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### Subject Terms

- non-lethal weapons
- social network analysis
- crowds
- leadership
- nominations
- acquaintances
- social bonds
- crowd metrics
- social interactions
- sociometrics
SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSES OF CROWDS

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Target Behavioral Response Laboratory

Introduction

Response to non-lethal weapons fire depends on social relationships among crowd members. Therefore we need a method to assess social factors.

Data Measurement

Social Bonds

“Do you know anyone else who is participating in the study today? If yes, please indicate who you know based on the subject number assigned to them (on their tee shirt or folder).”

Social Interactions

Videotapes coded for pair-wise social interaction among crowd members: Verbal communication, physical contact, gestures, non-verbal auditory signaling. Scored three 2-minute epochs before/during crowd-control force interaction. Inter-rater reliability .94

Leadership Nominations

“Was there a person (or people) in your group that you considered to be a leader (or leaders)? If yes, please indicate all the people that you thought were leaders.”

Social Network Analysis

ORA Version 1.9.5.4.3 (Dr. Kathleen M. Carley, Center for Computational Analysis of Social and Organizational Systems (CASOS), Carnegie Mellon)

• Visualization for insight
• Numerical Sociometrics outputted for formal analyses: density, isolates, linkages among nodes

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