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### Enforcement of Immigration Laws

Members are reminded that it is the policy of the San Francisco Police Department to foster trust and cooperation with all people of this City and to encourage them to communicate with San Francisco police officers without fear of inquiry regarding their immigration status. It is also Department policy, consistent with its obligations under state and federal law, to adhere to the City of Refuge Ordinance, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 12H.2-1. This ordinance prohibits the use of City resources to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws except in certain limited circumstances.

In accordance with the City of Refuge Ordinance and state law, members of the Department shall adhere to the following:

1. DETENTION/DOCUMENTS. Members shall not stop, question, or detain any individual solely because of the individual's national origin, foreign appearance, inability to speak English, or immigration status (also see DGO 5.03, Investigative Detentions). The mere presence of so called "illegal aliens" is not a criminal offense.
  - a. In the course of their duties, e.g., traffic enforcement, investigations, taking reports, officers shall not ask for documents regarding an individual's immigration status.
2. ASSISTING THE INS. (U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT- ICE) Members shall not enforce immigration laws or assist the INS (ICE) in the enforcement of immigration laws.

Per DB 15-141, both sworn and non-sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge this Department Bulletin in HRMS.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg P. Suhr", is positioned above the printed name of the Chief of Police.

GREGORY P. SUHR  
Chief of Police