

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

### NOTICE

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**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS INVOLVING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS – REVISED

The purpose of this Notice is to provide updated guidance to Department personnel when responding to incidents involving federal immigration enforcement actions or enforcement activity conducted by individuals claiming to be law enforcement officers.

This revision incorporates the *guidelines for all City law enforcement agencies contained within Mayor Karen Bass's Executive Directive No. 17, Protecting Angelenos from Ongoing Dangerous Federal Immigration Operations.*

*As with prior iterations of this Notice, the objective remains to maintain the peace, ensure the safety of the community, and provide communication that reinforces public trust and transparency.*

### **Background**

*On February 10, 2026, Mayor Karen Bass issued Executive Directive No. 17, Protecting Angelenos from Ongoing Dangerous Federal Immigration Operations. The Directive provided specific guidance to City departments as to how to address the ongoing federal immigration enforcement activities taking place around the city. To align with the Directive's guidelines, the Department has revised its procedures to reaffirm the duty to render aid; clarify supervisor, watch commander, and Area commanding officer responsibilities; and, establish reporting responsibilities for the Department Immigrant Affairs Liaison (DIAL).*

### **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 enforcement actions who **are not displaying visible identification showing their agency and either a name or badge number**, officers shall request that any individual claiming to be a law enforcement officer present identification and shall ensure the interaction 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. *All immigration-related reports must document the community member's statement and all officer observations. **This obligation to initiate a report includes sworn personnel assigned to the front desk or acting in any investigative capacity.***

**Note:** *Officers shall take a report for any crime they determine is applicable (e.g. Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Impersonating a Peace Officer, etc.) based on community members' statements when individuals claiming to be law enforcement officers are no longer at the scene and there is no opportunity to verify their identification.*

- When encountering individuals identifying themselves as bail bond recovery or bail enforcement agents who appear to be engaged in immigration enforcement activity, officers shall verify their credentials and determine whether they possess a valid judicial warrant or court order authorizing such action. If no such identification or authorization exists, officers shall notify a supervisor and take appropriate enforcement or investigative action;

**Note:** Verification is required only when bail bond or bail enforcement agents are observed or reported to be conducting immigration enforcement activity. Bail recovery actions unrelated to immigration are not subject to this requirement.

- *When made aware that a member of the public has sustained an injury at the scene of any immigration enforcement action, officers shall request emergency medical assistance. Officers shall also render aid, when practicable.*
- Ensure that all obtained information is included in the call disposition summary and associated reports;
- Title all videos on Evidence.com as “Federal Enforcement Action;” and,
- 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 agent-in-charge and **ensure that officers request identification**. Supervisors shall confirm that all verification attempts and responses are captured on body-worn video;
- Ensure officers adhere to Department policies regarding federal immigration enforcement actions while maintaining public safety;
- *Ensure all applicable crime reports are taken and submitted to the watch commander for approval;*
- Document all obtained information in the *Sergeant’s Daily Report*, Form 15.48.00; and,
- 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. *Watch commanders shall also review all related crime reports and ensure the related video evidence is appropriately tagged.*

### **Area Commanding Officer’s Responsibilities**

Area commanding officers shall ensure Area personnel adhere to the Department’s policies and procedures on federal immigration enforcement actions. 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 that all submitted reports pertaining to immigration enforcement are referred to the appropriate entity for criminal filing consideration.*

### ***Department Immigration Affairs Liaison Responsibilities***

*The DIAL shall be responsible for providing a public report to the Board of Police Commissioners no less than monthly, and more frequently as based on the level of immigration enforcement activity. The report shall contain, to the extent allowed by law, aggregated data regarding incidents in which Department officers have documented or received reports of suspected unlawful conduct by immigration enforcement agents.*

*The Office of the Mayor shall be provided the same report no less than monthly, and more frequently as based on the level of immigration enforcement activity.*

### **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 3/603.50, Facial Coverings, established by Special Order No. 1, dated January 27, 2026;*
- *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.*

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact *the Constitutional Policing and Policy Bureau, at (213) 486-8730.*



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