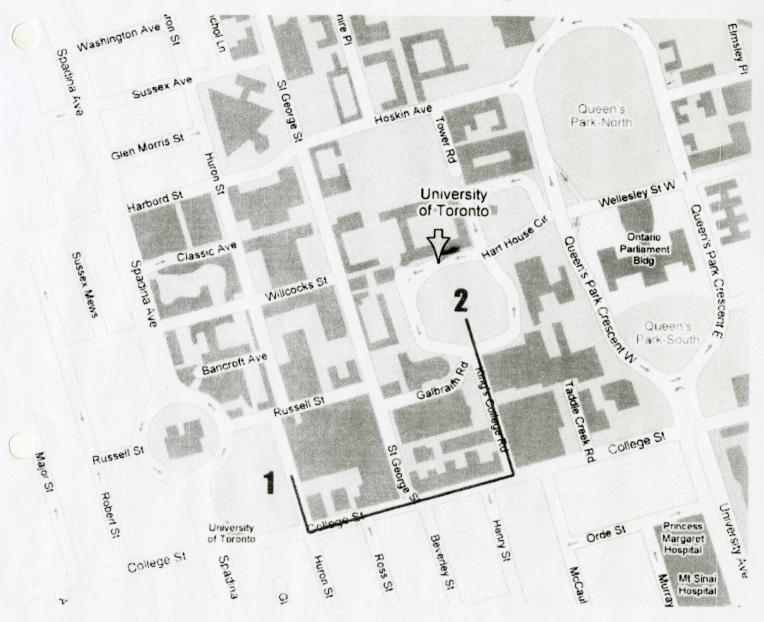
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a guide for marshals at rallies & marches

Role of Marshals at a March

To facilitate the action as planned;

To act as an information source for planners and demonstrators;

To help demonstrators be safe and feel good about demonstrating;

To act as a buffer between police, hecklers and bystanders.

Identifying Marshals

Marshals will be wearing orange reflective vests or orange arm bands.

Tips for Good Marshalling

Don't panic, ever.

Don't do the police's job, ever.

Wear sturdy shoes and clothes!

Have FUN and join in the chants.

What Marshals Do On A March

Front Marshals

Lead at a slow pace, keep march moving steadily, watch for obstructions, assist with directing marchers.

Side Marshals

Block traffic at intersections (facing cars), watch perimeters, keep group in the designate lane on the roadway.

Back Marshals

Bring up the rear, set the pace, make sure no one gets left behind.

What to do at Intersections

Marshals block traffic by forming a line across the intersecting street (many times police will block traffic for us, but even if the police do this, line up between the cops and the marchers);

Groups of marshals need to get to the intersection first (each marshal passes off their spot as the next marshal arrives);

Groups of 4 or 5 wait for the red light (when cars have stopped) and quickly slide out, holding hands and facing the cars;

When the march has gone by, don't dissolve until there is another red light to protect marshals; and

Secure the next intersection in a calm and orderly fashion.

Police Relations

The police see their role at an action as maintaining safety, and acting to protect property and bystanders from damage. They may also see their role as containing demonstrators; to keep us from making a commotion.

Marshals are the primary communication link between police and demonstrators. Marshals should approach police confidently but not aggressively. It is also best to approach police with caution, but not with suspicion. Although ideally, the police are experienced with non-violent protest and will not attempt to intimidate a crowd that is acting lawfully (ie: that is not committing civil disobedience), nevertheless, it is possible that police may act aggressively. Try to be calm during a confrontation with a police officer.

Immediately contact a head marshal to help resolve the issue and to inform them of the situation. All incidents should be reported to a head marshal.

A number of police officers will be present on bicycles and it is possible that there will be police on horseback. The horses are generally used to secure intersections, but particular attention should be paid to keeping demonstrators out of the path of the horses.

NEVER touch a police officer. Any physical contact with a police officer on duty can result in a criminal charge of assault. At the same time, be assertive in your right to demonstrate legally.

If Police Order a Crowd to Disperse

Call in a head marshal to assist with the situation.

If this is not possible, two marshals should try to negotiate with the police officer (one does most of the negotiating and the other provides back-up). All other marshals should maintain their assignments with the main group.

Ask whether the group is breaking the law. If so, can the demonstration be changed to be legal without having to break it up? If not, what is the problem? They may be willing to give the group a set amount more time, for example, or a more limited area in which to demonstrate.

