



## **The 287(g) Program: What Lafayette Parish Should Know**

The Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office has signed two memorandums of agreement with U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—the Warrant Service Officer Program and Task Force Model, also known as the 287(g) Program.

### **Warrant Service Model (Jail-Based)**

- Applies only within the jail environment.
- Deputies are authorized to:
  - Verify a person's lawful status using a federal database.
  - Serve administrative immigration warrants issued by ICE.

### **Task Force Model (Field-Based)**

- Allows trained deputies to assist ICE during specific, federally directed operations.
- Deputies are NOT ICE agents.
- The Sheriff's Office does not enforce federal immigration law independently. Any participation is limited, structured, and overseen.
- All arrests and detentions must have prior authorization by an ICE Supervisor.

Although the training process is still underway for LPSO Deputies and operations have not yet begun, participation in these programs will serve as a benefit to not only Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office functions, but also to public safety and utilization of taxpayer resources.

### **Improves Access to Information**

- 287(g) provides better access to federal information that local agencies would not otherwise have.
- Accurate intelligence and status information helps deputies make safer, more informed decisions.
- Improved information sharing reduces uncertainty during booking and detention.

### **Maintains Local Control**

- The Sheriff's Office sets its own enforcement priorities.
- Participation in 287(g) does not change how deputies patrol neighborhoods or respond to calls for service.





- The program is used as a tool, not a mandate. The Sheriff's Office maintains discretion over providing assistance to ICE only in a lawfully authorized capacity, ensuring resources are appropriately utilized.

#### **Public Safety-Centered, Not Immigration Sweeps**

- 287(g) does NOT involve:
  - Checkpoints
  - Neighborhood sweeps
  - Random questioning

#### **Responsible Use of Resources**

- Federal partnerships help reduce repeat offenses and re-arrests.
- Better coordination helps avoid unnecessary strain on local jail resources and taxpayers.

The 287(g) Warrant Service Officer Program and Task Force Model streamline processes and provide expanded access to the Sheriff's Office, promoting efficiency and overall public safety.

#### **Bottom Line**

- 287(g) is a tool, not a change in local policing philosophy.
- It enhances safety, coordination, and accountability.
- The Sheriff's Office remains committed to:
  - Constitutional policing
  - Community trust
  - Transparency about what the program does and does not do

