



City of Johnstown Emergency Management Agency

Riots

Pennsylvania has limited experience with disasters related to riots. However, modern day riots in this nation have resulted in extensive property losses due to vandalism and loss of human life. Community disturbances are possible as witnessed by the riots in Philadelphia in 1964, the Watts section of Los Angeles in 1965 and south central Los Angeles in 1992. More recently, the prison riot in October 1989 at the Camp Hill Correctional facility is an example of what can happen when personal/community unrest comes in conflict with lawful authority.