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Immigration Matters

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I. Purpose

The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) is committed to fostering trust and collaboration with all people in the city, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, or immigration status. Minneapolis is home to a diverse and vibrant community, and the Department values and celebrates this diversity as a source of strength.

The MPD ensures that immigration status will never impede access to law enforcement services and is dedicated to providing equitable, bias-free service to all members of the community. Protecting the safety and civil rights of every community member remains the core mission of the MPD.

II. Procedures

- A.** The MPD recognizes the fear of deportation prevents some undocumented community members from reporting, interacting, and cooperating with law enforcement. The MPD is dedicated to community policing as a means of reducing crime while building community trust. Therefore, the MPD shall investigate criminal activity without regard to a person's actual or perceived immigration status. Doing otherwise would have a chilling effect on our ability to provide public safety to our community.
- B.** The MPD works cooperatively with all federal agencies, but the MPD does not operate its programs for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws.
 - 1. The enforcement of civil and criminal federal immigration laws falls exclusively within the authority of the federal government and not the MPD. The United States Code, 8 U.S.C. §1101, empowers the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, as the sole authority in immigration matters.
- C.** Members shall not initiate actions to determine, verify or detect a person's immigration status, including but not limited to questioning any person about their immigration status, subject to the narrow exception stated below. (City of Minneapolis Ordinance §19.30 (a)(3))
 - 1. Members shall only initiate the actions above when specifically enforcing laws relating to human trafficking and smuggling where immigration status is an element of the crime.

- a. When questioning, arresting, or detaining any person under this exception, the member shall articulate and document the reason the member believes the exception applies.
2. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit members from assisting federal law enforcement officers in the investigation of criminal activity involving people present in the United States who may also be in violation of federal civil immigration laws in accordance with City of Minneapolis Ordinance §19.30 (a)(4).

D. Identification card of foreign nations may include, but are not limited to:

- Foreign government-issued identification cards, such as passports.
 - Consular identification cards.
 - National ID cards.
1. Members shall take reports for missing, lost or stolen identification cards of foreign nationals in accordance with P&P 4-600 Specific Report Policies and Procedures.

