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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Thereupon, the following proceedings were held at 1:30 PM.)

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Hello, everyone. Good afternoon and welcome to the March 16th, 2026, meeting of the State Immigration Enforcement Council.

This is a public meeting convened to discuss matters relating to illegal immigration in the state of Florida. Please keep your microphone muted unless you are a Council member or have been recognized to speak.

Council members, I want to thank you for your willingness to serve, and I welcome your active participation in today’s meeting.

To everyone else joining us online, thank you for being here today. The State Immigration Enforcement Council values public input on the matters before us. After we complete the scheduled agenda items, we will open the floor for public comment.

When it’s your turn to speak, please begin by stating your name. You will have up to three minutes to share your thoughts. We will let you know when the public comment portion of the

1 meeting begins.
2 So, once again, thank you for joining us
3 today. I'm Grady Judd of Polk County. I serve
4 as the chairperson for the State Immigration
5 Enforcement Council. And I appreciate your
6 continued commitment as we work virtually to
7 carry on this important work. Melissa, if you
8 will, call -- call the roll.
9 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Good afternoon.
10 Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.
11 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: I'm here.
12 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Sheriff T.K.
13 Waters. Sheriff Bill Prummell.
14 SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: Here.
15 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Chief Charles
16 Broadway.
17 CHIEF CHARLES BROADWAY: Here.
18 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Chief Ciro
19 Dominguez.
20 CHIEF CIRO DOMINGUEZ: Present.
21 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Chief Robert Bage.
22 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Here.
23 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Chief Doug Goerke.
24 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Here.
25 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Chairman Sheriff

Grady Judd.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I'm here.

DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Sheriff, you have a forum.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Thank you, ma'am. Let's start with our first agenda item, the September 2025 meeting minutes. I need a motion and a second to approve the meeting minutes.

SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: Prummell. So moved.

CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Bage. Second.

SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: We got a -- a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye.

CHIEF CIRO DOMINGUEZ: Aye.

SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Aye.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: As you recall, this Council previously prioritized expenses under the Local Law Enforcement -- Enforcement Immigration Grant Program, and the State Board adopted those recommendations.

An issue that's been identified is transportation needs for detention facilities operating under a current IGSA, or Intergovernmental Service Agreement, with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement that house

1 federal immigration detainees.
2 These facilities, as we know as IGSA, needs
3 a -- a resolution. The resolution would be to
4 allow grant funding requested for transport
5 vehicles to support the safe and secure movement
6 of detainees related to immigration enforcement
7 activities.
8 It’s become clear that the specialized
9 vehicles are necessary to carry out this mission
10 effectively and safely. This resolution
11 recommends a rule change to create an exception
12 to the current prohibition on reimbursing
13 vehicles.
14 Specifically, it would allow designated
15 Florida IGSA detention facilities to be
16 reimbursed for the purchase of one multi
17 passenger van and the necessary upfitting cost.
18 This ensures that they have the right equipment
19 to transport individuals in custody securely and
20 efficiently.
21 I want to stress that this exception is
22 narrow. It applies only to one vehicle per IGSA
23 detention facility, and the funding must have a
24 direct nexus to the immigration enforcement. All
25 other equipment and travel reimbursement rules

remain unchanged as previously outlined from past meetings.

So, today we'll be considering and voting on Resolution 2025-007 which makes that targeted adjustment. So, I want to open the floor for a discussion among the Council.

SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: Is --

(Cross talk.)

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Sheriff Gualtieri?

SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah. I don't have any discussion. I'll make a motion to approve it.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Okay. Other -- other --

SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: This is Bill Prummell. I -- I got a just a quick question.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, sir.

SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: We know that -- we know that these transport vehicles kind of age out with mileage. Depending how long this program goes, will these agencies be able to come back? Because you said it was one time.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I -- I believe that they will. You know, it'll take a long time for a new vehicle to age out, but, yes, sir. It's

1 just like we've already had to tweak and make
2 modifications. We would just do that again.
3 SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: All right, sir.
4 I'll second the motion.
5 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Okay. Chief Broadway,
6 do you have input?
7 CHIEF CHARLES BROADWAY: No comment. I was
8 going to second the motion also, but it was
9 already second. So, I'm good. Thank you, sir.
10 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Have a motion and a
11 second. Any further discussion?
12 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Sheriff, I got one
13 comment to make just real quick.
14 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, sir, Chief Bage.
15 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Did we previously change
16 this to allow the sheriffs to purchase one
17 vehicle as part of the transportation plan?
18 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, we -- I think the
19 sheriffs -- yes. Help me out, Melissa. I'm
20 doing this from memory. I believe so.
21 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: And did that one --
22 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Yes, Sheriff.
23 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: -- also have a
24 limitation on the number of vehicles, or is it
25 just to allow the sheriffs to purchase vehicles?

