

Possible Roles for Direct Action

- Deploy Team - Everyone involved in deploying an action (including Direct Support, drivers, anyone setting up materials, distracting workers, etc.)
- Leadership team - Their job is to make decisions and delegate tasks. Not to do tasks themselves. They need to be available for questions.
- MC - The face of the action/keeps people energized! (DOES NOT GIVE ORDERS)
- Safety - Keeps an eye out for potentially aggressive people. Focused on de-escalating conflicts.
- Marshall - Helps keep activists organized and in communication. (DOES NOT GIVE ORDERS.)
- Bystander Engagement - Passes out flyers to onlookers and drivers.
- On-site Media - Someone on-site to capture photos, videos, and interviews of the action immediately following deployment. Should quickly pass media to Off-site Media.
- Off-site Media - Person(s) off-site who can turn photos and videos into social media posts and press releases.
- Media Liaison - Person on-site who can call into local newsrooms once the action is deployed. Coordinates reporters as they arrive on the scene.
- Police Liaison - Creates a clear line of communication between protestors and the police. Helps increase safety and may be able to delay extraction. (THE POLICE LIAISON IS *NOT* THE GROUP SPOKESPERSON AND IS *NOT* EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR ANY OTHER PERSON.)
- Live Streamer - Broadcast a livestream of the action via social media.
- “Green” Support - People who gather as close to the action site as possible without breaking any laws. Provide encouragement for the High Risk Arrestables and serve as a deterrent for violence.
- Medic - Trained and equipped to handle common injuries from violence, exposure, or dehydration.
- Legal Observer - Trained by the National Lawyers Guild to document police actions at protests. Works under the supervision of an attorney licensed to practice law in that state.
- High Risk Arrestable - Has agreed to take Direct Action or engage in Civil Disobedience until the point of arrest (i.e., lockdown, trespass, occupy, blockade, etc.)
- Direct Support - Prepares the High Risk Arrestable before the action and supports them during the action.
- Jail Support - Off-site people with a list of potential arrestees’ legal names and dates of birth who track arrestees through the jail system and may help provide access to bond / defense attorneys.