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Richmond Police Department – ICE Related Incident Response Guide

After reviewing recent events, communicating with residents and reviewing Richmond's Fair and Impartial Policing Policy (FIPP), I am providing the following guidance for the Richmond Police Department to follow, should Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) actions or protests directly related to acute ICE enforcement actions arise in town or nearby municipalities.

- The Richmond Police Department cannot interfere or obstruct federal agents who are acting under federal authority in our area.
- Richmond Police Department will not be assisting ICE in any of their enforcement actions, including the execution of a federal judicial warrant
 - Should a Richmond officer independently interact with an individual with a federal judicial arrest warrant, the officer will comply with the federal warrant, even if it is an immigration warrant.
 - The Department will comply with any federal judicial warrant where the department is the subject of the warrant.
- Should a protest arise Richmond Police would respond to the protest, prioritizing public safety, protecting and enforcing citizen rights (including private property owners), maintain roadways open to vehicle traffic.
 - Richmond officers performing these tasks may happen independently of ICE, but in doing so may inadvertently provide ICE "aid." For example, allowing vehicles to move on open roadways does not constitute assisting ICE.



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- Richmond Police will not be a barrier between protesters and ICE officials who are actively conducting enforcement actions*.
 - *Circumstances like private property owners' right enforcement may require officers to be between ICE and protestors.
- Mutual aid requests to other area departments, Richmond PD officers will be allowed to:
 - Respond for traffic control or to staff road closure locations.
 - Assist area department in backfilling other calls for service they may receive and are unable to respond to due to a major incident in their jurisdiction.
- Officers will decline requests for mutual aid for crowd control at an ICE enforcement related protest.
- Officers will adhere to the Statewide Use of Force Policy. Adherence to the Use of Force Policy includes the duty to intervene if the officer witnesses another officer using excessive force.

This document was generated to summarize public feedback and provide guidance to the Richmond Police Department and its officers; however, every situation is different and needs to be evaluated at the time of the incident. Richmond Police Officers will have the discretion to make decisions at the time of the incident, as long as those decisions do not violate the law or the FIPP policy.

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