Remain quiet and await further direction.
1418 hours	JEMNS alert sent: Capitol Staff: Due to a security threat inside the building, immediately: move inside your office or the nearest office. Take emergency equipment and visitors. Close, lock, and stay away from external doors and windows. If you are in a public space, find a place to hide or seek cover.

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	Remain quiet and silence electronics. Once you are in a safe location, immediately check in with your OEC. No one will be permitted to enter or exit the building until directed by USCP. If you are in a building outside of the affected area, remain clear of the police activity, await further direction.
1418 hours	USCP personnel barricade Senate Chamber.
1419 hours	Approximately 200 insurrectionists breach Rotunda. USCP Hard Platoon deployed to Rotunda.
1420 hours	Insurrectionists breach Senate door and north side door of the Upper West Terrace.
1422 hours	CDU Platoons 1 through 3 deployed to House side of U.S. Capitol; CDU Platoons 4, 6, 7, and 8 deployed to Rotunda.
1424 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP is preparing to disrupt a Suspicious Package in the 300 Block of First Street SE. A loud bank may be heard in the area. There is no cause for alarm, and no action needs to be taken by Congressional Staff.
Approximately 1426 hours	COP Sund urgently request National Guard support during teleconference with Christopher Rodriguez, DC Homeland Security, Chief Contee, MPD; General Walker, DC National Guard; Muriel Bowser, DC Mayor; Lieutenant General Walter E. Piatt, Army Staff Secretary. COP Sund is advised by the Army Staff Secretary that “we don’t like the optics of the National Guard standing a line at the Capitol” and that his recommendation to the Secretary of the Army will be not to support the request.
1428 hours	Remaining Members evacuated from Senate floor.
1430 hours	Per DC National Guard’s request USCP drafts a formal written request to Department of Defense for National Guard support.
1432 hours	USCP personnel deployed to extract Members in office. ²
1434 hours	Upper West Terrace breached.

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1437 hours	Corridor to House Chamber breached.
1439 hours	USCP personnel begin evacuating Members inside the House Chamber.
1440 hours	FBI personnel investigate an explosive device in the 600 Block of Independence Avenue.
1443 hours	USCP personnel shoots insurrectionist attempting to breach area outside of House Floor.
1444 hours	Assistant COP Pittman orders USCP SWAT team to respond to House Floor.
1444 hours	Officers barricade in third floor gallery of House floor with 12 to 15 members and staff ordered to shelter in place.
Approximately 1445 Hours	USCP Inspector meets with evacuated Congressional Leadership at alternate site to brief them on the situation.
1450 hours	Senate Chamber breached.
1450 hours	USCP SWAT team deployed to extract Members in offices.
1451 hours	USCP SWAT team holds insurrectionists at gun point at the House Chamber door.
Approximately 1451 hours	USCP personnel and LE partners deployed to extract Members and staff from offices.
1457 hours	USCP personnel arrest a rioter in possession of two knives.
1457 hours	Evacuation of Members on House Floor completed.
1457 hours	USCP personnel extract Members in offices.
1504 hours	USCP deploys additional CDU Hard Platoon to Rotunda.
1507 hours	Approximately 20 ATF and FBI personnel arrive at speaker's lobby.
1509 hours	Montgomery County PD through checkpoint 7 heading to North Barricade.

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1518 hours	USCP personnel extract Member and staff from office.
1526 hours	USCP deploys K9 unit for sweep at New Jersey and Independence Avenue to assist DC Fire.
Approximately 1532 hours	USCP and LE partners clear Senate Floor, second floor, Rotunda, and South Wing of the first floor of unauthorized persons.
Approximately 1532 hours	A Hard Platoon of about 40 DHS officers deployed.
1533 hours	Explosive device at RNC headquarters is cleared.
1541 hours	JEMNS alert sent: Capitol Staff. Due to a security threat inside the building, immediately: move inside your office or the nearest office. Take emergency equipment and visitors. Close, lock and stay away from external doors and windows. If you are in a public space, find a place to hide or seek cover. Remain quiet and silence electronics. Once you are in a safe location, immediately check in with your OEC.
1543 hours	USCP personnel extract Members from office.
1547 hours	USCP personnel clear Rotunda and secure broken Rotunda door.
1551 hours	Armed squad of Arlington County Police arrive and deploy to Lower West Terrace.
1554 hours	USCP personnel extract staff who called for assistance.
1559 hours	USCP personnel arrest an insurrectionist near the Hart loading dock.
Approximately 1601 hours	USCP personnel extract staff from office.
1607 hours	USCP personnel extract staff from office.
Approximately 1608 hours	Fairfax Police Department and Virginia State Troopers arrive.