If they are not willing to negotiate, or if they are of the opinion that the demonstration is illegal, the marshals should inform the crowd. The marshals should give the crowd the option of dispersal and, if necessary, help the crowd to disperse in an orderly way.

Crowd Relations

Help to keep the vibe up-beat and positive.

Remember, stress is contagious and rally participants are looking to the marshals for guidance. So, your mood becomes their mood.

If the entire crowd is in danger or panicking, tell everyone to SIT DOWN. This keeps people safer and more non-threatening; it takes control of the street space and allows you to regroup and regain composure.

Bystanders Relations

There may be hecklers at the action. In this case, marshals should **not** ignore them but rather face the problem. If possible, one marshal should approach the heckler and engage him/her in a quiet discussion,

separated from the main body of the rally. You may be able to distract a hostile person and calm them by talking to them gently. Other marshals should monitor this interaction to ensure that it remains peaceful.

Marshals should attempt to de-escalate the situation and should not engage in an aggressive confrontation.

By having marshals take responsibility for such interactions, the rest of the rally participants are not distracted and the march continues on its route.

Preparation

Organise a marshal training meeting before the action to review the logistics for the day. Marshals should be given the following:

training on how to act as a marshal: the philosophy, goals and aims of facilitating an action;

a copy of this pamphlet, "A Guide for Marshals at Rallies & Marches";

a map of the march route, starting and arrival times;

phone numbers for legal head marshals, police liaisons and other relevant contacts;

copies of the peace code and chant sheet for distribution to the demonstrators;

identifying apparel (ie. orange coloured vests);

cell-phones and/or megaphones and/or other communications devices.

Police Liaison

If you must interact directly with the police, you should realise that you will only serve the interests of the demonstration if you stay in control and know why you are doing it. For any action, organisers should identify an individual or a small group of individuals to act as the Police Liaison.

If police centralise this responsibility, so should organisers.

Always direct instructions or questions from the police to the designated Police Liaisons.

In permitted marches, police liaison work will start well before the day of the action.

During an action, individual police officers will often attempt to give instructions to demonstrators and to marshals. However, these instructions are often used simply to make the police's job easier and do not necessarily serve the goals of the campaign.

In permitted and unpermitted marches, marshals should assert the protestors' right to the route and direct the officer to communicate with the designated police liaison. All route changes should be negotiated through the appropriate channels.

In case of a medical emergency

One marshal remains with the injured person, another calls in to a Head Marshal.

If police are the cause of the injury, the second marshal should directly contact a Head Marshal and call over potential witnesses.

Know Your Role

Remember who you are working for - students! Marshals should never act as police officers under any circumstances. As a marshal, you are not keeping order, you are facilitating it. Marshals have no power or authority over other protestors, despite possible disagreements over tactics.

Attempting to act as police officers can put you into particular legal trouble if your actions are inappropriate or are, themselves, against the law. You should never presume to be a legal authority.

Contact List

Central Event Assignments

Central Media Cont	acts:	
XXX:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
XXX:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
XXX:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Rally Set-Up and Te	ear-Down Crew:	
Trouble-Shooting:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Logistics Coordinator:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Tear-Down Captain:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxx
Equipment Expert:	XXX	XXX.XXX.XXXX
Entertainer Liaison:	xxx	XXX.XXX.XXXX
Marshal Team		
Head Marshals and Police Liaisons:		
	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Front Marshal Team	n – UTM Crew	
Front Marshal Captain:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Front Chant Leader:	xxx	XXX.XXX.XXXX
Back Marshal Team - RSU Crew		
Back Marshal Captain:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Back Chant Leader:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
<u>Left-Side Marshal Team – York Crew</u>		
Left Marshal Captain:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Left Chant Leader:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Right-Side Marshal	Team – UTSU Crew	
Right Marshal Captain:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx
Right Chant Leader:	xxx	xxx.xxx.xxxx

Chants & Cheers

1 ... we are the students The students united Will never be defeated 2 ... a little bit louder 3 ... and we want ACCESS Le peuple, uni FOR ... each other jaimais sera vaincu 1 ... we are the students ... Education is a right Des sous pour les ecoles, We will not give up the fight! Pas pour les monopoles! What do we want? We've to beat back REDUCE THE FEES! The corporate attack When do we want it? We've to beat, beat, back NOW! The corporate attack Ain't no power like the power of the students under people attack 'cause the power of the people don't what do we do? STAND UP, FIGHT BACK! SAY WHAT? (college students ... law students ... Tuition Hikes? No THANKS! engineering students ... It's time to tax The BANKS! high school students ... When I say REDUCE, you say pharmacy students ... TUITION ... medical students ...) REDUCE! TUITION! Hey You, Hey You, Hey You! REDUCE! HEY! HEY! HEY! TUITION! We want to stop THE FEE HIKES NOW! We don't want no mac 'n cheese We want to bring **TUITION FEES DOWN!** Yo! Dalton, reduce the fees!

