



## **5 TIPS FOR COUNTER PROTESTERS: EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER ACTIONS RESPONDING TO HATE AND BIAS MOTIVATED PROTESTS**

1. Contact the local law enforcement agency to open a line of communication in advance of counter protests.
2. Designate a point of contact and request that the local law enforcement agency identify a point of contact for counter-demonstrators and take affirmative steps to facilitate dialogue before, during and after counter-protest activity.
3. Meet with law enforcement in advance of counter-protests to plan safe routes, dispersal plans, and answer any questions you might have about police response.
4. Maintain communication with officers throughout the event day and inform law enforcement about how to identify and contact organizers/monitors at the event (hats, shirts, armbands).
5. Do not engage officers standing in a police line. If you need to communicate with an officer, go to the end of the police line (away from the center of the crowd) and ask to speak to a supervisor or the designated point of contact.