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1609 hours	JEMNS alert sent: All buildings within the Capitol Complex Staff: Due to a security threat inside the building, immediately: move inside your office or the nearest office. Take emergency equipment and visitors. Close, lock and stay away from external doors and windows. If you are in a public space, find a place to hide or seek cover. Remain quiet and silence electronics. Once you are in a safe location, immediately check in with your OEC.
Approximately 1611 hours	SSAA requests USCP extraction team respond to Senate offices in the U.S. Capitol.
Approximately 1613 hours	USCP arrests insurrectionists who jumped through a window in the hallway.
1615 hours	COP Sund teleconference with VPOTUS Pence.
Approximately 1615 hours	USCP personnel extract Member from Lincoln room.
Approximately 1619 hours	Senate Chambers cleared.
1621 hours	JEMNS alert sent: The USCP has cleared the incident with the Suspicious Package in the 400 Block of Canal Street SE.
1628 hours	USCP confirms basement, subways, first floor, and crypt of both wings secure. Also officers reinforcing every access point to include the windows that were shattered. Further second floor, Rotunda, and wings are clear. House chamber is secure.
1628 hours	USCP personnel extract staff barricaded in Senate offices.
1636 hours	Suspicious package at DNC cleared.
1645 hours	USCP personnel deploy munitions at Rotunda door where insurrectionists pushing in doors and breaking windows.
Approximately 1648 hours	USCP personnel and LE partners move insurrectionists off the West Front Terrace.

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1648 hours	USCP deploys chemical munitions on Lower West Terrace to disperse insurrectionists.
1652 hours	USCP arrests two insurrectionists in the Rotunda.
1709 hours	USCP personnel extract staff barricaded in Senate offices.
Approximately 1720 hours	USCP deploys K-9 teams to sweep House and Senate Chambers.
Approximately 1720 hours	USCP arrests one insurrectionist at the staff wing, north side, west front stairs and one insurrectionist north stairs.
1730 hours	USCP and LE partners clear media tower on the West Front.
1736 hours	USCP and LE partners clear West Front, Lower West Terrace and the House and Senate Steps of all unauthorized occupants.
1736 hours	COP Sund meets with VPOTUS Pence and teleconference with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to brief them on the security posture. Advised that the building could be safely re-occupied by 1930 hours.
Approximately 1738 hours	USCP and LE partners push invaders away from the U.S. Capitol building on the West Front.
1745 hours	PA announcement internal and external: There is a curfew in effect at 1800 hours until 0600 hours tomorrow. All individuals are required to leave Capitol Hill or be subject to arrest.
1746 hours	USCP deploys HDS to sweep Senate floor.
1747 hours	Seven National Guard buses headed to north barricade.
1750 hours	USCP and LE partners push insurrectionists off West Front grassy areas to First Street.
1752 hours	USCP and LE partners push insurrectionists off of East Front Plaza.
1756 hours	Fifteen Airport Police Officers arrive and deployed to center deck.

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1801 hours	USCP and LE Partners sweep East Plaza. Confirm clear.
1806 hours	USCP investigates suspicious package at First Street from Constitution Avenue to East Capitol.
Approximately 1807 hours	USCP personnel extract Member and staff.
1813 hours	USCP clears suspicious package at First Street and Constitution Avenue.
Approximately 1825 hours	USCP, National Guard, and LE partners move insurrectionists back to Third Street.
Approximately 1825 hours	COP Sund briefs Senators Schumer and McConnell, and Representative Clyburn over the telephone on the current security posture of the Capitol and the ability of the House and Senate to reconvene in their respective Chambers.
1826 hours	USCP personnel and LE partners confirm that area around the southeast drive has been swept with negative results.
1834 hours	USCP personnel and LE partners confirm that House Chamber is swept, cleared, and negative results in the gallery.
Approximately 1837 hours	USCP and LE partners sweep East Front completed at 1936 hours.
1838 hours	USCP confirms that Senate Floor and Galleries have been swept and are hazard free.
1844 hours	JEMNS alert sent: All buildings within the Capitol Complex staff: Due to a security threat inside the building, immediately: move inside your office or the nearest office. Take emergency equipment and visitors. Close, lock and stay away from external doors and windows. If you are in a public space, find a place to hide or seek cover. Remain quiet and silence electronics. Once you are in a safe location, immediately check in with your OEC.

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1920 hours	USCP and LE partners sweep Third and Fourth Floor of Senate Chambers and confirm clear.
1924 hours	JEMNS alert sent: All buildings within the Capitol Complex staff. Update police activity related to the report of an internal security threat is ongoing. While we encourage Members and staff to remain in the buildings, if anyone must leave: House Personnel: The Longworth South Capitol Door is open for departure only. Senate Personnel: The Northwest Door of the Dirksen is open for departure only.
1925 hours	USCP personnel arrest insurrectionists.
1931 hours	USCP and LE partners sweep Speakers Office.
1936 hours	USCP and LE partners sweep West Front of the Capitol, including Upper West Terrace, West Terrace Areas, outward to First Street, Independence and Constitution.
1938 hours	USCP and LE partners complete sweep of House 2 nd Floor and confirm all clear except for broken window.
1940 hours	USCP personnel arrest an insurrectionist at Inaugural Stage.
1945 hours	USCP personnel investigate suspicious package at Lower West Terrace doors.
1957 hours	USCP clear suspicious package.
2005 hours	USCP personnel investigate suspicious package at Peace Circle reflecting pool.
2012 hours	USCP clear suspicious package.
2031 hours	USCP and LE partners complete sweep of entire Capitol Square, including the Inaugural Stage, and the entire West Front and confirm it is clear.

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2115 hours	<p>JEMNS alert sent: Police activity related to the report of an internal security threat is ongoing. While we encourage Members and staff to remain in the buildings, if anyone must leave:</p> <p>Senate Personnel: The Northwest door of the Dirksen is open for departure only.</p> <p>Additionally, the Hart Senate Office Building is now open for egress only.</p>