1 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I think it was one per
2 -- per transportation unit.
3 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Yes. It was one
4 per -- if they were part of the transportation
5 plan for FSA, they could -- could purchase one
6 vehicle only.
7 There's two agencies that are both
8 transportation agencies as well as IGSA
9 facilities. So we would need to get the Council
10 to determine is it one per overall or, if they
11 are part of both, do they get two?
12 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Sheriff Judd?
13 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, Sheriff.
14 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: So the thing for
15 Chief Bage, I -- I think the difference here is,
16 is that you have facilities like Orange County,
17 as an example, that have an IGSA
18 Intergovernmental Services Agreement where they
19 house but it's run by Orange County Department of
20 Corrections, not by the sheriff.
21 So the -- what was already in place would
22 have allowed sheriffs to get the -- who are part
23 of the transportation system that we have -- to
24 get the vans, but Orange County couldn't get it.
25 So, this allows anybody with an IGSA, so that's

1 the difference about what was approved previously
2 and what this new agreement allows.
3 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Okay. That makes a lot
4 of sense, and it's very clear. And I would
5 support granting vehicles to the IGSA, to the
6 sheriffs with transportation issues.
7 I've also heard some rumblings from a few
8 police departments that transporting the illegal
9 detainees also becomes a little bit of an issue
10 because most police departments can only put two
11 people in a car at most, and it also requires the
12 287(g) officer to be doing the transport.
13 So if you come across three or four illegal
14 aliens at a time and you only have one 287(g)
15 officer at the agency, you could run into a
16 transportation issue. And I know that's not on
17 the resolution in front of us today, but I think
18 it's something to keep in mind.
19 Maybe, going forward, Anthony Coker can,
20 maybe, poll some of these local police agencies
21 and see if it's just the one or two that I've
22 heard about, or is there a transportation issue
23 that is larger at some of these local law-
24 enforcement agencies.
25 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes. Certainly, I

1 think it's worthy of discussion, but, you know,
2 the next thing you know, every police agency in
3 Florida could apply for a van. But, you know, we
4 can -- we can control whether we want to advance
5 that to the Board anyway.
6 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Sounds good. I'm good,
7 Sheriff Judd.
8 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: So, Sheriff, if I could
9 speak if -- Doug Goerke. If -- so, I know the
10 FSA got -- they're getting one also, and we're
11 going to do one for the -- under this agreement
12 as well under the IGSA. So, is it still limited
13 to one per agency if you qualify for one or the
14 other?
15 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes --
16 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Or is it still going to
17 be two? Okay. Okay. Just wanted to clarify
18 that.
19 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Just -- just one -- one
20 van per agency if you're a transport agency. So,
21 all sheriffs can't get it, only transport
22 sheriffs and -- and IGSA.
23 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Yes, sir. Got it.
24 Thank you.
25 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: And I think that's an

1 important clarification. Sheriff Gualtieri?
2 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah. Yeah. Just
3 real quickly because I think it -- it's -- it's
4 worked. Chief Bage, just back to your point
5 about those agencies. But remember, I'd say to
6 any -- anybody out there listening is -- is that
7 they can ask somebody from another agency to help
8 them out.
9 And the sheriffs in all 60 -- 67 counties
10 have DIOs, and if they need help, they should
11 just reach out if they run into that situation.
12 So, you get a small police department that needs
13 help transporting, they can.
14 It is true that it is in the protocols about
15 being transported by 287(g) as well. However, I
16 can tell you that -- that -- you know, that is --
17 is probably not as important as these people are
18 getting safely to the jail once they're in
19 custody.
20 So, I think that's being done with some
21 degree of flexibility around the state,
22 rightfully. But there's plenty of sheriff's
23 offices out there that can help out some of these
24 small police departments.
25 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Any further discussion?

1 Okay. We have a motion and a second, and all in
2 favor, aye. Aye.
3 CHIEF CIRO DOMINGUEZ: Aye.
4 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Aye.
5 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Aye.
6 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Aye.
7 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Any opposed? Okay.
8 Motion carries. Thank you very much.
9 Next item, item three, is discussion on
10 policy and a path forward. Melissa, would you go
11 over for us?
12 THE COURT REPORTER: Pardon me, Sheriff
13 Grady -- Sheriff Judd.
14 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, ma’am.
15 THE COURT REPORTER: This is the court
16 reporter.
17 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, ma’am.
18 THE COURT REPORTER: If I may ask, could I
19 please ask for the spelling that Chief Bage made
20 of a -- someone named Anthony Kolkery?
21 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: It’s Anthony Coker.
22 He’s the Immigration Director.
23 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you very
24 much. Would you mind to spell his last name for
25 me, please?

1 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: C-O-K-E-R.
2 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you very much.
3 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, ma'am. Melissa,
4 if you would please, can you go over the data
5 collection and tell us the status of that. And -
6 - and as we look for a path forward, part of the
7 -- this discussion today is -- well, go over the
8 numbers first, and -- and then we can have some
9 discussion.
10 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Sure. So we have
11 five data-collection points. The first one is
12 the suspected unauthorized alien encounter form.
13 As of just a short time ago, 141 of the 401 law-
14 enforcement agencies have reported at least one
15 encounter into the porter that -- portal, so
16 that's 35 percent.
17 For the law-enforcement monthly summary
18 report, 205 agencies out of the 401 law-
19 enforcement agencies have reported at least one
20 monthly summary report which is 51 percent. The
21 rates by month vary, so some agencies may have
22 reported one or two at the beginning, no longer
23 report. Some have started reporting and may not
24 have reported in the beginning. Our highest
25 month was December with a reporting percentage of

43 percent.

Detention-facility reporting, 17 out of the 20 detention facilities are reporting, so that's 85 percent.

State Attorney monthly report summary report, 16 out of the 20 circuits are reporting in Florida. That's 80 percent reporting. And all prisons are reporting at 100 percent.

