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Meeting Agenda Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1A. [24-1101](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting December 18, 2024.

Attachments: [PSCM 2024-12-18.pdf](#)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [24-1096](#) Discussion regarding Suicide Deterrent Net on Noyo River Bridge.

- Attachments:** [Director Tavares](#)
[Staff Report-Noyo Bridge Net](#)
[Public Comment-Amy Wynn.pdf](#)
[Public Comment- Andy Wellspring.pdf](#)
[Public Comment- Grass Roots Institute.pdf](#)

3B. [24-1097](#) Update on Fentanyl Task Force

- Attachments:** [Staff Report-FTF](#)

3C. [24-1098](#) Receive Report on Limits of Immigration Enforcement by the Fort Bragg Police Department

- Attachments:** [Staff Report Limits of Immigration Enforcement](#)

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. [24-1119](#) Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities

ADJOURNMENT

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I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the City of Fort Bragg and that I caused this agenda to be posted in the City Hall notice case on Friday, January 10, 2025.

Laura Godinez, Administrative Assistant

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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Acting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present where Acting Chair Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [24-592](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting October 18, 2023.

Acting Chair Peters approved the minutes as presented.

1B. [24-907](#) Approve Minutes of the Special Public Safety Committee Meeting March 19, 2024.

Acting Chair Peters approved the minutes as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments made.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [24-1075](#) Update on Police Department Staffing, Equipment, Training, and Care Response Unit.

Police Chief Cervenka provided an update on the filled positions within the Police Department. He mentioned briefly the additional positions that could possibly be filled as long as the candidates pass the extensive background check. Chief Cervenka summarized what a background check involves and the estimated cost for hiring an officer.

Chief Cervenka spoke about the total amount of electric vehicle in fleet for the Police Department and he announced the prospected purchases for additional electric fleet in the near future.

Chief Cervenka announced that the Police Department received the new firearms for all officers. He shared information regarding the importance of new updated equipment for the Police Department and the reasons why this purchase was made.

He moved on to thank the City of Fort Bragg IT Department for all their hard work placing new computer equipment inside each patrol vehicle.

Another amazing piece of equipment that the Police Department has updated is the new taser guns that are in conjunction to the new body cameras. The new contract with AXON includes a community portal feature that has increased cyber security along with time saving digital evidence processing and has added unlimited data storage.

Chief Cervenka provided an overview of the "Core Course" trainings that all officers will be completing within a given time frame to be within the Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) compliance mandates.

In conclusion, Chief Cervenka mentioned the outstanding functions the Care Response Unit have carried out within the community.

Councilmember Scott Hockett brought up the question on what would be the best way to retain officers. Chief Cervenka answered by stating that by having pay raises, wonderful working culture, and supporting community would be some of the reasons officers would choose to stay longer. Lastly, Acting Chairman Lindy Peters mentioned that hiring locals is a good standpoint because they are known to the community and they have already an established life here.

3B. [24-1076](#) Receive and Accept Report Regarding Earthquake/Tsunami Incident Occurring on December 5, 2024 and City Personnel Response.

Police Chief Cervenka read the timeline response from City Personnel from the December 5, 2024 7.0 magnitude earthquake that occurred off the coast of Mendocino County. He went on to explain how the virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) software named VEOCI was used and how well this program has assisted the City in real life incidents. Ultimately, Chief Cervenka was pleased with the effectiveness of the response on behalf of all City Employees that were involved.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. 24-1077 Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities

No other updates were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.



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Discussion regarding Suicide Deterrent Net on Noyo River Bridge.



FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 2, 2025

Tony Tavares, Director
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Director Tavares:

On the night of December 7, 2024, Roy Mora, a 15-year-old boy, went missing in Fort Bragg. During the two-week search for him, video surveillance showed him walking onto the Noyo River Bridge (SR-1), but never leaving. His phone was later found on the bridge by a passerby. On the morning of December 23, 2024, human remains washed ashore under the bridge which were consistent with that of a human body in being in the ocean for two weeks. The remains were identified as Roy Mora by dental records. The surveillance video of Roy walking onto the bridge and disappearing into the dark will be the last image Roy's mother has of him.

The current Noyo River Bridge was completed in 2005 and was the impetus for Caltrans approving a new design for bridge railings (ST-10) to preserve the sightlines for motorists. While beautiful, this design with 42 inch high railings allows one to easily climb over and jump from the bridge, which is 110 feet above the water. The article "*Fall from heights: does height really matter?*" in the European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (2018), reported that falls from 84 feet resulted in 90% lethality.

