



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**



Village Releases Response Policy to Federal Law Enforcement Immigration Operations

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Mount Prospect, IL – The Village of Mount Prospect has released its policy regarding Village Response to Federal Law Enforcement Immigration Operations. This policy defines the restrictions placed on the Mount Prospect Police Department under the Illinois TRUST Act, outlines the services offered by the Village's Human Services Department to support residents who are experiencing hardship, and recognizes the severe impact this has on the community. All residents should know that the safety of every member of the community, regardless of immigration status, is the Village of Mount Prospect's highest priority.

As stated in the policy, "the Village of Mount Prospect has seen and heard the concerns from our community regarding aggressive immigration operations from federal law enforcement agencies in the metropolitan area. The concentrated enforcement action has been unprecedented in recent years and has deeply affected many community members who call Mount Prospect home. We recognize and understand that these operations conducted by federal agents within our Village have been highly unsettling and have created an atmosphere of fear in our community."

Although the Mount Prospect Police cannot interfere with federal law enforcement immigration operations due to the Illinois TRUST Act, they urge community members to call 911 and request officer response if they feel unsafe at any time. When requested, an officer will be dispatched to the location to ensure public safety, not to assist in the civil immigration enforcement action itself.

Mount Prospect Police are also aware of community concerns around the identities of federal officers who are not in uniform or are not clearly identifiable. If contacted, officers will respond to confirm the legitimacy of the federal agent's presence.

In compliance with the Illinois TRUST Act, Mount Prospect Police are prohibited from:

- Stopping, arresting, searching, or detaining any person based solely on their immigration or citizenship status or place of birth,
- Complying with federal immigration detainers or administrative warrants,
- Providing support or assistance with an immigration agent's civil enforcement operations,

All officers are fully trained in the mandates of the TRUST Act.

In compliance with Federal Constitutional Law, Mount Prospect Police are prohibited from:

- Preventing federal immigration enforcement officers from operating in any space that is open to the public at large (streets, sidewalks, public parking lots, Village lobbies and public bathrooms, etc.),
- Interfering with federal law enforcement officers' investigations,
- Enforcing any type of federal uniform adjustment (like removal of face masks).

As part of the Village's police social work program, calls for service to the Mount Prospect Police are reviewed by Human Services social workers, who will follow up if there is a social service need.

The social services, emergency assistance, and support provided by the Human Services Department are available to any resident of Mount Prospect. Resources to help community members through difficult times include highly skilled social workers, a donation-based food pantry, and a monthly legal aid clinic. Donations to the pantry can be made at www.mountprospect.org/foodpantry.

Human Services invites any resident who feels unsafe leaving their home or has barriers to accessing these services to call the department at 847-870-5680.

This policy outlines the Village's response to the federal immigration enforcement actions that may occur in the Village of Mount Prospect. Although Village administration will continue to monitor the situation, the Village does not intend to take any additional legislative action at this time. Between the State law mandate to refrain from aid to immigration enforcement and the US Constitutional mandate forbidding interference with it, the Village has determined that no additional regulation is realistic and could detract from the very real support that the Village provides to all its residents during these challenging times, regardless of immigration status under federal law.

The full policy can be viewed on the Village's online [Community Information and Fact Check Portal](#) along with an FAQ and further details on the Illinois state and federal regulations.

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