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Community Members,

I want to affirm the Mill Creek Police Department's (MCPD) commitment to public safety and the Keep Washington Working Act (KWW), passed in 2019. This legislation supports trust between communities and local agencies by ensuring that local resources remain focused on protecting neighborhoods rather than federal immigration enforcement.

By safeguarding the rights and dignity of all residents, the KWW encourages people to report crimes, seek help, and engage with law enforcement without fear. It also underscores the vital role immigrants play in Washington's workforce and civic life.

Our mission is clear: to provide professional police services to the community we serve. True safety is built on trust, fairness, and collaboration. Together, we uphold these principles to ensure Washington remains a welcoming and secure place for everyone.

Thank you for your continued partnership in building safe and welcoming communities.

Chief S. White
Mill Creek Police Department

FAQs

Can ICE come into Mill Creek and arrest or detain people?

Yes. ICE is a Federal Law Enforcement Agency and can exercise its jurisdictional powers across the United States to conduct federal immigration enforcement, including arresting and detaining individuals for immigration violations.

Does the MCPD help with immigration raids or other operations?

No. The MCPD does not get involved in federal immigration operations. However, the Department may be required to provide support services to a federal agency taking immigration enforcement action, such as traffic control or peacekeeping efforts, for public safety reasons. The Department would not be directly involved in the immigration enforcement action.



Does the MCPD enforce immigration laws?

No. MCPD Officers are general authority Washington peace officers. They are empowered to enforce the criminal laws of the state of Washington, the City of Mill Creek, and local jurisdictions within the state. Federal laws related to immigration and removability are enforced by federal enforcement agencies, such as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The Keep Washington Working Act (KWW) limits local law enforcement and state agencies from assisting federal immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) with civil immigration matters, prohibiting them from asking about immigration status or detaining individuals solely for ICE (unless necessary for a criminal investigation).

Do MCPD Officers check citizenship status when responding to a call?

Per Department Policy, MCPD Officers shall not (RCW 10.93.160) inquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status, or place of birth unless there is a connection between such information and an investigation into a violation of state or local criminal law.

What should I do if I think someone is impersonating an ICE agent?

While rare, impersonating a law enforcement officer of any kind is a serious crime. Call 911 if you think someone is pretending to be a police officer or federal agent. MCPD Police can respond and investigate.

Will the City of Mill Creek report people to ICE if they try to get a Mill Creek Permit or License? (Right of Way Permit, Pet License, etc.).

No. The City of Mill Creek or MCPD will not investigate any person's immigration status to fulfill City permits or licensing.