Since our report system only began in 2011, the Fort Bragg Police Department has responded to fifteen people with suicidal ideations and six completed suicides on the Noyo River Bridge. While far less than the Golden Gate Bridge, which was averaging over 33 suicides per year until the Suicide Deterrent Net was installed, the Noyo River Bridge is only 1/10th the length and surrounded by a fraction of the population of the San Francisco area. I have officers working for me now who have received medals for risking their safety to pull suicidal subjects from the rail. I also have officers who will have images of people escaping their grasp and falling to their death.

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Beyond intentional falls, should a vehicle strike a bicyclist in the unprotected bicycle lane, the bicyclist could be ejected over the low rail. Furthermore, we have had incidents of pedestrians throwing objects as large as a bicycle onto the recreational, commercial fishing, and US Coast Guard boats traveling below.

For these reasons, I implore you to begin the process of installing a Suicide Deterrent Net on the Noyo River Bridge similar to the one completed recently on the Golden Gate Bridge. The Golden Gate is far more famous and in a more populated area. It was well known as a location to commit suicide. Partly because of the media focus and partly because of the enormous population with easy access to it. The Noyo River Bridge is in a city of only 7,000, yet suicide contemplations and completions are becoming common. Due to the lack of witnesses, no video surveillance on the bridge and remoteness, that number could be much higher based on the amount of missing people on the Mendocino Coast.

The Suicide Deterrent Net on the Golden Gate Bridge is a minimalist design, maintaining the sightlines for motorists and pedestrians, keeping an unimpeded view of our beautiful coastline. The marine grade stainless steel netting will withstand our harsh, salt-air climate reducing the need for maintenance. Most importantly, it gives despondent people a second chance. The 1978 Seiden Study done at the Golden Gate Bridge showed 90% of those stopped from jumping did not go on to commit suicide at a later time. Mental health resources have improved dramatically since the study, ensuring those people have much better care following an attempt.

Director Tavares, I'm asking for your help to protect Californians and save lives. I look forward to working with you and Caltrans on this critical project.

Kind Regards,



Neil J. Cervenka
Chief of Police



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee **DATE:** January 13, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Neil Cervenka, Police Chief

PRESENTER: Neil Cervenka, Police Chief

AGENDA TITLE: Discussion Regarding Suicide Deterrent Net on the Noyo River Bridge

RECOMMENDATION

After a review of the report and presentation, the Public Safety Committee should:

1. Provide feedback and suggestions related to a Suicide Deterrent Net on the Noyo River Bridge

BACKGROUND

Since 2011, Fort Bragg Police Department has responded to the Noyo River Bridge fifteen times for people with suicidal ideations and six other times for people who have committed suicide from the bridge. Following the most recent apparent suicide in December of 2024, staff began researching the feasibility of a Suicide Deterrent Net similar to the one installed on the Golden Gate Bridge.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Noyo River Bridge is the fifth bridge crossing the Noyo River at Highway 1 and was completed in 2005. It was the first bridge which implemented the new style of railing, which allowed a more unimpeded view of the ocean. This was enacted after the Coastal Commission objected to the old style railing. They are only 42 inches high, which means a pedestrian can easily and quickly climb over, reducing the number of witnesses who could possibly intervene in a suicide attempt. At 110 feet high, the likelihood of death is great.

In addition to suicides, pedestrians have been known to throw objects as large as bicycles on to the boats below. In one instance, a US Coast Guard vessel was narrowly missed. Dropping a heavy object from that height is certain to cause serious injury or death to any person struck by that object below.

The Suicide Deterrent Net on the Golden Gate Bridge cost \$224 million and took ten years to complete. It has, however, been very effective at reducing the number of

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completed and attempted suicides. It is 20 feet below the deck of the bridge and extends 20 feet out. Made of stainless steel fence, it resists effects of the harsh ocean climate. It is designed to cause pain an injury should someone attempt to jump from the bridge. Often, this pain will be enough for a suicidal person to reconsider and ask for help.

Marin County Fire obtained special equipment and training to retrieve those who attempted to jump and were on the net. The same would be required for Fort Bragg Fire Department.

The City of Fort Bragg has no control over the Noyo River Bridge. It is the property of Caltrans and all construction, maintenance and changes must be done by them. As such, a letter was sent to the Director of Caltrans. Also, Senator McGuire and Assemblymember Rogers were contacted about assistance in this. All of their offices responded in a short time. City Staff and Mayor Godeke were invited to a meeting to discuss this with Caltrans District 1 Deputy Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Unknown at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Caltrans would complete.