In that data collection, the certified designated immigration officers are reported by the agencies that are reporting. And as of February 2025, we have 7,254 reported DIOs. And it should note that the deadline for that reporting was yesterday. And, usually, a lot comes in the next couple days, so we should see that number increase.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Thank you, Melissa. And -- and how I would like to open this up is -- is what ideas do we have?

I mean, we've got the suspected unauthorized alien encounters; we've got a 35 percent reporting. I mean, look at that. That's, you know -- what? -- a third. And then, the law-enforcement monthly summary report that's mandated by state law is only 50 percent, you

1 know, only half of the agencies.
2 And you know, it's self-evident that we're
3 not where the law requires us to be or, I think,
4 the intent of the governor. So, what says the
5 body? What -- what do we recommend to the
6 Immigration Enforcement Board? Or do we just let
7 this thing -- you know, the ones that are going
8 to comply with the law. Comply. And the others,
9 you know, if you don't want to, you don't have
10 to. I mean not -- yes.
11 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Sheriff Judd?
12 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Sheriff Gualtieri.
13 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: So -- so, Melissa,
14 can you reconcile this for me? Under that data
15 you have there for detention-facility monthly
16 reporting, you have 17 out of 20. But there's
17 not 20; there's 67 jails in Florida. So, how --
18 how do we get 17 out of 20?
19 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Yeah. That must
20 have been an error when they pulled it. I'll
21 check on that.
22 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah. Because
23 that's not right. That's -- that -- that --
24 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: -- there's only 3
25 detention facilities not reporting, so it would

1 be 64.
2 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Okay. So, 64 out of
3 67 are reported?
4 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Correct.
5 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Okay. So we have
6 three -- three not reporting. So that -- that's
7 pretty high, you know, like 90-like-something
8 percent reporting there.
9 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: And one --
10 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: The thing that I
11 would --
12 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: To -- to add to
13 that --
14 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: I'm sorry. Go
15 ahead.
16 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: -- when I say not
17 reporting -- when I say not reporting, it means
18 they haven't reported any months since August.
19 So, some detention facilities have reported off
20 and on; some have reported every single month.
21 These three detention facilities have not
22 reported at all.
23 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Okay. Well there's
24 no -- there's no room for that. They -- they
25 absolutely have to report. There's no reason why

1 anybody is not reporting, but that -- that is not
2 the case with -- as I understand it -- and
3 somebody will correct me if I'm wrong on this --
4 under the way that the -- the law is worded and
5 the rules worded on the law-enforcement monthly
6 summary report, only those agencies who have
7 functioning DIOs have to report.
8 And that's just the way that the rule was
9 worded on that. So you have a number of law-
10 enforcement agencies in Florida that have 287
11 agreements in place, but that they don't have
12 DIOs.
13 And I believe that there's still a big
14 backlog on getting a number of the police
15 department -- we know the sheriff's offices all
16 have some number of DIOs. Some have a couple;
17 some have a lot. We know FHP has a lot.
18 But as far as the police departments go --
19 and I think, Sheriff Judd, that accounts for some
20 of that -- because of the way that the law and
21 the rule is worded, is those police departments
22 don't have to report unless they have a DIO.
23 As far as the suspected unauthorized alien
24 encounters are concerned is -- is that anybody
25 can report those. But I would suggest that it's,

1 probably to some degree along the same lines, is
2 -- is that if they don't have any functioning
3 DIOs -- that's one number we don't have on here.
4 And Melissa, I don't know if you have access
5 to it or somebody does. So, of the, you know,
6 401 law-enforcement agencies, not who has 287(g)
7 agreements, how many of the 401 have active and
8 functioning task-force model DIOs? That would
9 tell us more about where we are.
10 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: That's not a
11 number that we have readily available, but I can
12 get it for you and send it to you.
13 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Okay. I --I -- I
14 hope -- I think you understand why -- why I say
15 that's really a -- the relevant number. And it -
16 - it is -- can -- am I correct on that, you know,
17 looking at the rule, that they don't have to
18 report by law unless they have functioning DIOs.
19 So that second metric about the 51 percent,
20 it's kind of hard to assess that when we don't
21 know how many have functioning DIOs. That --
22 that might be what the gap is. When you have 400
23 agencies, a whole lot of them may not have any
24 DIOs, and the law doesn't require they report.
25 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Do you know, we --

DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Yeah. We're getting --

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: We had this discussion earlier because of that, but I believe -- and I'm having to do this from memory because I -- I don't have it here -- that the law required all law-enforcement agencies to report. And then we got in the conversation about there was a glitch. That it was only for the DIOs, not -- I -- I forget where we landed at the end of that. (Cross talk.)

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: And maybe that's the conversation we need to straighten out for that. But the bottom line is -- and -- I'll go to you, Chief Bage -- is we're not getting the cooperation that -- that -- that we need to get. So, Chief?

CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: I just wanted to add to what you -- the two sheriffs just said was. I believe that there was confusion in the rule. But, Melissa, wasn't there a recent, maybe two immigration-board meetings ago, where clarity was provided to that rule and it was no longer just agencies with grants, but all agencies? The rule was changed.

DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: It -- it wasn't that it was changed. It was we only had emergency rulemaking for the grants, and the -- the data collection was tied to the grants. And then, since then, the Board, we have to -- we have to apply for regular rule, which takes a little bit longer, but the Board approved that rule a couple meetings ago. Correct.

CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Okay. And I also agree with Sheriff Gualtieri that it'd be nice to see a list of agencies that have 287(g) officers because that would give us a more clear version of who is actually -- has something to report in your summary reporting and who may have nothing to report. Because the numbers may be a little bit confounded if we don't know which agencies actually have 287(g) officers working at them.

But, Sheriff Judd, I mean, I think we -- it's an obligation to every single agency to uphold the law of the state. If we are a rule-of-law state, the rule of law should apply to all agencies across the state.

But with the individual reporting, we copied a lot of what Pinellas County wrote in their standard-operating procedure. And it talks about

1 designated officers by the agency, I believe,
2 Sheriff Gualtieri. So, not all officers are
3 going to report on the summary sheet, correct?
4 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah. Just --
5 that's -- that's right. It just depends upon how
6 you do it. And -- and it -- that varies from
7 agency to agency. So, you know, not everybody in
8 every agency is filling out the suspected
9 unauthorized alien encounter form. So, it's just
10 designated people, so it does vary.
11 And again, I go back to, if they don't have
12 any -- if agencies don't have DIOs, I -- well, I
13 -- I'm very confident that, if agencies don't
14 have DIOs and we don't have that number, that's
15 really a -- a pivot because, if they don't have
16 them, then, they're not doing the alien form. I
17 -- I --I would say that with a high degree of
18 confidence.
19 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: All right.
20 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Is it something we need
21 to push back out to all the agencies again and
22 remind them and give them a data sheet, a cheat
23 sheet. This is what you should be doing. If you
24 have DIOs or if you're encountering these
25 individuals, this must be done.

1 Maybe do the educational piece again and
2 share it with all the agencies. Push it out
3 agency wide or statewide so everyone understands
4 it.
5 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Chief, that -- and
6 that’s -- that’s the point of this that I was
7 going to ask, do we do this? Our job is to make
8 recommendation, or do we recommend that this go
9 to the Enforcement Board?
10 We’ll get the report. We’ll solidify it
11 about here’s all of the agencies in Florida,
12 here’s the agencies with DIOs, here’s the
13 agencies that -- that are reporting, here’s the
14 agencies that aren’t. And then, punt it to them
15 because, as I understand it, you know, we’re --
16 we’re -- we are the subject-matter experts for
17 the Board.
18 And, you know, quite frankly, I can speak
19 for, I think, those of us here. We have talked
20 to our colleagues and sent information out, and
21 it appears at this point that the ones that
22 aren’t doing it just don’t have any intention of
23 doing it.
24 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: I don’t know if
25 that’s the case.

1 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: I agree, Sheriff. I
2 agree.
3 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: I don't know if
4 that's the case because I think we need to know
5 from ICE how many people have 287 agreements
6 where their officers have applied and the
7 paperwork's been filled out.
8 But remember, they got a -- a significant
9 amount of time to do the online training. And
10 last I heard -- and I haven't had an update on
11 this -- they were significantly delayed in
12 processing all the paperwork and getting the
13 actual credentials out to these people.
14 And their rule is you can't engage any
15 enforcement till you get the credentials. So,
16 until we know that there's no longer a
17 significant backlog coming out of ERO in
18 credentialing the people so they can go out there
19 and do the job, I -- I -- I think we got to be
20 careful with that.
21 Because, if there's no backlog and every
22 agency has DIOs and they're all out there but we
23 don't have -- we don't -- we don't know that, I -
24 - like, the bulk of the -- like, the number down
25 here at the bottom, the certified designated

1 immigration officer reported January 25, is
2 6,400. Probably, 2,500 of them are FHP. How
3 many of those are from police departments?
4 You know, a list with it would be helpful,
5 is even for the sheriff's offices. Because,
6 Sheriff Judd, to your point -- and I'll just
7 going to say it -- my understanding is that there
8 are some large sheriff's offices that only have,
9 like, a couple of DIOs. And how many police
10 departments actually have them?
11 I think before we ring the bell on this, we
12 should really get that information. That's just
13 my input.
14 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Sheriff Bage, did you -
15 -
16 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: I mean, Sheriff Judd --
17 I mean, I think there's two issues that conflate
18 each other here.
19 I completely agree with what Sheriff
20 Gualtieri says, that there is a number that we do
21 not know of 287(g) officers that are pending at
22 agencies. And once we get that number, I think
23 we're in a lot better footing.
24 But I also fully agree with what you said,
25 is that there's agencies out there. We've done

education; FDLE has done education; we've had webinars on it. I do not believe that there is an agency in Florida that does not know about 287(g) reporting at least at the summary and, probably, at the individual level.

The only excuse I could see in this matter is what Sheriff Gualtieri brings up is that there's agencies that have not been credentialed yet. I believe we should direct FDLE staff or Mr. Coker to get that number of agencies that are pending 287(g)-certificated officers.

Once we get that number, we can remove those agencies off the list that have not reported yet. But that remainder of that list should be the agencies that are now focused on being not in compliance.

