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**From:** COPPINGER, Barry (C8513)  
**Sent:** 05 June 2020 14:46  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** LEWIS, Richard (p2688); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 9 Minute MIMA Kneel

Thanks [REDACTED] I'll be there myself and I've just been speaking to [REDACTED] who is also intending to attend.  
Regards  
Barry

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2020 14:01  
**To:** [REDACTED] COPPINGER, Barry (C8513)  
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**Cc:** LEWIS, Richard (p2688) <Richard.Lewis2@cleveland.pnn.police.uk>; [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: 9 Minute MIMA Kneel

[REDACTED] Mr Coppinger,  
Please find summary of gathering of people honouring George Floyd on Sunday. I am overseeing and opening Command Room on Sunday. We have been working closely with Protest Liaison Officer and this has also involved a partnership approach with Middlesbrough Council. I have invited [REDACTED] to join me in the command room on the day to assist. There will be also an officer in CCTV working alongside the council and two protest liaison officers assisting the organiser on the day. This will hopefully be the only officers that people attending will see due to sensitive nature of the gathering. The organiser has been made aware of importance of COVID legislation and need to social distance. This will form part of her briefing to persons attending on the day. As you would expect there are numerous contingencies with staffing assigned in event of needing a gradual attendance by officers. At this time we have no confirmed counter protest group which clearly helps but this has also formed part of planning.

- The organiser is [REDACTED] she is currently employed as a [REDACTED] but not working due to Covid 19. I have been made aware that she has no previous convictions and is only known to the Police as reporting person. Therefore no known threat/risk.
- Protest is to gather at 11am with a 11.30 start on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 on Centre Square near to MIMA, Middlesbrough.
- She stated she is not affiliated to the Black Lives Matter movement or any other group, she wants to show the black community of Middlesbrough they are supported and not ignored.
- She is the main organiser and is promoting the event through social media and word of mouth.
- Her intention is to be stood at the bottle of notes with the attending people being on the grass area in front. This area has good CCTV coverage
- She does not have a PA system, but will be utilising a mega phone.
- The gathering is to honour the memory of George Floyd killed during incident with Police in America.
- She will state that all black lives matter and the people of Middlesbrough support them.

- She will ask everyone to kneel for a total of 9 minutes in complete silence.
  - She does not intend to have guest speakers or say anything further.
  - Following the 9 minute kneel she expects people to leave.
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- She confirmed that details of the protest have been mentioned on TFM radio, she does not know who did this and was only made aware as her sister had heard it on the radio
  - She now has 1100 members on the Facebook page, she is going to add at my request a further post reminding them of covid 19 and safe distance etc, she will also state that this is a peaceful protest and to respect the British police. Advised that 136 of these have indicated they may attend. The HUB are continuing to monitor social media.
  - She has 10 helpers that will be assisting on the day

#### Command Structure on day

Gold – ACC Orchard

Silver – [REDACTED]

POPS Bronze – [REDACTED]

Community Bronze – [REDACTED]

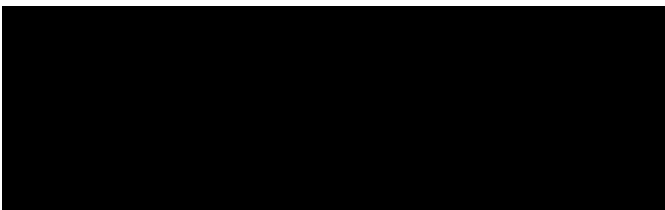
PLO's- [REDACTED]

Intelligence Bronze - [REDACTED]

Council - [REDACTED]

Hope this helps,

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04 June 2020 14:03

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** 9 Minute MIMA Kneel

[REDACTED]

I am aware that there is a peaceful BlackLivesMatter event planned for MIMA on Sunday and you are coordinating the Force response to this. Barry has asked if he could be provided with an update by the end of tomorrow regarding who is organising the event and what the planned Force response is in terms of engagement/cohesion/enforcement.

I hope you are OK in these strange times. These protests/events do present a challenge as to how to deal with people sensitively, especially when the focus is against police racism, albeit it in a different country. We are very lucky to have the police force that we do in the UK, what happens in America never ceases to amaze and appal me.

Take care

*Please note I am currently working from home. I can be contacted through all of the usual methods below*



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