



Prince William County Government

*Prince William County  
Police Department*

Illegal Immigration Enforcement Update

April 2008

# Presentation Highlights

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- Background
- Status – Three-phased Approach
- Current Findings
- Conclusion



# Background

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- July 2007 resolution mandates for Police (60 day response)
  - ◆ Three-phased approach
    - 1. Development of new policy - General Order 45.01
      - Policy training for all sworn members
      - Acquisition of federal immigration authority – 287(g)
    - 2. Public Education
    - 3. Evaluation
- February 2008 – Last update to Board
- March 3, 2008 – Implementation of policy went into effect



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase I – Policy and Immigration Authority

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- New Policy Developed
  - ◆ General Order 45.01
  - ◆ Staff training completed
    - Jan. 1, 2008 – Feb. 29, 2008 (525 officers trained; 31 civilians)
    - Legal, documentation, policy, and philosophy
  
- Acquisition of Federal Immigration Authority
  - ◆ MOA with ICE
  - ◆ Criminal Alien Unit (CAU)
    - Feb. 29, 2008 - 6 Detectives graduated 287(g) training



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase II –Public Education Campaign

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- Media coverage
- Community meetings
  - ◆ 70+ meetings with religious organizations, educational and special interest groups, media, etc.
- County employee training
  - ◆ Presentations to school supervisors, security, social services
  - ◆ Approx. 300 county employees attended open session classes
- Web site reorganized
- Documents created
  - ◆ Brochures (English/Spanish); FAQs; DVDs



## Three-Phased Approach

# Phase III –Evaluation

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- Evaluation team members (sociologists, criminologists, law enforcement personnel)
  - ◆ University of Virginia
  - ◆ James Madison University
  - ◆ Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
- Evaluation design phase completed
- Implementation phase beginning
  - ◆ Next phase of 2 ½ year program
    - Crime trends                      Survey results
    - Procedural reviews              Stakeholder interviews



# Current Findings

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- Screening process in ADC successful
  - ◆ July 10, 2007 – March 4, 2008; Total of 313 detainers/transfers to ICE
  
- Preliminary results of policy enforcement
  
- Criminal Alien Unit operational
  - ◆ Review of reports; data analysis; liaison with ICE
  - ◆ Coordination with Gang Unit and ICE officials
  - ◆ Finalization of technology and process
  - ◆ Focus on serious criminals; identification mills, gang members, etc.



# Current Findings

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- Continued management of challenges and expectations.
  - ◆ Community misconceptions regarding police authority
  - ◆ Perception of police action based on ethnicity
  - ◆ Limited ICE support
    - Detention capacity
    - Staff constraints
    - Feedback/time constraints
- Review and evaluation of enforcement efforts
  - ◆ Internal tracking and process
  - ◆ Data analysis and reporting
  - ◆ Continued training and evaluation (officer surveys)



# Conclusion

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- Police Department will continue enforcement in a fair and lawful manner, focusing primarily on criminal illegal aliens.
- Evolving process – Police Department will continually monitor and evaluate procedures.
- Protection of victims and witnesses regardless of immigration status.

