



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Immigration enforcement in Owatonna



The City of Owatonna and the Police Department are committed to providing a safe, secure and respectful community for all. OPD's primary focus and responsibility is public safety.

The Owatonna Police Department will respond if you call for help

Anyone who sees suspicious activity, witnesses a crime or feels unsafe should call 911. To request help for non-emergencies or to file a police report, please call 507.774.7200 or go to the Law Enforcement Center at 204 East Pearl Street.

OPD PATROL OFFICERS WILL...

- Prioritize public safety, protect constitutional rights and help ensure peaceful participation in civic life
- Focus on safety and de-escalation if involved in any way with immigration enforcement
- Be clearly visible with "Police" insignia on uniforms and present a badge or identification card if requested
- Continue serving the community by remaining unbiased regarding immigration activities
- Investigate crimes, make arrests based upon probable cause that a crime has occurred and act upon valid arrest warrants

OPD PATROL OFFICERS WILL NOT...

- Ask people about their immigration status
- Enforce civil immigration laws
- Arrest or detain people because of their immigration status
- Conceal our identity (unless cold weather requires officers to wear facemasks)
- As with all local law enforcement authorities, OPD officers do not have jurisdiction to stop federal authorities

INFORMATION REGARDING OPD & FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- Immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government and is outside the scope, authority and jurisdiction of local law enforcement absent a formal request, training and written agreements.
- OPD does not have a formal agreement with ICE nor does it have the ability to confirm the validity of a federal search or arrest warrant.
- ICE and other federal law enforcement agencies attached to immigration work have not been notifying local law enforcement regarding their operations.
- Federal law prohibits OPD officers from obstructing or interfering with the work of federal law enforcement officers while they are performing their official duties (18 U.S.C. 1501).
- If people engage in stalking, harassment, damage to property or physical attacks against any law enforcement officer, OPD has a duty and responsibility to respond.

Public Safety Advice

OPD encourages community members not to interfere when observing law enforcement actions and to remain peaceful and obey all lawful orders regardless of what agency is involved. Do not engage in stalking or harassment-like behavior. If a citizen is concerned with the legitimacy of the law enforcement officer or activity, call 911 and OPD will respond. Remain calm and peaceful, avoid conduct that obstructs law enforcement activities and follow any lawful instructions from officers.

Resources

To file an internal complaint regarding an employee of FBI, ICE or DHS:

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement
833.442.3677 ICOEPRIntake@ice.dhs.gov
Border Patrol DHS Office of Inspector General
800.323.8603

Minneapolis FBI Office 763.569.8000

To get help determining if a person has been detained by ICE:

ICE Midwest Field Office 612.843.8600
ICE Online Detainee Locator System
locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search