

CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safe Neighbor Ordinance Compliance and Transparency Report

REPORTING PERIOD

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Background

In March 2026, the Chula Vista City Council adopted the Safe Neighbor Ordinance (CVMC 2.19) establishing protections to ensure that City facilities and contracts are not utilized in a manner that facilitates discrimination, unlawful detention, or the criminalization of individuals based on immigration status. The Ordinance made certain guidelines governing access to City facilities, participation with federal law enforcement entities, contractor compliance and reporting requirements.

Reporting Requirements

The City Manager shall provide a written report to the City Council twice per year or on a semiannual basis and no later than six months following the conclusion of the applicable six-month reporting period. The report shall include the following:

1. A summary of the City's participation in Joint Law Enforcement Task Forces as described in California Government Code section 7284.6(c)(1) and as required by state law.
    a. The City Manager shall not include information in the report that would endanger the safety of a person involved in an investigation or the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation, or the disclosure of which is prohibited or exempt under federal or state law.
2. A summary of any changes to federal or state law that affect the Chula Vista Police Department's ability to participate in a Joint Law Enforcement Task Force.
3. A summary of any known Law Enforcement Activity by Federal Law Enforcement Agency Personnel, Out-of-State Law Enforcement Personnel, or a Private Party Acting Under Color of Law Enforcement Authority involving any person for Immigration Enforcement purposes within the jurisdiction of the City.
4. A summary of the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act forum held by the City under California Government Code section 7283.1(d), including the place and time that the forum was held, and a general description of the information that was presented by the City, if during the reporting period, the City provided ICE Access to a person in the custody of the Chula Vista Police Department.

If the Chula Vista Police Department responds to a call for service related to Law Enforcement Activity by Federal Law Enforcement Agency Personnel, Out-of-State Law Enforcement Personnel, or a Private Party Acting Under Color of Law Enforcement Authority, the Chief of Police shall issue a publicly available incident report within three business days of the response.

a. The report shall include:
    i. The names of all agencies present;
    ii. Whether a judicial warrant was presented by any Agency to the Chula Vista Police Department; and
    iii. Any available identifying information of the law enforcement personnel involved, such as badge numbers, and Agency designations, or the Private Party Acting Under Color of Law Enforcement Authority.

Reporting Schedule

Reporting Period	**Report Deadline**
January – June	No later than December 31
July – December	No later than June 30

Initial Report

This report covers an initial reporting period for calendar year 2025 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025). Subsequent reporting will be made on a six-month basis per the schedule on Page 3 of this report.

Joint Law Enforcement Task Forces

Homeland Security Investigations San Diego – Operation Alliance: Cartel Investigation Team (CIT)*

Purpose	Focus on high-ranking members involved in the upper echelon cartels smuggling drugs across the U.S. / Mexico border.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• Chula Vista Police Department • Homeland Security Investigations • Internal Revenue Service (IRS) • U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Total Arrests Made	54

** CVPD will no longer be part of this task force as of July 10, 2026.*

Internet Crimes Against Children

Purpose	To enhance the investigative response to offenders who use the internet and the other online communication systems to sexually exploit children.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• Chula Vista Police Department • Homeland Security Investigations • Naval Criminal Investigative Services • San Diego County Sheriff's Department • San Diego District Attorney's Office • San Diego Police Department • San Diego Unified School District
Total Arrests Made	248

Joint Terrorism Task Force (CT-1, CT-2, CT-3)

Purpose	Prevent, investigate, and efficiently respond to potential terrorism threats.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• Chula Vista Police Department • Coronado Police Department • El Cajon Police Department • Federal Bureau of Investigation • Harbor Police Department • San Diego Sheriff's Department • San Diego Police Department
Total Arrests Made	18

Narcotics Task Force

Purpose	Dismantle and disrupt narcotics trafficking in San Diego County.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• Carlsbad Police Department • Chula Vista Police Department • Coronado Police Department • Drug Enforcement Agency • Escondido Police Department • Federal Bureau of Investigations • Homeland Security Investigations • Internal Revenue Service (IRS) • La Mesa Police Department • National City Police Department • NCIS • Oceanside Police Department • San Diego District Attorney's Office • San Diego Police Department • U.S. Border Patrol • U.S. Customs and Border Protection • U.S. Postal Service • U.S. Secret Service
Total Arrests Made	258

