



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

Phoenix Field Office

287(g)

***Steering Committee
Meeting
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ICE Mission

ICE's primary mission is to promote homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration.

This mission is executed through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes and focuses on smart immigration enforcement, preventing terrorism and combating the illegal movement of people and goods.





ERO Mission

To **identify**, **arrest** and **remove** aliens who present a danger to national security or are a risk to public safety, as well as those who enter the United States illegally or otherwise undermine the integrity of our immigration laws and our border control efforts.

Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)
upholds America's immigration laws at, within and beyond
our borders through efficient enforcement and removal
operations.





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Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act

- The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRAIRA) added section 287(g) to the Immigration and Nationality Act. (INA).
- Section 287(g) authorizes the Director of ICE to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, permitting designated officers to perform immigration law enforcement functions, provided they receive appropriate training and function under the supervision of ICE officers.



287(g) Memorandum of Agreement

- The MOA defines the scope and limitations of the delegation of authority.
- It establishes the supervisory structure for the Designated Immigration Officers (DIO) working under the cross-designation and prescribes the agreed upon complaint process governing officer conduct.
- The agreement must be signed by the ERO Executive Associate Director and a senior political entity or the head of the local agency.
- It provides the Designated Immigration Officer selection and training requirements.



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287(g) Memorandum of Agreement

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- All current 287(g) MOAs are valid until June 30, 2016.
- Copies of all current 287(g) MOAs are available to the general public on-line at ICE.gov



Benefits of 287(g) Program

- By working together, local and federal officers can better identify and remove criminal aliens – a tremendous benefit to public safety.
- One of the biggest benefits to our 287(g) partners is that they are able to better identify individuals in custody.
- The 287(g) program continues to receive overwhelming positive feedback from its partners.
- Our state and local law enforcement partners have become a force multiplier, allowing ICE to actively engage more officers/agents into ongoing enforcement operations nationwide that require manpower.



287(g) Training Programs

- Prior to being delegated ICE immigration authority, selected state and local officers must attend and successfully complete ICE's 287(g) Designated Immigration Officer basic training course.
- The basic training program is four weeks in duration and includes coursework in immigration law, the use of ICE databases, multi-cultural communications and the avoidance of racial profiling. This training is conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – Charleston.
- Certified DIOs are also required to attend a one week refresher training course at least every two years.



Agency Priorities –

Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants

- *DHS immigration enforcement authorities continue to prioritize threats to national security, public safety, and border security*
- DHS personnel exercise prosecutorial discretion on a case-by-case basis in the enforcement of immigration laws.



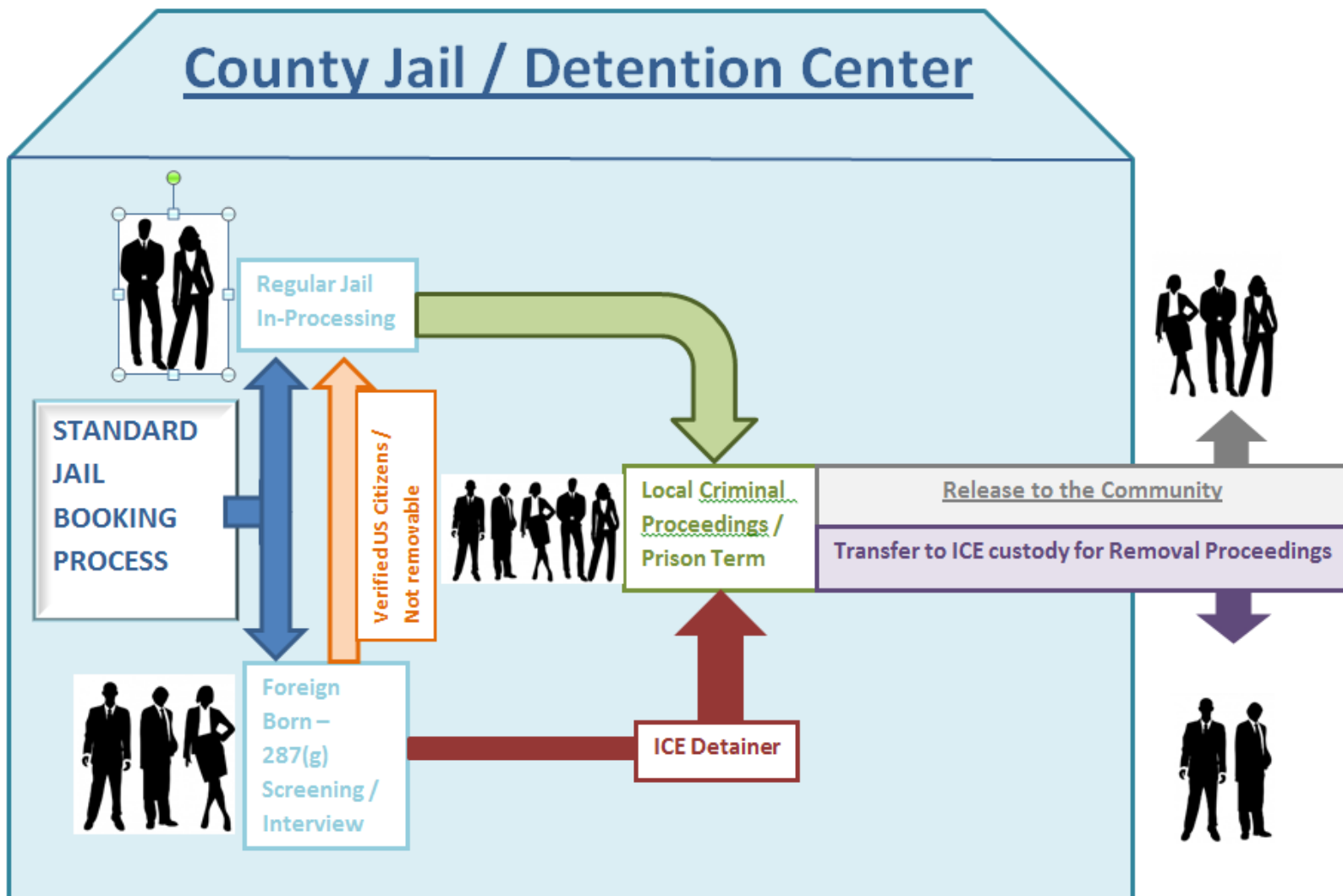
Agency Priorities –

Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants

- **Priority #1:** Individuals who pose a threat to national security, border security, or public safety
- **Priority #2:** Misdemeanants and new immigration violators
- **Priority #3:** Other immigration violators



Processing





Mission and Vision Statement

287(g) Steering Committee Mission Statement

The mission of the steering committee is to (1) improve program oversight and direction, (2) identify issues and concerns regarding immigration enforcement activities, (3) increase transparency, and (4) offer community stakeholders opportunities to communicate community-level perspectives.

287(g) Steering Committee Vision Statement

The vision of the steering committee is to create safer communities and improve national security by enhancing ICE's ability to identify and remove criminal aliens by gaining an independent, community-level perspective on 287(g) operations.



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Questions



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