



Memorandum

Mark Bruley, Police Chief

To: All Staff

From: Chief Mark Bruley

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Subject: Assisting Federal Agents

As tensions rise in Minnesota around immigration particularly following reports of increased ICE enforcement affecting the Somali community, I want to ensure we are aligned in our approach and clear on my expectations.

We serve the largest and most diverse community in the State of Minnesota. More than 64% of our residents identify as non-white, and 24% are foreign-born. In light of recent public comments at the national level that have caused concern and fear among immigrant communities, it is important that our residents know where we stand. Many in our community are understandably worried, and we must be attentive to that reality.

Our department enjoys a high level of community support that each of you has worked hard to earn. This trust is essential to our ability to provide effective public safety. A critical component of maintaining that trust is ensuring our community knows that we do not enforce federal immigration laws.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that the federal government is responsible for immigration enforcement. While I have been clear that our department will not directly assist in those efforts, we are seeing increased organized opposition to federal law enforcement personnel as they carry out their duties. Recently, federal agents have requested help from local agencies when confronted by individuals interfering with, or at times attacking, them during lawful operations.

My expectation is that if federal agents, including those involved in immigration enforcement, request assistance due to dangerous or hostile situations, we will respond. Our role in such instances must remain narrowly focused on maintaining public safety, preserving life, and keeping the peace.

Equally important is our duty to protect the constitutional rights of community members to peacefully demonstrate. We must safeguard those rights while also taking appropriate action, including arrests when necessary, against individuals who disregard lawful orders or engage in harmful behavior.

Thank you for your continued professionalism and commitment to our community.