

# ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS POLICY

Roeland Park Police Department	Date of Issue	Effective Date	Section
DIRECTIVE	Immigration & Enforcement Policy	Authority: Chief John Morris	

I. Purpose:

To provide a safe and secure environment for all persons who live, work, or visit our community regardless of national origin or immigration status.

II. Scope of Enforcement:

The Roeland Park Police Department supports the efforts of all law enforcement agencies who serve and protect those from harm associated with individuals involved in criminal activity. The enforcement of criminal law varies depending on what organization has jurisdiction or enforcement authority. The Roeland Park Police Department does not enforce Federal Immigration Law; however, we do cooperate with all of our Federal partners who may be conducting lawful operations within our community.

III. Policy:

- a. All enforcement action on any individual concerning the status of citizenship will require approval from the Chief of Police or a supervisor.
- b. The Roeland Park Police Department shall not stop, question, or interrogate any individual solely to determine nationality or citizenship status.
- c. The Roeland Park Police Department shall not detain, arrest or incarcerate a person based solely on immigration status.
- d. The Roeland Park Police Department shall not place or enforce an immigration detainer hold on any person solely for Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE").

- e. The Roeland Park Police Department shall not provide any resources or assistance to ICE officials for the sole purpose of enforcement of immigration or citizenship status unless a specific threat to public safety is known.
- f. The Roeland Park Police Department shall cooperate with ICE when required to do so by statute, ordinance, federal law, court order or upon a valid criminal warrant or specific threat to public safety.
- g. If the Roeland Park Police Department is contacted by ICE or any other federal law enforcement officer regarding the criminal activity of someone who may or may not be legally present in the United States, but no official criminal warrant has been issued, the Chief of Police or a supervisor will determine whether or not to cooperate with ICE. In deciding whether or not to cooperate with ICE, the Chief of Police or the supervisor shall consider, among other things, the alleged criminal conduct, the amount of evidence the immigration official has against such person, the impact on public safety, the impact to the individual or other affected parties, and the risk that communication will impact future cooperation with police by immigrant communities.