



# EDGEWATER COLORADO

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## Statement on Immigration Enforcement

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There are a lot of questions surrounding the issue of immigration enforcement and what role the Edgewater Police Department would play if federal immigration operations took place in our city. First, it is important to make clear that immigration enforcement is the job of the federal government and not the police department. Our priority, as stated in our Purpose Statement, is

**“Keeping Edgewater Safe In Partnership With Our Community.”**

To accomplish this goal, we need the cooperation of all people who live in and visit Edgewater. Those in need of help, especially victims of crime, should know that they can safely report a crime to the Edgewater Police Department...regardless of their immigration status. Anything less would leave people vulnerable to crime with nowhere to turn. We need witnesses to help with our investigations, knowing that they can provide the information that is needed to hold criminals accountable, without fear of immigration-related consequences.

We know that people hold different opinions about immigration enforcement. While some people may expect the police department to play a greater role regarding immigration, there are several laws that clearly limit what the police in Colorado can do. By law, peace officers in Colorado cannot detain or arrest an individual based on a civil immigration detainer. Colorado peace officers cannot disclose personally identifiable information, such as names, date of birth, vehicle information, or addresses that are not publicly available for the purpose of cooperating with immigration enforcement. Colorado peace officers also cannot ask about a person's immigration status to determine whether they have complied with immigration laws.

Colorado law also typically requires a police officer to intervene if they see another police officer using excessive force against an individual. This is the expectation of our police officers, no matter which agency the officer belongs to and no matter the immigration status of the person involved.

Outside of that situation, though, it is not the role of the Edgewater Police Department or any City employee to interfere with federal officials conducting immigration enforcement. Edgewater Police officers who may be in the area of immigration enforcement are there solely for peacekeeping purposes.

Immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government. Keeping Edgewater safe is the responsibility of the men and women of the Edgewater Police Department, in partnership with our community.

*We are here to serve and protect everyone in our community. Thank you.*

*Chief Randy McNitt, Edgewater Police Department*