



Prince William County Government

*Prince William County  
Police Department*

Illegal Immigration Enforcement Update

February 2008

# Presentation Highlights

---

---

- Background
- Status: Police Three-Phased Approach
- Risk Analysis
- Risk Protection Strategies
- Next Steps



# Background

---

---

- July 2007 resolution mandates for Police (60 day response)
  - ◆ Develop New Policy - Police shall inquire into citizenship or immigration status of all lawfully detained persons for violation of State or local law if probable cause exists to believe that person is in violation of federal immigration law. If violation exists, Police will cooperate with ICE.
    - General Order 45.01
  - ◆ Acquire Federal Immigration Authority - Police shall enter into a 287(g) agreement with ICE
    - MOA with ICE
    - Creation of Criminal Alien Unit



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase I – Policy and Immigration Authority

---

---

### 1. Develop New Policy

- ◆ General Order 45.01
- ◆ Implement in fair, impartial and reasonable manner
- ◆ Staff training underway
  - Legal, documentation, policy, and philosophy
  - Focus: Subjects detained in the normal course of business
- ◆ Anticipated implementation March 2008



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase I – Policy and Immigration Authority

---

---

## 2. Acquire Federal Immigration Authority

- ◆ ICE Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- ◆ Criminal Alien Unit (CAU) established
  - Staff selected from Patrol and CID
  - ICE training began yesterday (Feb. 4) – Frederick, MD
  - 4 week program taught by ICE
  - Extensive Federal Immigration Law
  - Focus: serious criminal aliens involved in significant criminal activity



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase II – Public Education

---

---

- Continuing public education campaign
  - ◆ High volume of media coverage
  - ◆ Media interviews and community meetings
    - 25+ meetings with community groups, schools and local churches
    - First Baptist Church, NVCC, IACP, Chamber of Commerce, Help Save Manassas, etc.
  - ◆ Web site, pamphlets, brochures, DVDs
  
- Management of public expectations
  - ◆ Historically, local law enforcement not involved in immigration
  - ◆ Confusion regarding Police authority and capabilities
  - ◆ Diverse community
    - Significant number of immigrants
    - Policy is directed at criminal illegal aliens



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase III - Evaluation

---

---

- Evaluation team members
  - ◆ University of Virginia
  - ◆ James Madison University
  - ◆ Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
  
- Evaluation design phase currently underway
  - ◆ Initial phase of 2-year program
  
- Interviews of stakeholders
  - ◆ County and police staff
  - ◆ Community leaders and groups
  
- Observation of training, review of procedures and analysis of data



# Risk Analysis

---

---

- Example - New Jersey State Police
  - ◆ Signed consent decree with U.S. Dept. of Justice
    - Eight years of federal monitoring and still ongoing
  - ◆ Compliance with 124 requirements
  - ◆ Implementation of risk management procedures
    - At cost of \$137.5 million
    - Sophisticated computer systems
    - In-car video cameras
    - Increased training and supervisory staff
  
- Model practices
  - ◆ Institute basic risk avoidance procedures



# Risk Protection Strategies

---

---

## □ Current Practices

- ◆ National Accreditation standards including auditing and analysis
- ◆ Quality control audits, reporting, and use of force analysis
- ◆ Early Identification System (EIS)
- ◆ Open complaint policy with analysis

## □ Needs specific to immigration enforcement

- ◆ Enhanced data gathering and reporting
- ◆ New auditing and quality control systems
- ◆ Field recording and equipment
- ◆ Increased supervisory oversight



# Next Steps

---

---

- Continuation of resolution mandates in *fair, lawful, and reasonable manner*
  - ◆ Phase I - Training and implementation of new policy  
Acquiring federal immigration authority – Criminal Alien Unit
  - ◆ Phase II - Public education
  - ◆ Phase III - Evaluation
  
- Action needed from Board – identified in Staff Report
  - ◆ Authorize execution of ICE MOA
  - ◆ Approve budget, transfer, and appropriation from contingency reserve
  
- Consideration of future expenditures for risk reduction strategies