STRATEGIC PLAN/COUNCIL PRIORITIES/GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide feedback and suggestions on how City should proceed.

ALERNATIVES:

No alternatives were identified. The report is intended to be informational only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None applicable.

NOTIFICATION:

None Applicable

Laura Godinez

From: Amy@WCPlan.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:46 AM
To: Tony_tavares@dot.ca.gov; Cervenka, Neil
Cc: Whippy, Isaac; Godeke, Jason; McCormick, Sarah; Laura Godinez; CommissionerExParte@coastal.ca.gov; Huckelbridge Kate; Kraemer Melissa; Strickland Abigail; Sara.Hatch@dot.ca.gov; Jessica.L.Barger@dot.ca.gov
Subject: Noyo Bridge safety net

Dear Chief Cervenka and Director Tavares,

I fully support the concept of a safety net for the Noyo Bridge in Fort Bragg, as proposed by Police Chief Cervenka.

As I cross the Golden Gate Bridge on my trips to and from the City, my view as a traveler is unimpeded. And the knowledge that there is an excellent and literal safety net to catch those who are desperate, giving them another chance, allows me to think of hope rather than sadness.

For our tiny community, it seems that we have a very high percentage of individuals going over or wanting to go over the edge. Not only would a safety net help those who are in need, it would also keep that trauma from spreading to our remarkable first responders.

The Coastal Commission will understand. Let's do it.

All the best,
Amy

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Laura Godinez

From: Andy Wellspring <andywellspring@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 12:26 PM
To: Laura Godinez
Subject: public comment for Public Safety meeting, agenda item 3A. Discussion regarding Suicide Deterrent Net on Noyo River Bridge

To the City of Fort Bragg and Fort Bragg Police Department,

The issue of what to do to prevent suicides on the Noyo Bridge has been on my mind a lot lately. I am happy to see there is already movement on this topic.

I do disagree with the choice of promoting a net though, I believe our community should push CalTrans to install a fence.

Look at all the walkways that go over freeways, Ukiah and the Bay Area are examples, they have fences that prohibit even trying.

I believe a tall chainlink (or CalTrans approved version of chain link) fence will do more prevention, in the moment when someone has these tragic thoughts, they will not be able to go over the railing at all.

A net will cause additional problems, what happens with the person after they are caught in the net? Is jumping illegal and will they now face a fine or jail time? They are already hurting so much to even have this thought of jumping, they do not need legal problems in addition. The police chief's staff report indicates that the net on the Golden Gate Bridge is designed to cause injury so the person will not want to do it again, this will also mean medical bills and a person in this mental state of mind does not need additional health problems nor financial problems.

I think we can enjoy wonderful views of our coast from a multitude of locations and partially obscuring the view for motorists on the Noyo Bridge is even smaller than a small "price to pay" for increased public safety and prevention of suicide in particular. A fence of any CalTrans approved kind will not obscure the view entirely, and furthermore the amount of time it takes to drive over the bridge is very short and drivers should be focused on the road anyways.

In conclusion, a fence brings total prevention with no drawback in my opinion. A net does not bring total prevention and does in fact add a series of other issues that will be difficult to address. I urge the City of Fort Bragg and the Fort Bragg police department to change course and advocate for a fence on the Noyo Bridge instead of a net.

Thank you,
Andy Wellspring

Laura Godinez

From: GRI Admin <grassrootsinstitute707@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:22 PM
To: Laura Godinez
Subject: Comment for Safety Committee: Petition to Fort Bragg and Caltrans: Installation of Safety Measures on Bridges

Dear Fort Bragg Public Safety Committee,

Please find the petition at this link titled *Petition to Fort Bragg and Caltrans: Installation of Safety Measures on Bridges*:

<https://www.change.org/p/petition-to-fort-bragg-and-caltrans-installation-of-safety-measures-on-bridges>

At the time of this email, the petition had 119 verified signatures and they are growing daily. We implore the City, County, and State governments to install any means necessary to prevent losing another beloved member of our community to suicide from our bridges. The text of the petition reads as follows:

Petition to the Fort Bragg, Mendocino County Government, and Caltrans: Installation of Safety Measures on Local Bridges

We, the undersigned residents of Mendocino County and concerned citizens, are writing to urge immediate action regarding the safety of local bridges, including Noyo and Albion Bridges. These bridges, while important landmarks in our community, have tragically become sites where too many individuals have made the heartbreaking decision to end their lives.

