

Lathrup Village Police Department

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26.02	Immigration Enforcement	4
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I. PURPOSE:

This policy establishes clear guidelines governing interactions between the Lathrup Village Police Department (LVPD) and matters related to immigration enforcement, consistent with the U.S. Constitution, Department of Justice (DOJ) guidance, and applicable state and federal law. The intent is to preserve public safety, protect civil rights, and maintain community trust.

II. POLICY:

This policy is consistent with DOJ guidance affirming that state and local law enforcement agencies are not required to enforce civil immigration law and may limit cooperation to avoid constitutional violations and erosion of community trust.

III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Civil Immigration Detainer (Form I-127):** A request to maintain custody of an individual beyond their release time for immigration purposes. This is not a judicial warrant.
- B. Administrative Warrant (Form I-100/I-205):** A federal immigration document signed by an immigration officer, not a judge.
- C. Judicial Warrant:** A warrant signed by a federal or state judge or magistrate based on probable cause.
- D. Detainer:** An administrative request to hold an individual for up to 48 hours. Detainers are not legally binding warrants and may lack constitutional probable cause.
- E. 287(g) Agreement** – a formal, voluntary contract between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and a local, state, or tribal law enforcement agency as authorized by sections 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1996.

IV. LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- A. Federal civil immigration enforcement authority rests exclusively with federal agencies unless expressly delegated by law.**

- B. Detention or arrest based solely on civil immigration violations or administrative detainers, absent a judicial warrant, may violate the Fourth Amendment.
- C. DOJ guidance recognizes the authority of local agencies to decline participation in immigration enforcement and restrict information sharing beyond what is legally required.

V. PERMITTED ASSISTANCE:

- A. LVPD may provide protective, standby presence during an immigration violation investigation only when requested, limited to:
 - 1. Ensuring officer safety and public safety
 - 2. Preventing breaches of peace
 - 3. Responding to immediate threats to life or property
- B. **Lathrup Village Officers shall assist if the following occurs:**
When a subject actively resists an agent and intervention is necessary to ensure the safety of the agent and the subject, Lathrup Village officers shall assist the agent in safely securing the subject in order to minimize the risk of injury to all parties involved.
- C. Any request for LVPD assistance in connection with an agency looking to enforce immigration law shall require prior approval from an on duty watch commander before dispatch.
- D. A written report shall be completed documenting the request, the supervisor's authorization, the nature and duration of LVPD involvement, and any actions taken.

VI. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

- A. **Officers shall not:**
 - 1. Arrest individuals solely for civil immigration violations including but not limited to overstayed VISA status or missed court dates.
 - 2. Conduct immigration status investigations after it has been determined a criminal offense has not occurred.
- B. Officers shall not assist in identifying, locating, questioning or apprehending individuals solely for immigration enforcement purposes.
- C. Officers shall not provide access to LVPD facilities for immigration enforcement activities without a valid judicial warrant or consent from the Chief of Police or their designee.
- D. When acting as a standby unit, officers shall not participate in the following:
 - 1. Assist in immigration questioning
 - 2. Assist in immigration arrests or detentions, unless a safety need arises
 - 3. Provide transportation, interviews or logistical support related to immigration enforcement

VII. INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY RESTRICTIONS:

- A. Federal agencies shall not be granted direct or indirect access to any LVPD databases, systems,

or technology without authorization from the Chief of Police or his designee.

- B. LVPD personnel shall not share information obtained through department systems for immigration enforcement purposes, including but not limited to:
 - 1. CLEMIS
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 - 3. FLOCK Safety systems
 - 4. Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD)
 - 5. Body-Worn Camera systems
 - 6. Any other internal, proprietary, or restricted departmental systems
- C. Information shall be disclosed only when required by law or pursuant to a valid judicial warrant or court order.

VIII. JUDICIAL WARRANTS:

- A. LVPD shall honor only judicial warrants or court orders signed by a judge or magistrate.
- B. Immigration detainers do not constitute judicial warrants and may not be enforced unless the detainer is for a criminal offense

IX. BODY-WORN CAMERAS:

- A. When LVPD personnel are providing standby assistance body-worn cameras shall be activated and used in accordance with existing LVPD body-worn camera policy.
- B. Officers shall not deactivate or fail to activate body-worn cameras to facilitate immigration investigations.
- C. All recordings shall be retained, accessed, and released in compliance with departmental policy and applicable law.

X. OFFICER CONDUCT:

- A. Officers shall remain professional, neutral, and focused on public safety.
- B. Officers shall not inquire into or document immigration status.
- C. Officers shall not prolong encounters or detentions solely to assist immigration investigations unless they are evaluating a detainer.
- D. Officers shall intervene consistent with policy if constitutional violations or safety risks arise.

- E. Officers assigned to schools or other sensitive facilities shall not assist in civil immigration enforcement activities occurring on or near those properties unless:
 - 1. A judicial warrant exists or
 - 2. There is an independent violation of Michigan Criminal law

XI. TRANSLATION SERVICES:

When an officer requires language translation services, the officer shall notify dispatch. Dispatch shall coordinate and connect the officer with an authorized Language Line representative.

XII. TASK FORCE OFFICERS:

In the event that an officer assigned to an outside or federal agency as part of a task force is requested to engage in immigration enforcement activities, the officer shall notify their supervisor prior to participating. Such participation is subject to supervisory review and authorization.

XIII. SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Supervisors shall review all immigration related requests for compliance with this policy.

B. Ensure documentation of any federal request for assistance is completed

C. Notify the Chief of Police via chain of command of any planned federal operation within this jurisdiction.

XIV. COMPLIANCE:

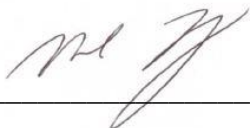
A. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with department rules and procedures.

XV. COMMUNITY TRUST:

The Lathrup Village Police Department is committed to fair, impartial policing and recognizes that community cooperation is essential to public safety. This policy is intended to ensure all community members feel safe reporting crimes and cooperating with law enforcement.

XVI. 287(G) AGREEMENT:

The Lathrup Village Police Department will not enter into a 287g Agreement with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement without prior authorization from the city manager and city council.



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