Operation Stonegarden

Purpose	Disrupting / degrading transnational criminal organizations while enhancing land and coastal border detection for the purposes of contraband interdiction.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• California DFW • California Highway Patrol • Carlsbad Police Department • Chula Vista Police Department • El Cajon Police Department • Escondido Police Department • La Mesa Police Department • Los Angeles Sheriff's Office • Monterey Sheriff's Office • Oceanside Police Department • Orange Sheriff's Office • San Diego Harbor Police Department • San Diego Sheriff's Office • San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office • San Mateo Sheriff's Office • Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office • Sycuan Police Department • UCSD Police Department • Ventura Sheriff's Office
Total Arrests Made	785

San Diego Fugitive Task Force

Purpose	To locate and arrest violent and serious offenders within San Diego County.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• Alcohol Tobacco Explosives and Firearms • California Department of Corrections • California Highway Patrol • Chula Vista Police Department • Drug Enforcement Administration • El Cajon Police Department • Escondido Police Department • Federal Bureau of Investigations • Homeland Security Investigations • Immigration and Customs Enforcement • La Mesa Police Department • National City Police Department • San Diego County Sheriff's Department • U.S. Border Patrol • U.S. Marshals Service
Total Arrests Made	1,255

Transnational Organized Crime (TOC-2/TOC-3)

Purpose	Identify, investigate and disrupt organizations involved in large-scale narcotic trafficking into the United States.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• California Highway Patrol • Chula Vista Police Department • Federal Bureau of Investigation • Harbor Police Department • San Diego County Sheriff's Department • U.S. Border Patrol
Total Arrests Made	50

Violent Crime Task Force – Gang Group

Purpose	Address violent gang criminal enterprises in San Diego County by identifying, prioritizing, and targeting the most violent street, motorcycle, and prison gangs.
Law Enforcement Agencies Involved	• California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation • Chula Vista Police Department • San Diego County Sheriff's Department • San Diego Police Department • U.S. Attorney's Office
Total Arrests Made	29

Federal or State Law Changes

No changes to federal or state law in 2025 materially altered the Chula Vista Police Department's ability to participate in Joint Law Enforcement Task Forces.

Summary of Known Immigration Enforcement Activity

This section provides a summary of any known immigration enforcement activities that occurred within the City during the reporting period and involved federal law enforcement personnel, out-of-state law enforcement personnel, or private parties acting under color of law enforcement authority.

Methodology for Identifying Known Immigration Enforcement Activity

To identify any known immigration enforcement activity, staff conducted a keyword search in calls for service[1] database. Search terms included references to immigration status, deportation, federal agencies (DHS, CBP, ICE, USCIS), and Spanish-language terms for immigration authorities.

Identified calls were further evaluated to determine whether they involved federal law enforcement personnel, out-of-state law enforcement personnel, or private parties acting under color of law enforcement authority, and whether the activity was undertaken for immigration enforcement purposes within the City. The resulting

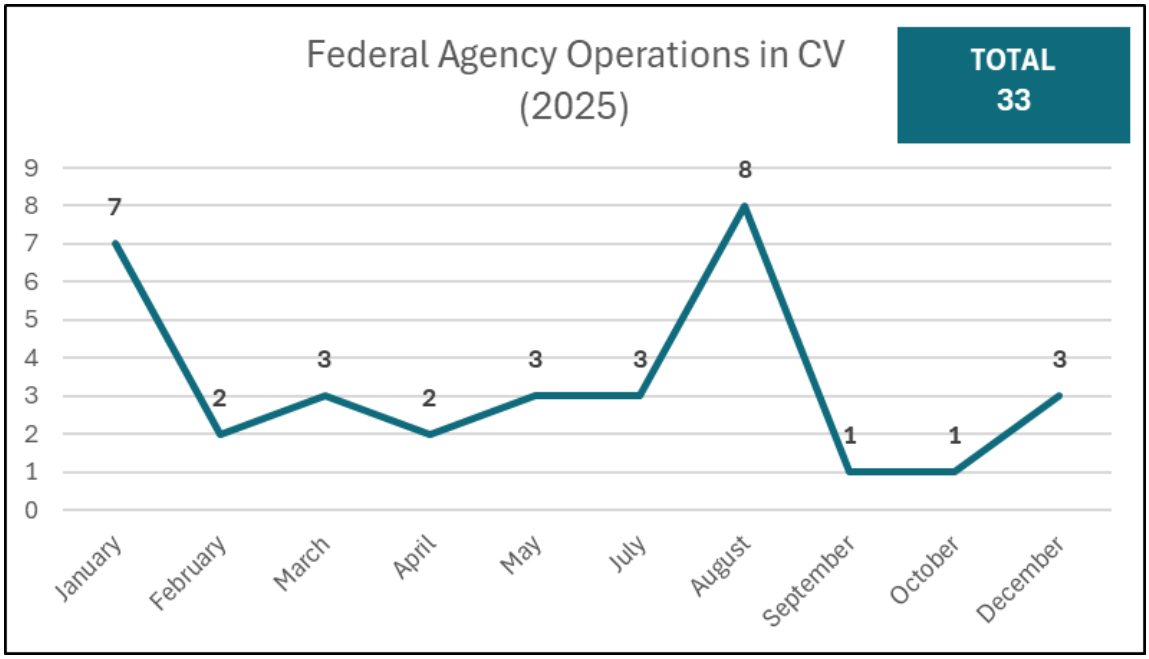
[1] A call for service is a record documenting a request for police response or notification. Calls include both response-generated incidents and informational notifications. Some incidents may generate multiple records due to multiple reporting parties or dispatch entries for the same event.

