

## Immigration Violations

### **429.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to members of the Oxnard Police Department relating to immigration and interacting with federal immigration officials.

### **429.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Oxnard Police Department that all members make personal and professional commitments to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of this Department in protecting and serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their national origin or immigration status.

### **429.3 VICTIMS AND WITNESSES**

To encourage crime reporting and cooperation in the investigation of criminal activity, all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting or being addressed by members of law enforcement will not automatically lead to immigration inquiry and/or deportation. While it may be necessary to determine the identity of a victim or witness, members shall treat all individuals equally and without regard to race, ethnicity or national origin in any way that would violate the United States or California constitutions.

### **429.4 IMMIGRATION INQUIRIES PROHIBITED**

Officers shall not inquire into an individual's immigration status for immigration enforcement purposes (Government Code 7284.6).

### **429.5 DETENTIONS**

An officer shall not detain any individual, for any length of time, for a civil violation of federal immigration laws or a related civil warrant (Government Code 7284.6).

An officer shall not detain any individual, for any length of time, for any other criminal violation of federal immigration laws (Government Code 7284.6).

### **429.6 FEDERAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

Members of the Oxnard Police Department will not directly participate in field-level immigration enforcement. Requests by federal immigration officials for assistance from this Department shall be directed to the Duty Chief. The Duty Chief is responsible for determining whether the requested assistance would be permitted under the California Values Act (Government Code § 7284.2 et seq.).