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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: 7/28/2013

Time: 9:00 PM

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Type of Incident: Major Disturbance

Location: Downtown Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: 7-28-13/7:16 PM

Case Number: 13-011212

Details:

On the date and time officers encountered a large crowd at Main and Pacific Coast Highway. The crowd had gathered at the conclusion of the Van's US Open of Surfing, an 8 day surf and skate event. A large fight broke out and when officers attempted to break up the disturbance the crowd moved into the downtown area. The crowds began fighting, damaging property and refused to disburse.

HBPD requested mutual aid from other agencies to help disperse the crowd. The area was declared an unlawful assembly and officers have moved in to deal with the crowd and make arrests. The police now have control of the downtown area and the disturbance is quelled.

We do not have any specific information about the number of arrests, number of agencies who have responded, damaged property or injuries at this time.

We will update this press release as soon as possible.

UPDATE 7-28-13 11:30 PM

The Huntington Beach Police Department restored order at approximately 9:00 PM. 8 arrests were made for failure to disperse and those suspects were booked at the city jail. Damage included damage to city vehicles, portable toilets, newspaper racks, broken windows and street signs. Loss of property is still being determined. No injuries were reported.

We are seeking additional suspects and request anyone with pictures, video or information to please call the Huntington Beach Police Department Hotline at 714 375-5066.