summary reflects only those activities known to the City based on the records and information available during the reporting period.

Summary of Calls for Service

Upon initial keyword search, a total of **395 calls**[2] flagged for immigration-related. Of those, and after manual review, **92 calls** were actually related to federal immigration agencies (i.e., ICE, DHS, CBP, or USCIS).

Further review determined that **33 calls** in 2025 involved immigration enforcement activity events within Chula Vista.



[2] The purpose of creating a call for service for these is for deconfliction and information only; this supports officer safety.

Incident Details

IncidentDate	CFSType	Summarized Call Comments
1/8/2025 5:34	STAKEOUT	DHS conducting surveillance and possible detention of immigration subject with multiple unmarked vehicles.
1/15/2025 5:36	STAKEOUT	ICE officer conducting surveillance in an unmarked vehicle.
1/21/2025 6:23	STAKEOUT	ICE serving arrest warrant for with multiple unmarked units.
1/27/2025 9:46	INFORMATION	ICE serving arrest warrant on in Chula Vista.
1/29/2025 10:06	STAKEOUT	ICE/HSI conducting surveillance and possible warrant service in the area.
1/29/2025 11:05	INFORMATION	ICE conducting immigration enforcement with multiple unmarked vehicles.
1/30/2025 5:20	STAKEOUT	ICE units conducting Code 5 surveillance on a vehicle of interest.
2/4/2025 6:11	STAKEOUT	ICE officers conducting surveillance and enforcement at a location.
2/19/2025 5:45	STAKEOUT	ICE requesting Code 5/6 while conducting enforcement with unmarked vehicles.
3/5/2025 5:28	STAKEOUT	ICE units operating in unmarked vehicles in the area.
3/19/2025 6:31	WARRANT	ICE serving a search warrant with several unmarked vehicles.
3/31/2025 7:17	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting Code 5 operation with six unmarked vehicles.
4/3/2025 4:30	WARRANT	ICE operation at location with possible use of flash bang.
4/17/2025 9:59	STAKEOUT	FBI and ICE conducting surveillance on immigration-related subject.
5/30/2025 5:55	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting Code 5 operation with multiple vehicles.
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5/30/2025 5:55	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting Code 5 operation with multiple vehicles.
7/8/2025 5:35	STAKEOUT	ICE operating in jurisdiction with seven unmarked units.
7/27/2025 8:58	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting surveillance in the area with one armed plainclothes unit.
7/28/2025 11:35	INFORMATION	ICE units on scene in two unmarked vehicles.
8/1/2025 7:33	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting Code 5 operation with six unmarked vehicles.
8/4/2025 5:40	STAKEOUT	ICE operating in area with four unmarked vehicles.
8/4/2025 6:05	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting surveillance with four plainclothes armed officers.
8/5/2025 6:07	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting Code 5 operation in the area with six vehicles.
8/14/2025 10:32	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting surveillance and enforcement with three officers.
8/20/2025 6:45	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting Code 5 operation with multiple units.
8/27/2025 6:06	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting surveillance with two plainclothes officers.
8/28/2025 5:36	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting surveillance in unmarked vehicle (initially misidentified as CVPD).
9/2/2025 6:28	SPECIAL DETAIL	ICE units in area for planned arrest operation.
10/22/2025 8:27	STAKEOUT	U.S. Marshals conducting immigration-related surveillance in the area.
12/3/2025 9:45	5150 EVAL	ICE confirming extraditable warrant and requesting subject identification only.
12/15/2025 12:27	STAKEOUT	ICE conducting surveillance and possible arrests with tactical gear.
12/18/2025 6:04	KNOCK AND TALK	ICE conducting enforcement operation in the area.

Call Type	Call Count
STAKEOUT	25
INFORMATION	3
WARRANT	2
SPECIAL DETAIL	1
5150 EVAL	1
KNOCK AND TALK	1
Grand Total	**33**

Summary of Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act Forums

There were no qualifying events in 2025.