

Report of the Security Committee to the General Assembly 2025-02-02

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Since the formation of the Security Committee, its members have undertaken a variety of tasks and duties and worked towards a variety of tasks and goals. On January 16 our members attended a materials making party hosted by the Agitation and Propaganda Committee. There, we participated in a security training presented by a community member by the name of Shannon. With the information shared with us on the 16th, we were able to improve our strategy for marshaling DSA members at the January 18th people's March.

Due to lack of funding, we were unable to provide walkie talkies to our members marshaling at said March. Until we become an official chapter and receive funding, the Security Committee will continue our communications research. This research not only includes finding safe ways to communicate for future actions, but also possibly finding an alternative to signal.

One of these goals is to develop and formalize detailed and clear guidelines for safe and secure digital communication. We also wish to train our members in marshalling and self defense practices, including de-escalation skills and basic physical, hand-to-hand defense skills. Taking into account the policies of the Trump Administration, the Security Committee sees the need to heavily emphasize anti-police and anti-ICE tactics and training, so that we can adequately defend ourselves against state violence, aggression, and infiltration, and so we can defend our undocumented neighbors from similar violence.

For all this, we require active participants and volunteers. Currently the Security Committee is the smallest of the three committees. In order to accomplish all the tasks that the welfare of the Chapter requires, we need people who are willing to step out of their comfort zone for the benefit of others.

We would also like to elaborate upon a resolution which we will today be voting on, and which is related to the activities of the Security Committee. That resolution, if passed, would form a branch of the Red Rabbits, which is DSA's security wing. The Red Rabbits are responsible for acting as marshals at events, and for training members in good security practices and self defense techniques. The Red Rabbits will act as our Chapter's on the ground security detail, and will act on the suggestions given by the Security Committee based on the research that it carries out.

This concludes the Report of the Security Committee.