~~In light of these devastating incidents, we request to Caltrans, Mendocino County, and the City of Fort Bragg that the following safety measures be implemented:~~

1. **Suicide Nets:** The installation of suicide nets beneath the bridge and/or tall fencing along the bridge would serve as a vital deterrent and provide a lifesaving option for individuals in crisis. We agree with Fort Bragg Police Chief Cervenka's 1/2/25 Letter which supports installing suicide nets similar to those installed on the Golden Gate Bridge.
2. **Helpline Phones:** We propose the deployment of emergency helpline phones and signs strategically placed along the bridge, offering immediate access to mental health support and resources for those who may be struggling.
3. **Increased Surveillance:** More security cameras should be installed to monitor the bridge effectively, allowing authorities to respond quickly if someone appears to be in distress. This would also assist in search efforts if someone goes missing, as we have seen in our town's recent tragedy.
4. **Outreach, Community Engagement, and Education Programs:** Conducting community awareness campaigns

about mental health resources, focusing on suicide prevention, and promoting mental wellness can help reduce stigma and encourage those in need to seek help. Involving local mental health organizations, advocacy groups, and community leaders in discussions about suicide prevention can enhance support efforts and ensure targeted initiatives.

6. Crisis Intervention Training: Providing training for staff at nearby businesses or organizations to recognize signs of distress and intervene appropriately can lead to timely help.

7. Regular Reviews and Assessments: Continuously evaluating and updating safety measures based on community feedback and emerging research can ensure the effectiveness of the interventions put in place.

The implementation of these measures would not only serve as a preventative step against tragic decisions but also communicate to our community that mental health is a priority, and support is available.

We believe that the installation of these safety measures is both necessary and urgent. Let us take action to protect the lives of individuals in our community and create an environment that fosters hope and support.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. We hope that you will act swiftly to help us make our bridge a safer place for everyone.

Thank you,
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Update on Fentanyl Task Force



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee **DATE:** January 13, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Thomas O'Neal, Police Captain

PRESENTER: Thomas O'Neal, Police Captain

AGENDA TITLE: Fentanyl Task Force-Update January 2025

RECOMMENDATION

After a review of the report and presentation, the Public Safety Committee should:

1. Provide feedback and suggestions related to the direction of the Fentanyl Task Force.
2. Consider suggesting additional information or data that should be added to the report prior to the update being presented to City Council on January 20, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Fentanyl Task Force Overview

The Fentanyl Task Force (Task Force) was formed on January 23, 2024, following multiple fentanyl overdose deaths on the Mendocino Coast. The initial goal of the Task Force was to bring together a diverse group of subject matter experts in order to explore potential solutions to the fentanyl crisis. A public solicitation was issued for applications for Task Force Members and approximately 25 applications were received. Those applications were reviewed and reduced down to 18 individuals.

The Fentanyl Task Force met for the first time on February 28, 2024. Members participated in several presentations from subject matter experts currently working in organizations related to the fentanyl crisis. Task Force members participated in group discussions and obtained a general overview of the crisis and some potential responses. The goal of this first meeting was to gather a trove of data that could be sorted through in order to identify potential approaches to the crisis.

The Police Department's Care Response Unit correlated the data from the first Task Force meeting and began identifying potential solutions at the local level. The data gained from the meeting included hours of group discussion, presentation notes, recommended

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literature, and informal data related to the crisis. The first meeting additionally generated several questions which required additional research. With multiple potential solutions identified, the Task Force met a second time on October 16, 2024 to determine a formal plan of action.

During the second Task Force meeting, members engaged in question and answer sessions with representatives from nine different agencies who provide direct services related to the fentanyl crisis and were associated with the proposed plans of action. The Task Force identified strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities related to these services that could be harnessed or mitigated to achieve the group's goals. The last half of the meeting included group discussions focused on identifying three foundational approaches that the Task Force could take immediately. The Task Force additionally formalized its Mission Statement to guide the future of the program.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section represents the current state of the Fentanyl Task Force at the time of this report:

Mission Statement

The Fentanyl Task Force provides a collaboration of unique organizational leaders to address the impact of the opioid epidemic as a community. United by our shared commitment to combat the fentanyl crisis, our diverse task force empowers agencies through collaborative resource sharing and innovation. We strive to break down barriers to treatment and care, leveraging the unique strengths of our community resources to ensure equitable access and effective solutions for all affected individuals.

