

We are a group of citizens who would like to better understand our local police and sheriff's policies about immigration. We don't want to depend on hearsay, so we'd appreciate your educating us about your department. We have ten questions for you. Thanks very much for meeting with us.

The first eight questions ask about "your policies" -- meaning your department's policies. The questions are suggested by the ACLU's Model Law Enforcement Rules (a copy is attached).

1, Is your policy, when ICE or CBP asks you to arrest, detain, keep in detention, or transport someone, to require a judicial warrant before complying? Yes___ No___

-- IF NOT, would you prefer such a policy? Yes___ No___

2, Is your policy to let ICE or CBP meet with people in your custody without a court order? Yes___ No___

-- IF SO, would you prefer to change the policy? Yes___ No___

3, Is your policy, when ICE or CBP agents meet with people in your custody, to give the people notice that they are speaking to ICE or CBP agents, and require the agents to wear uniforms and visible badges? Yes___ No___

-- IF NOT, would you prefer such a policy? Yes___ No___

4, Is your policy, when questioning a person whose immigration or citizenship status is not relevant to the questioning, to nonetheless ask about the person's immigration or citizenship status? Yes___ No___

-- IF SO, would you prefer to change the policy? Yes___ No___

5, Is your policy, when a person is in custody or detention for a matter not involving immigration law, to provide ICE or CBP with personally identifiable data about a person's custody status, release date, home address, or information that can be used to determine religion, ethnicity, or race? Yes___ No___

-- IF SO, would you prefer to change the policy? Yes___ No___

6, Is your policy to surveil persons or allow surveillance, by any means, based on religion, race, ethnicity, or immigration status? Yes___ No___

-- IF SO, would you prefer to change the policy? Yes___ No___

7, Is your policy to let anyone who alleges a violation of these policies file a written complaint? Yes___ No___

-- If NOT, would you prefer such a policy?

8, Is your policy to interrogate, arrest, detain, or take any action based on a person's race, national origin, religion, language or immigration status, when those traits have not been specified in timely, relevant, and credible information, from a reliable source, linking an individual to a specific crime? Yes___ No___

-- IF SO, would you prefer to change the policy? Yes___ No___

The next two questions come from members of the group.

9, If your department takes action pursuant to ICE and CBP requests without a judicial warrant, the additional time and expense to your department may be considerable. Do you find the time and expense an undue burden?

10, An editorial -- <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/22/opinion/president-trumps-reckless-shame-game.html> -- in the New York Times suggests that the federal government is campaigning to shame local police agencies, and accuse them of reckless endangerment, unless they comply with federal requests about policing. Have you experienced such a campaign? If it were aimed at your department, how would you respond?