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LBPD to require judicial review prior to honoring federal immigration detainment requests

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The Long Beach Police Department has been in compliance with requirements of the Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools (TRUST) Act since its enactment on January 1, 2014. The Department announced it will take it a step further by joining local law enforcement agencies and following best practice by modifying its policy to require judicial review in order to honor federal immigration detainment requests.

"I am pleased our policies will be in line with recent court rulings and consistent with other law enforcement agencies throughout the state," said Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell, "We value our federal and community partnerships and will continue to work diligently with them to ensure the public's safety."

Last month, State of California Attorney General Kamala Harris issued an advisory to law enforcement agencies clarifying the TRUST Act requirements. A federal court outside of California's jurisdiction has held a county liable for damages where it voluntarily complied with an ICE request to detain an individual, and the individual was otherwise eligible for release. If courts with jurisdiction affecting California follow the decision reached by this court, local law enforcement agencies may also be held liable for such conduct.

Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster said, "Long Beach's position of holding ourselves to a higher compliance standard protects our residents by limiting potential liability and challenges."

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