

# Constitutional Observing



This presentation is not legal advice; it is solely intended for community education purposes.



# Goals of observation

## DOCUMENT

Video and document ICE enforcement activity.

## SUPPORT

Offer support to community members who are being targeted and in crisis.

## DE-ESCALATE

Community presence and monitoring may diminish violence from law enforcement.

# Know your rights when documenting

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- You have the right to photograph or record anything plainly visible in public, including law enforcement, if you aren't trespassing and or violating a lawful order.
- ICE Observation is a NON-VIOLENT tactic.
- On private property, the owner can set rules about photography or video.
- Without a warrant, law enforcement may not confiscate or demand to see contents of your digital devices, nor may they delete data.

# What to document

State the date and time;  
narrate what you see and what  
is happening



**Vehicles:** Description of vehicles, license plates, including license plate of person detained



**Individual:** Description of person being detained: clothing, hair color, etc. (Do not ask their name)



**Date, time and location of incident,** including street signs, and landmarks, if possible



**Evidence:** negative language used by agents, any warrants shown, searches, use of force



**Organizations:** number of agents, clothing, ID, vests, badges, etc.

# Best practices when recording



- Record horizontally to capture the most area
- Focus on the agents' actions
- Capture details and context
- Narrate as you record
- DO NOT livestream or post to social media
- DO NOT stop and start recording
- DO NOT edit the original file or change file name

# Staying safe

Stay AT LEAST 10 feet away from ICE when documenting



- Create distance — make sure agents have to walk towards you and you have room to walk away. If you are asked to step back, document yourself doing so.
- Keep your hands visible
- Do not use aggressive verbal or physical behavior
- Do not interfere — your actions may increase violence towards your neighbor from law enforcement

# What to do with documentation



**Immediately call or text**

**East King Rapid Response**

**425-361-0808**

Provide all **V.I.D.E.O** information  
and share recording and/or photos.

Leave your name and phone #  
if you are comfortable sharing.