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**UPSTATE PEACE GROUP TO HOLD DIRECT ACTION TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS THE RNC**

- An upstate New York-based group known as the "*Syracuse Peace Council (SPC)*" has announced plans to hold an intensive "direct action" training weekend in Ithaca, N.Y. in the spring.
  - The group has called for *support from other area affinity groups and the training*, scheduled for the first week in April, is being called as a "truly regional effort."
- The SPC is promoting the training event as the path to "*...build(ing) our own radical activist infrastructure.*"
- The training announcement specifically mentions the following events as potential targets for protest:
  - March 20 "against the Iraq occupation."
  - April 18 "to eliminate the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank."
  - April 25 to stop the overturning or altering of Roe V. Wade
  - Both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions
  - Presidential debate in Erie, PA.
- The announcement mentions *anticipated conflicts with police* and stated that "even those not engaging in non-violent acts of civil disobedience should have trained accordingly to know how to respond to unpredictable events."

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**Key Findings**

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- **Activist Group From Syracuse, New York Area intend On Participating In Direct Action Protests In New York City, During The August 2004 Republican National Convention.**
  - **Group intends to block vehicular traffic at strategic intersections in the vicinity of the RNC site.**



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**UPSTATE NEW YORK ACTIVISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-RNC  
PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY**

- Sources indicate that the activist group **“Syracuse Peace Council”** intends to participate in protest demonstrations targeting the upcoming **August 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City**.
  - Sources indicates that the members of the group intend to meet at several intersections in the vicinity of the RNC site at approximately **0700 hours to block vehicular traffic**.
- Sources indicate that the **group has conducted mock arrest scenarios** to prepare participants for arrest situations.
- While **organizers of this group condone acts of Criminal Mischief against property**, the overall position of the group is to conduct **passive acts of Civil Disobedience**.
- Sources also indicate that members of this group **participated in planning Direct Action protests during the 2000 Republican National Convention that was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**.



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