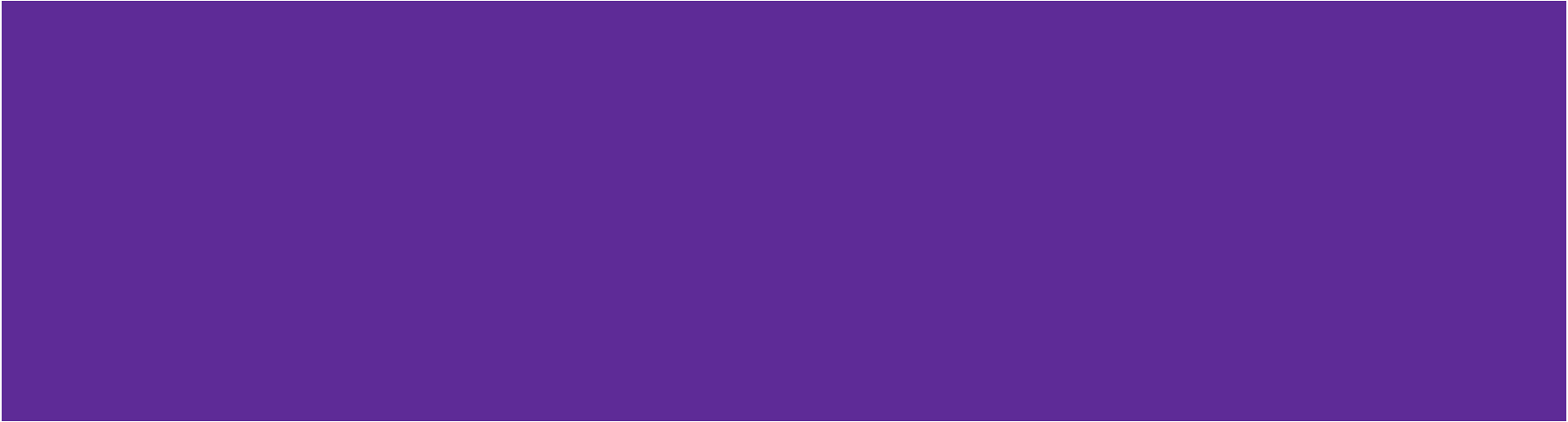


Safety Marshal Training



Welcome & Purpose

Welcome! Thank you for volunteering to be a Safety Marshal

You play a critical role to keeping our protests:

- **Safe**
- **Calm**
- **Organized**

Safety Marshal - What's involved?

- Monitor for hazards, spacing, safety
- Help guide and inform participants
- Coordinate with other marshals
- Use walkie-talkies to communicate quickly
- Be a trusted point of contact for assistance

Key Responsibilities

- Wear a **yellow vest**
- Stay alert
- Keep your section spaced, organized
- Use your **walkie-talkie** to communicate with the team
- Be the point of contact
- Never engage directly with agitators—report and redirect

What to Expect at the Event

- Events run approximately 2 hours
- Check-in 45 minutes before the event
- Get gear (e.g. vest, walkie-talkie)
- Be assigned a zone
- Keep the line **1–2 people deep**, leave sidewalk clear
- Each marshal covers about **50–75 feet** (~20–25 people)
- Know the basics - where is First Aid kit, water, lead marshal?

Best Practices for a Safe Protest

- Bring ID, water, sunscreen, and wear comfortable shoes
- Be calm, alert, and encouraging
- Keep sidewalk access open
- Use the buddy system—no one acts alone
- If someone's distressed, redirect or call in help
- Never escalate or argue—step away and report

Counter-Protesters & Emergencies

If you spot an issue:

- **Don't engage**—stay calm
- **Use your walkie-talkie** or your partner
- Describe what's happening and where
- Keep others focused and away from conflict

De-escalation Basics

- Stay steady and speak quietly
- Avoid reactive language or posture
- Use open body language
- Redirect attention
- Walk away if tension escalates—get backup

Protester Rights

You Have the Right To:

- **Peacefully assemble** on public sidewalks as long as you do not block others or obstruct public access
- **Speak freely** — your right to express your views is protected
- **Record public events** to ensure transparency and accountability

Protester Rights

If Approached by Law Enforcement

- **Assume officers are fulfilling their role** to maintain public safety
- Stay calm, be respectful, and keep your hands visible
- Tell Lead Marshal

Defend Our Protest, Protect Our Name

If an individual is not following our rules of nonviolence and lawful gathering:

- You are not **Protest Police**. You are a Volunteer.
- You are fighting for everyone's right to peacefully assemble
- Marshals promote safety by protecting peaceful protesters

Defend Our Protest, Protect Our Name

If someone acts outside our rules:

1) **Calmly and politely de-escalate** the situation

Remind everyone follow the rules - Stay on the sidewalk

2) **Three calm, respectful warnings** before taking further action

3) No behavior change? **Document** the situation to ensure safety and accountability

Begin video recording

Speak into the phone as you record - what specific behavior is occurring, clarify the individual is **not part of our event**

Q&A + Check-In

Any questions?

Town Hall Meeting

Monday, June 9

Mary C. Jenkins Community Center, 221 Mills Avenue, Brevard

Report - 5:30 pm; Ending - 7:30 pm

Monitoring - outside area around the building; greeting participants

Reclaim Our Flag Celebration

Saturday, June 14, 11:00 - 1:00

Check-in Time: 10:15 am

Location: UUTC parking lot

Parking: County Parking Lot across from UUTC, next to New Adventure Center

Wear sunscreen, bring water, and charge your phone