We did the same thing with use-of-force reporting, that I still don't think the state has 100 percent use-of-force reporting, and went over and over with it with education. And it turns out there's just a handful of agencies that just don't want to report for whatever reason.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Other input? What -- what I'll do is I'll -- I'll ask Melissa's and her team to work with Anthony Coker and our team

1 here, and we'll get the best data available.
2 We'll first send it out to all -- I'll give
3 it to Melissa to -- to distribute so we can see
4 who is complying, who's waiting on DIOs to be
5 approved.
6 And -- but -- but at some point in time, we
7 -- you know, we -- we've either got to fish or
8 cut bait. I mean, you know, we're not -- we're
9 not getting this done.
10 And those -- certainly, I -- I understand if
11 you're bogged up in the process. That's --
12 that's a valid excuse if you can't get your
13 credentials.
14 I've not heard that feedback. The feedback
15 I've heard, so far, is because we collected our
16 group -- first group of DIOs and sent them as a
17 complete package. Now ICE is requiring that the
18 individual officer apply and deal with them. So,
19 it would be up to Supervision just to make sure
20 that whatever DIO officers that you were going to
21 designate did that.
22 But we'll try to bring that in for a landing
23 and -- and get data as complete as possible,
24 present it to you. That'll give them another
25 quarter. I would suggest that what we'll do, as

1 we get this data completed before our next
2 quarterly meeting, that whatever data that we're
3 able to collect, that we'll send out or ask FDLEs
4 to send out to every agency in Florida so that we
5 don't report the inappropriate data.
6 And then, we'll bring it in for a landing
7 and send it to the Board and say, hey, here's the
8 best information we have of who's cooperating,
9 who's not, who's DIO-trained, who's not, who's
10 reporting at the jails, and who's not.
11 And then we -- whatever recommendations we,
12 as a Council, have to the Board to ensure
13 compliance, we can talk about that next quarter.
14 Yes, sir.
15 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Sheriff Judd.
16 (Cross talk.)
17 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: So -- so what --
18 what I'd like to see if I -- is -- is all --
19 every law-enforcement agency in Florida, every
20 police department, every sheriff's office, with
21 the number of sworn officers they have, sworn
22 officers and deputies, every police department
23 and sheriff's office, the number of sworn they
24 have, the number that currently have DIO
25 credentials, and the number that have applied and

1 are pending DIO credentials.
2 I think that's really going to tell us
3 because if you have an agency that's got 800
4 sworn and they got two DIOs, if you have an
5 agency that's got 50 sworn and they have 49 DIOs,
6 I think that's going to paint the picture for us,
7 what we need to focus on. That -- for me. That
8 would be very telling.
9 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I -- I -- I think we
10 absolutely should do that, but I think we should
11 take it a step further and then, go ahead and
12 report along with that in the next lines who's
13 reporting and what they're reporting. So --
14 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah.
15 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Any other feedback?
16 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: Sheriff, just to bring
17 up one other item that's related to this but
18 maybe not related --
19 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes, sir, Chief.
20 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: -- is that I recently
21 attended the IACP mid-year conference, and they
22 had an attorney present from Massachusetts who
23 gave a 180-degree stance on local immigration
24 enforcement.
25 And I don't know if there's agencies out

1 there that are still ingesting some of this
2 information from other organizations that is very
3 prohibited to local immigration enforcement and
4 how we counter that message or what type of
5 information we need to put out to, maybe, try and
6 counter that information, still, at the local
7 level.
8 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: So, what did -- what
9 did -- just out of curiosity, what's -- Chief,
10 what did they have to say?
11 CHIEF ROBERT BAGE: So, they had a retired
12 general counsel from the Massachusetts Chiefs of
13 Police Association that basically said detainers
14 are not lawful, there's no authority to hold on
15 detainers, that agencies are being sued over
16 detainers right now across the nation, and that
17 they would recommend taking nobody in custody,
18 basically, for immigration, and that, if any
19 immigration arrest was to take place, it needed
20 to take place outside of the local law-
21 enforcement agency's facility, whether that's a
22 jail, whether that's a police station, or whether
23 that's just amongst your officers that have
24 somebody detained for somebody.
25 It is, basically, the opposite message which

1 we are trying to convey here from our Council and
2 within the state of Florida. I try to push back
3 on that messaging. But if there is anybody that
4 I said -- but that possibly ingest that message
5 from these other organizations, there may still
6 be apprehension in Florida to fully get involved
7 in our mission.
8 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I guess you would
9 expect that from Massachusetts. Okay. Any other
10 discussion about that? I brought up a topic, the
11 state and federal roundtable for immigration
12 studies in February. I attended with Melissa and
13 -- and Anthony Coker.
14 And I had several of my -- I would call them
15 hardcore conservative Republican people of Polk -
16 - in Polk county that are active politically and
17 they're active economically-politically.
18 And their concern is that there are those in
19 the country that have been here for a very long
20 time but have been permitted to stay here for a
21 very long time, that now are, under -- under this
22 particular set of circumstances, are being swept
23 up and taken out of the country.
24 Their statement to me was -- and -- and to
25 our Congressman Franklin -- was these people

