

MOBILIZE ICE WATCHER TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

“In whatever you do to hold ICE accountable, be sure that your tactics are building the world we want to live in.”

- **YOUR RIGHT TO FILM.**

You can film anything plainly visible in public. No crossing to private property. Do not physically interfere with the officer.

- Maintain a reasonable distance from officers. They should have to move toward you at all times, never be within arms reach or you will be considered impeding.
- Generally, no filming in Private Property, especially if owner asks you to stop.
- They need a warrant signed by a judge to confiscate your phone.
- They cannot legally delete your footage/photos/data under any circumstances.
- Civil disobedience is not protected. (Hands free driving laws. Still be cited. Can be arrested for offenses. That's not new. Civil rights workers were often arrested for peacefully breaking laws.
- Filming carries risks. Agents are retaliating against being recorded. Before a judge- you're protected, but physical force on the spot is a risk.
- Alerting people through whistles, etc. generally allowed unless your intent is to help someone evade law enforcement. Alerting a community is legal. There are many reasons to use the whistle which are protected, to protect at-risk residents against abuses, help children avoid trauma, etc.
- Disobedience of traffic laws may mean arrest or ticketing (don't film when driving.)

REDUCING RISKS

- Remember the main actors in this story are the agents who do not seem concerned with reducing risk. We try to center safety and de-escalation by how we act as watchers.
- Remain as calm as possible and narrate what's happening : time, place, what has happened what you are seeing
- Film openly and let them know you are continuing to film
- Never obstruct.
- They did a role play where the watcher was confrontational... still legal, but more likely to get a violent response. (They took phone when she argued and escalated the emotions in the moment. You don't have to announce you're rights. They know them. They just don't like them.)
- Say outloud that you are complying with reasonable requests: “I am backing away.”
- Federal agents killed Alex Pretti while he was there to film. In the encounter where he was killed, he followed these rules. There is always risk.

BEST PRACTICES WHEN FILMING

- Capture details. Can you see documents? What weapons? Uniforms? What agency? License plates, etc.
- Street signs and landmarks.
- **Let it run. Just keep it rolling. Large files. Don't worry. Make a copy as soon as you can. Do not edit even the file name. Edit your copy only.**
- Share with an attorney or victim's family. They can decide to release it.
- Rapid response networks used this acronym to remember: **Salute** -Size, Actions, Location, Uniform, Time/date, Equipment.

PROTEST SAFETY

- Privacy - turn off biometric unlock so you have to have code
- Use signal or encrypted app
- Airplane mode to limit data tracking
- Safety plan and shared with people who are not going to the protest
- Collect other bystander video if you see wrongful arrests. Names and badge numbers. Notify friends and family if you know them or have that information.
- If you are arrested: they can take phone but have to have a warrant to search. They may demand it. You don't have to unlock it.

WRAP UP

- Prett & Good plus many hidden deaths - not isolated events. If you're not at risk of deportation, our collective power in community can save lives
- Show up where immigrants congregate while working with leaders in their community. Day labor sites, etc.. Daily commitment to be present, bear witness. "Only the people save the people." Adopt a corner. Unity be louder than their fear.
- Community takes their power
- Show up and live the values we claim.