



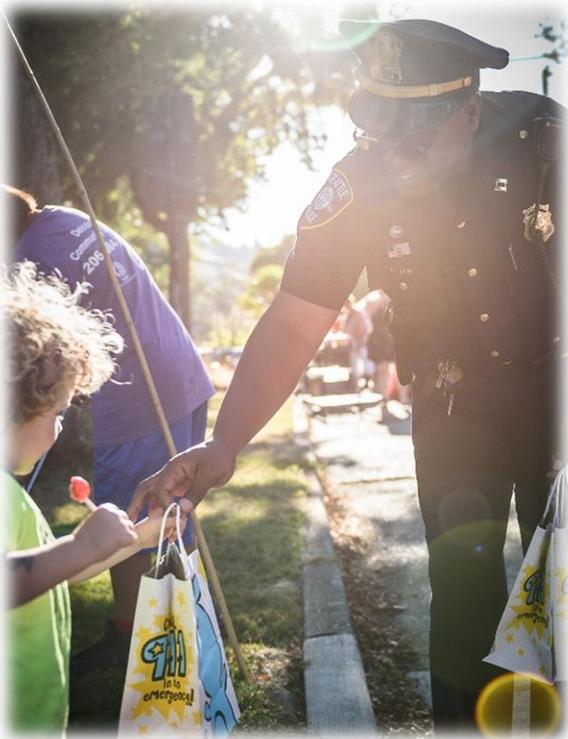
Federal Immigration Enforcement Policies Report

Select Committee on Federal Administration & Policy Changes
Seattle Police Department

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Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-111S-A-2



Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-111S-A-2, adopted with the 2026 Budget, requested that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) report on the implementation plan for [Executive Order \(EO\) 2025-07 – City of Seattle Response to Potential National Guard Deployment](#), and [EO 2025-08 – Strengthening Seattle’s Response to Federal Threats to Immigration and Refugee Communities](#).

Today’s agenda includes:

- Background and related actions,
- The process for developing SPD’s directive,
- The directive details, and
- The process for training and communicating with officers.



Background

October 2025: Mayor Harrell issues [Executive Orders 2025-07](#) and [2025-08](#)

- Establishes Interdepartmental group (“Seattle Resilience Task Force”) and starts Citywide coordination planning
- Requires SPD to issue a Directive

December 2025: Seattle Resilience Task Force Finalize Recommendations:

- SPD conducts a federal response tabletop
- The task force provides input on the draft SPD Directive. Accountability partners share feedback on the directive.

January 2026: Seattle Police Department Directive Transmitted

- SPD Directive relating to Interaction with Federal Law Enforcement finalized





SPD Department Directive

SPD's directive relating to Interaction with Federal Law Enforcement clarifies the department's [6.020 – Interaction with Foreign Nationals](#) policy.

This policy states that employees will not assist or participate in any immigration enforcement actions. Employees will not interfere in federal immigration enforcement actions ([18 USC §1505](#)).



SPD Department Directive

The Directive lays out the process for how they will respond to 911 calls of suspected or unverified ICE activity:

1. If officers receive a 911 call, they will respond to the concerns.
2. When officers arrive, they first will ensure the scene is safe for everyone present, then provide medical aid to any victim(s) as soon as possible.
3. Officers attempt to contact the reporting party, utilizing a language line as needed to facilitate communication.
4. Officers will utilize In-car and Body-Worn Video per manual section [16.090 – In-car and Body-Worn Video](#).
5. An officer will attempt to validate the status of the individuals appearing to be law enforcement by respectfully requesting official identification when safe and feasible, and document the incident.
6. A Patrol Supervisor will respond with officers to the scene and continue to monitor the incident until it is complete.



Directive in Action

Seattle Police Department (SPD) Mission:

The mission of the Seattle Police Department is to prevent crime, enforce the law, and support quality public safety by delivering respectful, professional, and dependable police services.

Concerning the directive, this includes:

- Peacekeeping,
- De- Escalation,
- Rendering medical aid, and
- Documentation



Training & Communication

SPD officers are informed about the Directive's requirements through:

- Clear orders from Chief
- Roll call briefings and discussion
- PowerDMS process
- Longstanding training on related tools (Duty to Intervene, etc.)

Additionally:

- SPD Directives and SPD Policies have the same force and effect
- SPD Directives are sometimes sent to address an immediate issue (in this case, clarifying officer interactions with federal law enforcement)
- Policy Manual update is underway but will take longer to formalize



Closing Statement

The Seattle Police Department's primary responsibility is the life and safety of everyone.

[The City of Seattle is a welcoming city](#) and we abide by all state laws and regulations that prohibit the Seattle Police Department's participation in immigration enforcement.



Questions?