Orange County Corrections Department

Memorandum of Agreement Warrant Service Officer Program

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Senate Bill 2C (SB 2C)

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
 Warrant Service Officer (WSO) Program

Impact on Jail Operations



Senate Bill 2C

• Requires all 67 counties to sign an MOA with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), for the training of Correctional Officers to be certified and authorized to perform functions as an immigration officer under the WSO Program.

SB 2C becomes effective on April 1, 2025.





Purpose

- Facilitate the custodial transfer of specific aliens in correctional facilities to ICE for removal purposes at the time of the alien's scheduled release from criminal custody.
- Sets forth the terms and conditions for staff to be nominated and trained to perform certain limited functions of an immigration officer within the correctional facility.





Responsibilities

- The power and authority to serve and execute warrants for immigration violations, on designated aliens in our correctional facility at the time of the alien's scheduled release from criminal custody.
- The power and authority to serve warrants of removal on designated aliens in our correctional facility at the time of the alien's scheduled release from criminal custody that executes the custodial transfer of the alien to ICE for removal purposes.



Responsibilities

- OCCD is responsible for:
 - Personnel expenses, salaries, benefits, and overtime of staff being trained or performing duties under this MOA.
 - Cost of all travel, housing, and per diem affiliated with training requirements of this MOA.
 - Providing all administrative supplies necessary for normal office operations.
 - Providing interpretation services.





Responsibilities

- ICE is responsible for:
 - > Instructors and training materials.
 - The salaries and benefits of all its personnel including instructors and supervisors.





Impact on Jail Operations

- Trained/Certified Officers will be required to execute administrative warrants at the time of the alien's scheduled release from criminal custody.
- Notify ICE upon the execution of a warrant of arrest or warrant of removal.
- Notify ICE of any person claiming US citizenship within an hour.
- Notify ICE of any WSO trained officer who is the subject of a complaint or allegation of any sort that may result in discipline.





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Questions?

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