

CULVER CITY POLICE

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RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS INVOLVING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Introduction:

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, these guiding principles are to maintain the peace and 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 Culver City and nearby in the City of Los Angeles.

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 Culver City Resolution 2017-R025.

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, as legally permissible 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:

- **Communicating with the Community:** Only as needed, 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. The on-duty Sergeant or Watch Commander shall contact the reporting party following the report to provide a disposition of the incident.
- **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.

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.
- As legally permissible, 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 the obtained information in the Sergeant's Daily Log.

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 Log, followed by notifying their chain of command.

Thank you,

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