

# Flash Mob of 500 Black Teens Challenge Philadelphia Police

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Philadelphia: Police say a mob of 500 teens, ages 12 to 17, amassed outside of the Lonnie Young Recreation Center in Germantown and hurled glass bottles at them, jumped on their cars, and taunted the officers. Police commanders decided not to arrest anyone for fear the situation would escalate.

A flash mob of an estimated 500 teens threw bottles, jumped on cars, and taunted police officers in Philadelphia Sunday night, police say.

Police told [CBS Philadelphia](#) that a large crowd – mostly made up of children between the ages of 12 and 17 – appeared in the street and on the sidewalk outside of the Lonnie Young Recreation Center in Germantown around 6 p.m. Sunday.

Cops say the teens hurled glass bottles at them, jumped on their cars, and taunted the officers.

Police commanders decided not to arrest any of the teens for fear the situation would escalate.

“There’s no reported injuries to police, no reported arrests, and there’s no reported injuries to civilians at this time,” Capt. Drew Techner with Philadelphia Police said. “We closed the Lonnie Young Rec Center for the night after all of this. We’re concerned all the juveniles may re-gather in the same location that they started out. We for [sic] their own safety want them home.”

The crowd **disbursed** finally around 11 p.m. and did not reassemble.

The **Associated Press** reports that none of the teens nor officers were injured, although police did ask stores in the area to close when the teens started to pour into the shops.

Techner added that parents should keep an eye on their kids and enforce a curfew.

“Parents have to be aware of what their kids are doing, who they are with, and what they’re getting involved in. They need to be home at a decent hour,” he said.

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