The Task Force has now split into three different Committees in order to focus our efforts on achieving actionable items:

1. Education Committee
2. Treatment Access Committee
3. Youth In-Patient Treatment Center

These Committees have met several times since October 16, 2024, and have identified the following goals, plans of action, and challenges:

Education Committee

The Education Committee is tasked with developing and implementing effective education campaigns targeting school-aged children, youth, businesses, and underrepresented groups, including the Latinx and Native American communities. The

goal of these campaigns is to raise awareness about the dangers of opioids and fentanyl and to promote prevention efforts across these diverse groups. The Committee, consisting of local business owners, educators, and individuals with lived experiences, and is dedicated to addressing the needs of these communities and ensuring that resources are tailored to their unique challenges.

The Education Committee expects to release its first targeted education campaign by March 31, 2025.

The Education Committee is seeking approximately \$5000 in order to fund its initial campaign.

Treatment Access Committee

This committee's first goal is to streamline connecting youth to services from the initial report of a youth experiencing substance use disorder to the connection to treatment. The goal is to provide every school staff member the tools needed to connect youth to a qualified service provider for substance use disorders within one hour of the initial self-disclosure to school staff. This committee expects to achieve this goal by August of 2025.

This committee's main challenges include navigating policies and statutes that create barriers between our education system and our medical system.

Youth In-Patient Treatment Committee

This committee's overarching goal is to increase access to in-patient treatment for youth experiencing a substance use disorder. Currently, the majority of juveniles with substance use disorders are required to travel to southern California to be treated in the only commonly available in-patient treatment facility.

This committee is currently exploring the potential of opening an in-patient treatment facility in Mendocino or Lake County and is currently conducting a feasibility study including research related to this complex and critical issue. This committee expects to complete this feasibility study by April of 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The only current costs associated with the Task Force is staff time related to Police Department staff and some indirect costs such as printing and meeting supplies. That staff time has varied depending on the associated project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN/COUNCIL PRIORITIES/GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

No formal community stakeholder meetings have been held regarding this issue. The Police Department routinely receives feedback from diverse sources within community including suggestions and references to information.

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Updates related to the Task Force have been verbally provided at Public Safety Committee and City Council multiple times since the inception of the program. This will be the first official Committee review.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives were identified. The report is intended to be informational only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None applicable.

NOTIFICATION:

None Applicable



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Receive Report on Limits of Immigration Enforcement by the Fort Bragg Police Department



AGENCY: Public Safety Committee
MEETING DATE: January 15, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
PRESENTED BY: Neil Cervenka
EMAIL ADDRESS: ncervenka@fortbragg.com

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Receive Report on Limits of Immigration Enforcement by the Fort Bragg Police Department

ISSUE:

The incoming administration of the President of the United States has made several statements about mass deportation of undocumented immigrants. There is a concern in the community about the extent Fort Bragg Police Department will participate in federal actions.

ANALYSIS:

AB 4 (2013), the California Trust Act, prevents local law enforcement from detaining noncitizens pursuant to an immigration “hold” or detainer beyond the time they otherwise could be released. It does not protect those with certain state or federal felony convictions, those on the California Sex or Arson Registry, or those with a federal warrant issued. Immigration holds are only requests by agents of Immigrations & Customs Enforcement (ICE) to other law enforcement to hold a subject. A federal warrant requires a sworn affidavit and a judges approval, so it has had legal review.

AB 2792 (2016), the California Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act, requires law enforcement, prior to an interview with ICE, to provide a written consent from to the person being interviewed, which explains the purpose of the interview, that it is voluntary, and that the person being interviewed may decline. Also, it requires law enforcement notify a person in custody if ICE will be notified. Finally, it declared all records relating to ICE access provided by local law enforcement agencies, including all communications with ICE, are public records.

SB 54 (2017), the California Values Act, prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from using resouces to investigate, detain, or arrest people for immigration enforcement, with exceptions for convictions of felonies in the and convictions of misdemeanors involving violence, theft, or weapons.

Fort Brag Police Department policy 416 prohibits officers from inquiring into an individual’s immigration status for immigration enforcement purposes. It also prohibits the use of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System or the California Department of Motor Vehicles’ records to investigate federal immigration violations.

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The Fort Bragg Police Department produced a video in Spanish which explained these points and distributed it to the public in the first week of January, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept report.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT:

None identified.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Immediate and ongoing.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

NOTIFICATION:

None



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