

A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY ON **IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** FROM THE BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The purpose of this flier is to tell you what my Officers WILL and WILL NOT do when it comes to immigration related issues. If you have any questions, please contact me directly: 425-452-2031, SMYLETT@bellevuewa.gov – Chief Steve Mylett

THE BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION STATEMENT IS:

"To provide a safe place to live, work, and visit through quality law enforcement practices delivered by dedicated professionals. We focus our efforts to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime, and enhance the quality of life for all those who call Bellevue home."

This mission statement means that your safety is our priority.



What you need to know: If you are the victim, a witness, or a suspect in a crime, the Bellevue Police will not ask you what your immigration status is.



This rule also applies if you are stopped for a traffic violation. If you are stopped while driving, police will ask to see your drivers' license, vehicle registration, and insurance papers.



If you are arrested, the Officer may ask you what your country of citizenship is in order to provide you with an opportunity to speak with a consular representative from your country. They are NOT asking you this to deport you or to contact immigration authorities.



For suspects accused of felony crimes, we may contact immigration authorities to help us remove these individuals if they are a clear danger to the community. Again, we will never do this in case of a traffic violation or a minor crime.



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