I. BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) relies on the cooperation of all District of Columbia residents and visitors to support our community policing efforts. MPD cannot develop effective partnerships with our community members if a portion of that community fears that we will enforce civil immigration laws.

The purpose of this executive order is to remind members of our policy on immigration enforcement and to outline new procedures for the enforcement of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) warrants and detainers contained in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

II. PROCEDURES

A. In accordance with longstanding MPD policy, members shall not make arrests solely based on ICE administrative warrants or detainers for federal immigration violations to include administrative immigration warrants for persons with outstanding removal, deportation, or exclusion orders. Additionally, members shall not assist ICE in the arrest or transport of individuals solely based on administrative warrants or detainers.

B. Effective immediately, when members receive a “hit” for an ICE warrant or detainer in NCIC, they shall contact the Teletype Unit on (202)-727-4225. Members shall be diligent in providing the teletype operator with a name and date of birth (DOB) that they believe is most accurate based on their investigation and not necessarily the DOB provided in the WALES/NCIC “hit.” Members shall be cautious not to act solely on the information in a “soundex” return.

C. The Teletype Unit shall contact the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) to confirm the status of the warrant.
1. Upon confirmation from ICE LESC that the warrant is a **criminal arrest warrant**, the Teletype Unit shall notify the officer to enforce the warrant.

2. In instances where ICE does not confirm the warrant is criminal or confirms that the warrant is an administrative detainer for federal immigration violations, the Teletype Unit shall notify the officer who shall take no action on the warrant or detainer.

D. The Teletype Unit shall maintain documentation in the form of a “Hit Confirmation Response (YR)” of all contacts with ICE regarding warrant checks to include the NIC# or warrant number, the date and time of the contact, and the operator ID of the ICE contact.

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