Chansons

« McGuinty, c'est assez
On n'en peut plus de s'endetter »
---« La logique du profit
Fait d'plus en plus de sans-abris »
---« McGuinty, Salaud !
Le peuple aura ta peau.
Le jour venu,
On lui bottera le cul ! »
---« Agenda du capital,
Attaque néolibérale »
---« McGuinty, voleur
Maudit gros ("Ostie de gros "is good too, ahah) crosseur ! »
---« Privé-Public,

Un partenariat hypocrite! »

« On veut étudier, On n'veut pas s'endetter » (in French, on "the ants go marching") Étudiantes, étudiants allons manifester Nos universités publiques sont en danger Car les politiciens nous mentent Et s'foutent de la dette étudiante Faut réduire les frais d'scolarité McGuinty avait promis un gel des frais Sa promesse a été brisée deux ans après Les étudiants sont la rue Car l'endettement on en plus Faut réduire les frais d'scolarité

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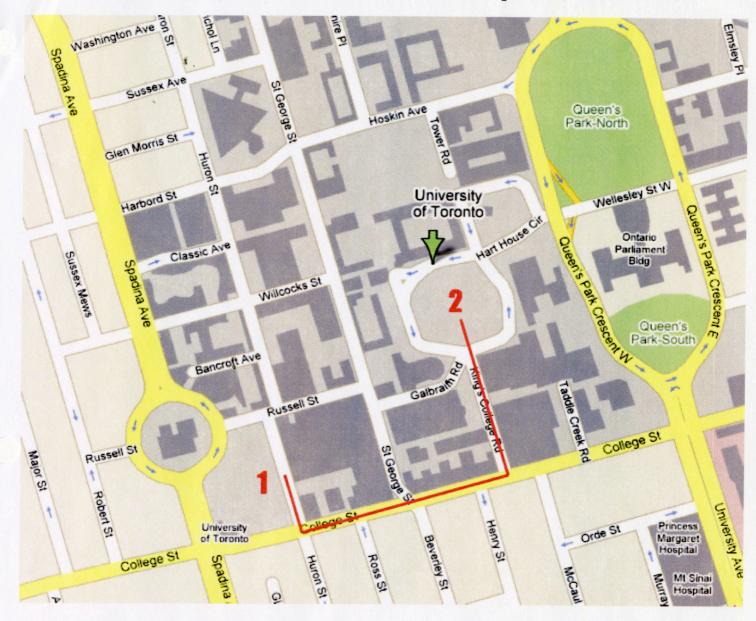
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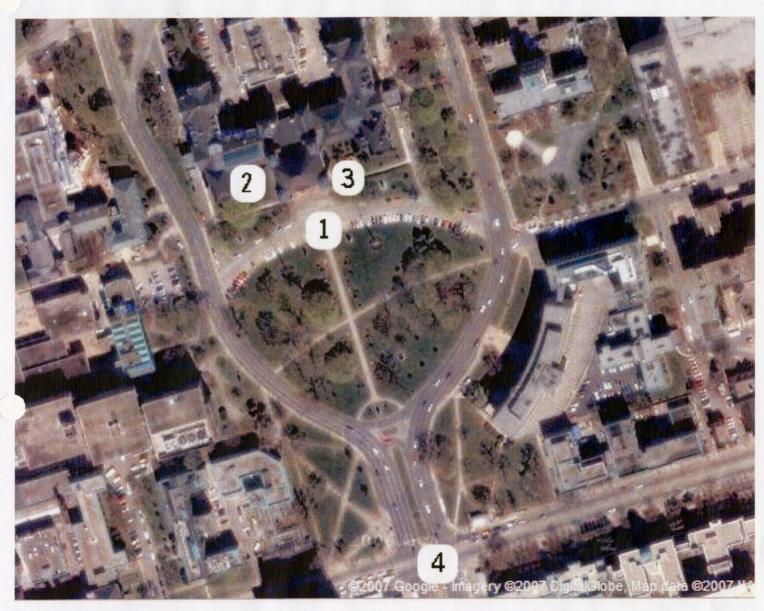


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- 3. Corner of College & University
- 4. Queen's Park
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