

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS INVOLVING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance to Department personnel when responding to public reports of incidents, such as alleged kidnappings or other disturbances, which may ultimately be identified as federal immigration enforcement actions.

In these situations, the guiding principles are to maintain the peace, ensure the safety of all parties, and provide clear communication to reduce community confusion and fear.

Background

The Department has received reports of public concern related to the presence of federal enforcement agents operating in the City of Los Angeles. In some cases, agents have reportedly refused to identify themselves, resulting in confusion, calls for service, and tensions between the public and law enforcement. When responding to such calls, Department personnel are expected to remain professional and ensure that the Department's role remains consistent with established Department policy and City directives regarding federal immigration enforcement.

Officer's Responsibilities

When responding to radio calls involving potential federal enforcement actions, officers shall:

- Immediately request a supervisor to respond for "possible federal enforcement action" if one has not already been dispatched.
- When encountering individuals engaged in apparent enforcement actions *who are not readily identifiable as local, state, or federal law enforcement*, attempt to verify the credentials of the on-scene supervisor or federal agent-in-charge and ensure it is captured on body-worn video.

Note: If the individuals are uncooperative, officers shall, from a safe distance, document all available information, including the number of personnel, descriptions of individuals, any visible agency markings, and vehicle descriptions and license plates. The officer shall immediately notify and relay this information to their responding supervisor.

- Once it is determined that the incident is a federal enforcement action, the role of Department personnel on scene is strictly limited to the following core functions:
 - **Maintaining Public and Officer Safety:** This remains the primary objective. Officers shall continue to ensure tactical separation *and take only those actions necessary to safeguard lives and property*. This may include maintaining a safe perimeter or directing traffic to ensure public safety.
 - **De-escalating Tensions:** Officers should act to maintain the peace by using Department approved tactics and techniques to de-escalate potential conflicts with members of the public.
 - **Communicating with the Community:** Officers should provide clear communication to bystanders, reassuring them of the Department's neutral role and explaining that officers are present only to ensure public safety, not to assist with the civil immigration enforcement action.
- Take appropriate crime report(s), if necessary.

Note: A crime report (e.g., for Kidnapping or False Imprisonment) shall be initiated if a member of the community alleges a crime and federal agents or officers have failed to identify themselves after a verification attempt. The report must document the community member's statement and all officer observations. *This includes sworn personnel assigned to the front desk or in any investigative capacity.*

- Ensure that all obtained information is included in the call disposition summary.
- Title all videos on Evidence.com as "Federal Enforcement Action."
- Tag all videos on Evidence.com with the appropriate incident number.

Supervisor's Responsibilities

To ensure proper oversight and adherence to Department and City directives involving federal immigration enforcement actions, supervisors shall:

- Respond to radio calls for service, including kidnapping and possible kidnapping, to which they are dispatched pursuant to this policy.
- Attempt to verify the credentials of the on-scene supervisor or federal agent-in-charge.
- Ensure officers adhere to Department policies regarding federal immigration enforcement actions while maintaining public safety.

- Document all obtained information in the *Sergeant's Daily Report*, Form 15.48.00.
- Notify the Area watch commander of the incident and provide all relevant information.

Watch Commander's Responsibilities

Upon receiving notification of a federal law enforcement action, watch commanders shall document the activity and all pertinent information in their *Watch Commander's Daily Report*, Form 15.80.00, and notify the Area commanding officer.

Area Commanding Officer's Responsibilities

Upon receiving notification of an Area's response to federal immigration enforcement actions, commanding officers shall notify the bureau commanding officer *and the Department Immigration Affairs Liaison (DIAL)*. Area commanding officers shall also ensure Area personnel adhere to the Department's policies and procedures on federal immigration enforcement actions.

Communications Division Responsibilities

Communications Division personnel shall:

- Dispatch a field supervisor to any radio call that includes indicators suggesting possible federal enforcement action; and,
- Dispatch a field supervisor to all kidnapping-related radio calls.

Additional References

In addition to the above-mentioned procedures, personnel should be guided by:

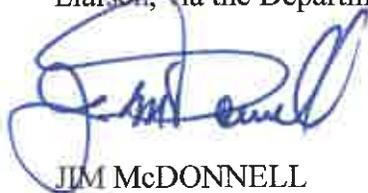
- Department Manual Section 4/264.50, *Enforcement of United States Immigration Laws*, revised by Special Order No. 1, dated March 4, 2025;
- Department Manual Section 4/264.60, *Department Immigration Affairs Liaison*, revised by Special Order No. 1, dated March 4, 2025;
- *Community Policing and Immigration: A Guide to LAPD's Policies – Frequently Asked Questions*, revised by Administrative Order No. 9, dated June 27, 2025;
- Los Angeles Police Department, Training Bulletin, Volume LIV, Issue 2, *Crowd Management, Intervention, and Control – Part I, Guidelines and Objectives*, dated May 2025; and,
- Los Angeles Police Department, Training Bulletin, Volume LIV, Issue 3, *Crowd Management, Intervention, and Control – Part II, Media*, dated May 2025.

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Department Immigration Affairs Liaison, via the Department Operations Center at (213) 484-6700.



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