1 aren't violating the law. They're not driving
2 without a license. They're not on the government
3 dole for food stamps or EBT or it -- and yet
4 they're being asked to leave.
5 I'm told by one person that this -- there
6 was one lady who was brought here from Colombia
7 as a child, and now she's in her late 20s, trying
8 to go through the process to become legalized.
9 And she was scooped up out of a waiting room at
10 ICE for deportation and back to Columbia.
11 And it was like, well, where in Colombia do
12 I go? I don't have any relatives. I don't know
13 anybody in Colombia, but you're going to put me
14 on a plane and send me back to a country that I
15 left as a child.
16 So, anyway, I brought that issue up. I
17 truly believe that -- and we have encountered a
18 lot of people that needed to be deported that ICE
19 is not readily deporting, and I'll -- I'll talk
20 about that in just a second.
21 And on the other hand, here's someone that
22 they were eager -- eager to deport who came here
23 as a child and, as I understand it, someplace
24 around her late 20s and been married for several
25 years to an American citizen. So I think there -

1 - there needs to be a -- a conversation at some
2 point in time about a path forward for the
3 appropriate people.
4 Now, let me pause there to -- to give you
5 the -- the 180-degree issue, and I'll give you
6 one -- just one from this last weekend.
7 We have an illegal immigrant from Mexico who
8 gets mad, and he punches a glass in the window of
9 his house. And he cuts himself severely. He's
10 drunk, and he staggers around till he loses a
11 significant amount of blood.
12 And we get involved in the process. And he
13 goes to the hospital, and they have to keep him.
14 He's here illegally. ICE says, no, we -- we will
15 not place a detainer on him. Call us back when
16 he gets out of the hospital.
17 So, now there -- we also engage in a sister
18 who's here illegally and in the same family, and
19 they won't deport her because she's got a 16-
20 year-old brother that's here illegally.
21 So -- and we're -- we are encountering
22 people that are Baker Acted. They won't deport
23 them because they've been Baker Acted even though
24 they're here illegally. So, let me frame this
25 really quick: we are removing people that are

1 healthy and can work, but if you're mentally ill
2 or if you have challenges, we'll keep you.
3 So -- so, of -- of the 100 percent of the
4 folks that are here illegally -- and -- and keep
5 in mind this is irrespective of the status of
6 some of these folks.
7 So, if you're -- you're mentally ill or you
8 have a really bad health problem and you can
9 potentially be a real drain on this system, if
10 you get here, we'll keep you, but we'll get rid
11 of the healthy people who are not violating the
12 law and want to work.
13 So, I, morally -- you know, I -- I am a rule
14 follower, and I'm a strict interpreter of the
15 Constitution, and these folks shouldn't be here,
16 anyone, illegally. However, if we're going to
17 have exceptions to the rule, we need to have
18 exceptions to the rule.
19 And the focus in my organization -- and we -
20 -we pick up a lot of people. We've not done
21 anything different in this administration than we
22 did in the Biden administration, than we did in
23 the last Trump administration, than we did in the
24 -- the Obama administration.
25 People we encounter, we check them for

1 warrants. The difference is we've gotten the 1.5
2 million deportation warrants in the NCIC system
3 so we can see it, but I think it's worthy of
4 discussion at some point in time.
5 Somehow -- somehow we -- I -- I look at it
6 in -- in -- in a photographer's eye, okay,
7 because that's my hobby, photography. Right now,
8 I look through the -- the lens of this camera,
9 and it's fuzzy. To -- to me, we need to focus in
10 and get it in -- in sharp, clear contrast to what
11 we need to do and what we don't need to do.
12 And one is to make sure that the top
13 priority is to remove these folks that are
14 violating the law, these people who've been --
15 been through the immigration system, these people
16 who have avoided the immigration system and snuck
17 into the United States.
18 But there are those here that are working
19 hard. They have their kids in college or in
20 school. They're going to church on Sunday.
21 They're not violating the law, and they're --
22 they're in a --they are living the American dream
23 and are being very productive in -- in doing good
24 in this country.
25 So, it seems like to me, the -- the way

1 things are, we're -- we're keeping some in this
2 country that should be deported and are illegal.
3 And there are some that, yes, they're in this
4 country illegal -- illegally, but they -- it's
5 dealt with as a civil event until it gets further
6 in the process.
7 So, I offer that up. I don't -- obviously
8 it's not something we control at the state level.
9 And maybe this is just mental therapy for me, but
10 it seems like it's appropriate for us as a
11 Council to make recommendations how we can be
12 more laser-focused on those that help in this
13 country.
14 And -- and they need to be fined if they're
15 here illegally, but they -- maybe there needs to
16 be a path for them. And the ones that are a
17 problem here and illegally, they need to go to
18 the top of the list with those that are here
19 illegally. And I -- I'll either open it up for
20 discussion -- if everybody else goes, I am not
21 weighing in. We'll move on to the next topic.
22 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: I don't have
23 anything to say other than I wholeheartedly agree
24 with you, but there's nothing we can do about it.
25 It's -- other than Congress changing the law and

1 doing their job to solve the problem with the
2 laws on immigration and -- or policy decisions by
3 the federal government -- but I wholeheartedly
4 agree with everything you said,
5 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Sheriff, I -- I agree
6 with you also. And -- and again, we've -- we've
7 had a lot of these community meetings. We've
8 talked about this numerous times.
9 We're not out just running, chasing people
10 through parking lots and things like that.
11 Normally, the people that we come in contact with
12 are during normal police operations, calls for
13 service, car accidents, and things along those
14 lines.
15 I've even explained to my community too. We
16 find someone that's committing -- committing
17 criminal acts, breaking the law. They're preying
18 on good people in our society. When we go to
19 bring them to the jail, we do the forms. This
20 time they don't get to -- get to release to get
21 back into society. This time they're going back
22 to their country.
23 And that's really how most of law
24 enforcement is operating. I've -- I've spoken to
25 a lot of law-enforcement officers around the --

