



THE BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN

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PRESS RELEASE

Statement on Local Law Enforcement and Immigration Enforcement in Jenkintown Borough

Jenkintown Borough is proud to be a welcoming, inclusive community. We value everyone who lives in, works in, or visits our Borough. Immigrants are an essential part of Jenkintown's fabric—contributing to our neighborhood, our school, our businesses, and the vibrancy that makes our community special. If you are an immigrant, know that you are welcome here, that you matter here, and that we are glad you are part of Jenkintown.

Our Commitment to Public Safety and Community Trust

The mission of the Jenkintown Borough Police Department is public safety—not civil immigration enforcement. We are committed to protecting the rights, dignity, and well-being of every person, regardless of immigration status. By separating local policing from immigration enforcement, we build trust, ensure fairness, and make clear that fear should never prevent someone from calling the police for help. Trust between law enforcement and the community is essential for effective and just policing, and we work every day to strengthen that trust.

What Jenkintown Police Do

- Provide the same level of service, protection, and respect to all residents, visitors, victims, and witnesses—regardless of immigration status.
- Enforce local and state laws that safeguard public safety and community welfare.
- Encourage all individuals to report crimes, seek help, and cooperate with police without fear.
- Follow all laws governing privacy and the sharing of personal information.
- Notify the Chief of Police and the Mayor of any immigration-related situation that comes to the attention of the Police Department to ensure proper review and accountability.

What Jenkintown Police Do *Not* Do

- Do **not** enforce federal immigration laws; that responsibility lies solely with the federal government.
- Do **not** inquire about a person's immigration status during routine police interactions or when they access any Borough services.
- Do **not** collect or share information such as immigration status, country of origin, or other sensitive personal data except where required by state or federal law.
- Have **not** entered—and will not enter—into ICE's 287(g) program.
- Have **not** assisted ICE with immigration enforcement activities in the Borough.



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How We Handle Requests from Federal Immigration Authorities

Jenkintown Borough will continue to keep our local resources focused and working on local issues.

- We will only cooperate with federal immigration authorities when required by a **valid judicial court order** or as otherwise required by law.
- Should ICE request assistance, the request will be reviewed by the Chief of Police and the Mayor, and the Borough will act only in accordance with legal requirements.
- We do not honor administrative ICE detainer requests or participate in voluntary immigration enforcement programs.

These practices help build trust and ensure that immigrants and non-immigrants alike feel safe calling the police, reporting crimes, and seeking help when needed. No one should fear interacting with local law enforcement.

Our Message to Immigrant Community Members

You are valued.

You are welcome.

And you can count on the Jenkintown Borough Police Department to serve and protect you just as we serve and protect every member of our community.

If you have questions about Jenkintown Borough's policies or your rights, please contact Mayor Lerman or Chief Scott.

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