

Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) in Minneapolis and greater Minnesota again

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To Stewards <Stewards@branch9nalc.com>

Hello brothers and sisters,

As you may already know, ICE is back in Minnesota today. They have been arresting working people in Bemidji and are patrolling the streets of Minneapolis again.

I would like to once again make it abundantly clear that it is a violation of federal law for letter carriers to obstruct law enforcement in the performance of their duties. This would include blowing whistles or yelling obscenities to signal the presence of ICE personnel on your route, participating in calling trees tracking the movements of ICE personnel in the area and physically blocking agents either with your vehicles or while on foot. It has also been noted in other parts of the country law enforcement can take your personal cell phones if they believe you are using it for criminal activity, on or off the clock.

We risk discipline from the USPS or even legal action if we participate in so called anti-ice activities while on duty. Please communicate to everyone at your stations to resist the urge to get involved while you are on the clock.

Please help spread the word once again wherever you are. Maybe even a stand-up talk tomorrow.

Just a friendly effort to help promote the safety and the welfare of every member of Branch 9.

Many thanks

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