1 around the state, and that's really what they're
2 doing. So, I -- I agree with what you're saying,
3 sir. I -- I'm with you 100 percent.
4 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Any other input? My --
5 my --
6 (Cross talk.)
7 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Go ahead.
8 SHERIFF BILL PRUMMELL: This is Bill
9 Prummell. You know, early on they were talking
10 about trying to make a pathway for individuals
11 under that, and it just seemed like it fell by
12 the wayside.
13 The problem -- the problem that we're seeing
14 is, just like what was mentioned, is we're
15 dealing with the people that we -- that we
16 encounter during our normal courses of business.
17 We -- you know, we're not out doing
18 immigration enforcement, just raiding businesses
19 and homes. But unfortunately, when ICE gets
20 involved, you have the collaterals, and that's
21 what's happening. And I -- I wholeheartedly
22 agree that Congress, they need to get off their
23 butts, and they need to fix it.
24 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I believe -- I believe
25 this is a fix that this Council could sit down

with the appropriate people from -- from -- from Congress and our committee in Congress. And we could also meet with some ICE and ICE immigration lawyers and -- and bring a -- a solution in for a landing.

Because, quite frankly, Chief Goerke, you know, that's exactly what we're doing. Everyone that we've taken into custody has been involved in a criminal complaint and/or are hanging out with them and were a collateral -- because, you know, we stopped the car for DUI, and he had two drunk buddies who -- who were illegal as well -- or a police encounter.

We've -- we've not had any -- any conflict out of the community because we're -- we're not going into strawberry fields or citrus groves or construction sites. It's not necessary to do that. You know, the people that are working are working.

But we're staying busy, and we're -- we are finding a lot of folks. And it's hit-and-run crashes and hit-and-run crashes. Well, they don't stay because they don't have a license. They're here illegally.

But anyway, I -- I appreciate that support

1 and -- and we'll be more -- we'll be inclined to
2 advise Congress too. But why Congress sits on
3 their hands and does nothing to about this, we --
4 we are on the ground floor with this, you know,
5 day in and day out and -- and looking in the eyes
6 of these folks that, yes, they came here
7 inappropriately, but some of them came in here
8 inappropriately only to do better for themselves
9 and their family.
10 And they're not -- and they're not
11 violators, law violators, and they're not problem
12 people. But the -- the -- the process was so
13 onerous to get here. And after all, if you're
14 going to open the borders and let people walk
15 across, hey, me too, me too. So we're seeing a
16 lot of me-toos. So --
17 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: -- Sheriff --
18 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Yes.
19 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Sheriff Judd, if --
20 if you wanted to, I mean, I -- you know, I'd --
21 I'd be good with, if you wanted to draft a
22 letter, bring it back to us, let us all look at
23 it, and a motion, and you wanted to send it with
24 everything that you, you know, said to the
25 Speaker of the US House of Representatives and

1 the majority leader of the Senate to tell them.
2 Because this is where it's got to come from.
3 And, you know, what's right's, right, and what's
4 not's, not, and, you know, everything you
5 describe is what's not right. And it's up to
6 them to fix it, but if you wanted to send
7 something from this Council to them, you know, I
8 - I - I would support that.
9 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Well, there's -- you
10 know, Sheriff -- and -- and I -- I don't mind
11 that at all because there's a -- there's a
12 lifetime worth of work to deal with the illegal
13 immigrants that are violating the law.
14 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah.
15 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: It's not like we're
16 short of work. And if we stay on the mission
17 that we're on, that I fully support 100 percent -
18 - and -- and this letter talked about how do we
19 create a path for those that need a path.
20 It's not -- if -- if they waved a magic wand
21 tomorrow and said, we're going to deal with that,
22 we still have a lifetime of work of getting the
23 illegal immigrants out of this country that are
24 here illegally committing crime.
25 SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI: Yeah. I, you know -

1 - and -- and this is coming from a state, and --
2 and, I believe, for all of us, that are front and
3 center on the forefront and wholeheartedly
4 support good, effective immigration enforcement.
5 This isn't coming from people who are, like
6 Chief Bage was mentioning in other places, that
7 are opposed to it. We are 100 percent, full-
8 throttle in favor of it and -- and support it.
9 But what's right's, right, and what's not's,
10 not. And going after this mom who's got three
11 kids who's just trying to make a living, who's
12 been here for 15 years and a whole describe --
13 the whole scenario you described, that isn't
14 right. And -- and they -- they do need to fix
15 it. So, I -- I -- if you wanted to do that, I
16 would -- I -- I -- I, you know, I'd support it.
17 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Chief Dominguez.
18 CHIEF CIRO DOMINGUEZ: No. I -- I agree. I
19 think it's -- it's too wide a net, and we're --
20 we're hurting people who are not the target of
21 this entire operation concept.
22 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: I -- I certainly don't
23 mind preparing a letter, and I'll have Melissa
24 distribute it. And that'll give us time to look
25 at it, digest it. You -- you all make edits and

