



SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING BULLETIN

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: Paul Joseph
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: U.S. IMMIGRATION AND
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

DATE: February 12, 2025

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The U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been conducting operations nationwide and members of the public have expressed concern about whether the San José Police Department will participate in these operations. Duty Manual section L7911 – U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT states that the responsibility for enforcement of civil immigration laws rests with ICE. The Department is committed to ensuring undocumented immigrants do not fear harassment, arrest, or deportation when they interact with members of the Department, or when they call to report a crime as a victim or witness. For this reason, the SJPD does not stop or detain individuals based solely on immigration status.

Generally, when ICE or any outside law enforcement agency plans to conduct enforcement action or surveillance within the City of San Jose, the agency contacts SJPD Communications; this notification is made to help prevent a “blue on blue” situation. When this occurs, Communications personnel create an “Information Only” event to make Department members aware of the action. Communications personnel also notify the lieutenant (Area Commander) covering the division.

When any outside law enforcement agency is conducting business in San José, SJPD will respond if the agency calls for emergency assistance. SJPD’s response will be to ensure the safety of the outside law enforcement agency and members of the public. In the event that SJPD officers respond, Communications should immediately notify the Area Commander, who should notify the chain of command.

If members of the public inquire about the enforcement actions of outside agencies, Department members may confirm SJPD is not involved and reaffirm its policy on immigration enforcement. However, Department members should not disclose which agency is involved in the enforcement action or comment on any covert surveillance operations of outside agencies, as this could create officer safety issues for the outside agencies.

Department members can remind members of the public that the SJPD does not have the authority to prevent or interfere with any federal agency operating in its jurisdiction. In cases of serious criminal activity, the Department will work with its federal partners, including ICE, to apprehend persons who have active criminal warrants for their arrest. Once apprehended, those suspects are booked into the Santa Clara County Jail by SJPD officers on their criminal arrest warrants. It is the decision of

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the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department whether or not to honor any immigration-related holds or court orders pursuant to these arrests.

Department members are also reminded that, according to Duty Manual section C 1905 – AUDIO, VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDINGS, they will not interfere with members of the public or media who take audio, video, or photographic recordings in areas to which they normally have access.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Joseph". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Paul Joseph
Chief of Police

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