1 we -- you know, we'll present it at our next
2 quarterly meeting because we -- we have -- we
3 have an over -- we have a -- we have a -- I -- I
4 don't know the -- the appropriate adjective.
5 We have two lifetimes worth of work to get
6 rid of the -- those that are here in this country
7 illegally that are committing crime. And if we
8 could take -- if -- if Congress would work and
9 act and take this group off the table.
10 And I don't mean give them a free pass. I
11 mean, you go, hey, we're going to give you five
12 years and you've got -- you've got to learn to
13 speak English. You got to -- you've -- you've
14 got to pay a fine for coming into the country
15 illegally, a civil fine. And you've got to not
16 be on the taxpayer dollar, and you've got to
17 work, and you got to put your kids in school, you
18 know.
19 And -- and we already know there's people
20 are doing that and -- and -- and primarily going
21 to Catholic church but going to church on Sunday.
22 Those are the folks that we need in this country
23 that we embrace. You know, that -- because we
24 are a country of immigrants.
25 But we have allowed what I call the criminal

1 troublemaker to -- to just flood in this country
2 and victimize people. And I -- and I think
3 there's a path for the -- for the good folks with
4 a good intention for the right reason is -- is --
5 is reasonable.
6 And that's not going to diminish what we're
7 doing day to day. And you won't see the arrest
8 numbers go down at all.
9 Any other feedback or input on that?
10 CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Great discussion,
11 Sheriff. Great discussion. I definitely want to
12 continue to track the bad guys that are preying
13 on good people in our communities. That's it.
14 That's -- those are the people I want all day
15 long. And I look at the pictures of everybody on
16 here right now, and I know you're all the same.
17 So, good discussion, sir. Thank you.
18 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Thank you. Chief
19 Broadway?
20 CHIEF CHARLES BROADWAY: I think -- I think
21 we're on a -- all on the same page, Sheriff.
22 Support it 100 percent. Thank you. And again,
23 the majority of whom we are encountering are
24 those with state charges and then, some sort of
25 detainer.

I think Sheriff Gualtieri explained it really good several months ago. He says, you know, you have a search warrant, right? You have a targeted individual you're targeting for selling drugs. You hit the search; you hit the house. You have your intended target. You run warrants on everyone else.

They may have detainers or minor warrants, and they're all -- it's the same principle. Again, we are focusing on those who are committing crimes in our community, addressing them. And then again, the majority of times the state charges and,, then, they have a detainer.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Absolutely. And -- and once again, when -- when ICE put that 1.5 million -- 1.5 million people, we've been bumping into that had warrants for deportation -- once they put that in the NCIC system, you know, a million and a half people that need to be rounded up and -- and -- and we're bumping into these people day to day --

CHIEF CHARLES BROADWAY: That's right.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: -- that in criminal investigations.

CHIEF CHARLES BROADWAY: Yep.

1 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: There's plenty of work
2 here. But thank you for everyone for your input
3 on that, and we'll --we'll work toward a letter
4 that we sent to the Speaker of the House and the
5 leader of the Senate. And heck, we'll send it to
6 President Trump.
7 I had a conversation with one of the
8 Immigration Enforcement Board members who had a
9 conversation with President Trump about this kind
10 of immigrant, and he was not anti that
11 conversation according to the feedback that I
12 got.
13 So, I think that this is one of those issues
14 that if we -- of course, president's just a
15 little busy right now. He's -- he's got a little
16 dust-up going over in Iran. But I think if we
17 can get it before him and frame it appropriately,
18 I believe we'll probably even get support from
19 him on this.
20 Okay. Next, I want to lead a -- oh, I did
21 that. Public comment. The State Immigration
22 Enforcement Council invites and encourages
23 members of the public to provide comments on your
24 -- on matters before the Council. Please note
25 that your comments should relate to the topics

1 the Council addressed during today's meeting.
2 Each speaker will be limited to three
3 minutes. If you would like to speak, raise your
4 hand online so that we can recognize you. When
5 you're called upon, please begin by stating your
6 name. And if you're representing an organization
7 or an entity other than yourself, please state
8 so. At this time, I'll ask FDLE if we have
9 anyone waiting who wishes to speak. Melissa?
10 DIRECTOR MELISSA BUJEDA: Sheriff, there's -
11 - there's nobody with their hand raised.
12 SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Okay. No one with
13 their hand raised.
14 I want to thank you all for your time today
15 in this meeting. You've given us some direction
16 and counsel, how we can move forward with where
17 we are and where we need to be for the different
18 agencies, and, also, the letter that we're going
19 to prepare.
20 And once again, we'll send it out according
21 to all -- to the law, and then, you tweak it,
22 add, subtract. We'll bring it back to Melissa
23 we'll -- and we'll bring it publicly at our next
24 quarterly meeting.
25 And we will try to float some dates out

soon. I know if you're like me, you're already booking a quarter ahead. So we'll float -- we'll float some dates to all of you.

Thank you so very, very much for taking time today to speak with us. And if, unless you want to stay on the line, can we have a motion and a second to adjourn?

CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Motion.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: -- motion.

CHIEF CHARLES BROADWAY: Second. Second. Broadway.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD: Thank you, sir. All in favor, turn off your Zoom. The -- those against it, just sit here and talk to yourself. Talk to you later. Bye-bye.

CHIEF DOUG GOERKE: Bye.

(Thereupon, the proceedings were concluded at 2:22 PM.)

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