

Best Practices Guide for Neighborhood or Area Patrol /

Monitors: 612

● YOU SHOULD NOT DRIVE AND TEXT IN THE CHAT AT THE SAME TIME ●

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"🏠 Daily RR MPLS" chat role emojis: put an emoji IN FRONT of your name in Signal while performing any of these roles:

- 🚗👤 = **Mobile Patrol / Commuter** - In a vehicle driving around, looking for agents
- 🚗📍 = **Stationary Patrol/Monitor** - In a vehicle positioned at key places in the area, looking for agents
- 🚶 = **Foot Patrol** - On foot, looking for agents
- 📞 = **Dispatch** - Live on the Monitor / Patrol group call
- 📱 = **Hyper-local group messenger** - Ready to pass on word to individual neighborhoods and blocks
- 🏫 = **School / event safety spotters** - Assigned and connected to a specific school or event
- 🚔 = **License plate checker** - Ready to check a plate against the list of known license plates
- 🚑 = **Medic** - Ready to offer medical care
- ❤️ = **Aftercare provider** - Available to connect with responders after an event

Connect to your area ICE Watch/Patrol call



Rapid response systems are using two different kinds of signal chats right now:

1. Hyperlocal Rapid Response chats: These are large chats full of neighbors who are ready to be activated for a confirmed sighting/kidnapping; the only messages that go into here are verified ICE sightings with as much clear information gathered as possible.
2. ICE Watch/Patrol chats: These are higher-volume chats people use when they are actively out watching for ICE in the streets. Dispatchers help check license plates and send responders to verify possible sightings that get reported here.

Connect to your local area Rapid Response chat to get connected with an ICE Watch/Patrol chat.

3. ICE WATCH Training - there are several groups that offer ICE WATCH Trainings where you can learn how to monitor and record ICE activity for possible use in legal cases against ICE, and how to coordinate with others on scene. These trainings are incredibly helpful, and we highly recommend taking one! Defend the 612, Protect Rogers Park, and UnidosMN all offer free trainings.

Monitor / Patrol Signal group call:

- Anyone in an active role that is rolling / observing, running license plates, can join the Monitor/Patrol group call (push the camera button at the Top or Bottom of the chat)
 - Look for these icons:  
 - Turn off your camera.
 - Mute when not communicating.
- Being on the call is a hands-free way to communicate that keeps chat clear.



DRIVERS: BE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE -- Work in teams of TWO (2) or more with different responsibilities:

Mobile Patrol Driver:

- Do not bring children or pets with you
- Drive. **Focus on the road.**
- Call out to your team which direction the abductor vehicle is going.
- Look at and use street names. Learn the North, South, East, West directions. Also remember that other people don't know them and use "towards downtown" "towards the Northside" "towards Bloomington" "towards 35W or 94" "towards the river" "towards St Paul"
- Smile, make eye contact, and wave or flash the peace sign so that pedestrians know you are a friendly patrol.
- If your car is similar to a standard abductor vehicle, consider wearing bright loud colors and doing everything you can to not appear like an abductor. Pink is not their color.



Connector Passenger(s):

- Confirm if you can see abductors in the car.
- Check the plate against your [list of known plates](#) or ask the plate checkers to check for you.
 - New plate: Snap a photo of the license plate. Relay plate information to the plate checkers
- Monitor chat for information. Add additional information to the chat. Join the daily group call when on active patrol, stay on mute.
- When there are multiple vehicles commuting behind one abductor vehicle, start a new Signal group chat with a join link to coordinate for that vehicle and start a separate group call.
- Report and call in help and assistance if threatened or if you come across an abduction action that you can confirm with your own eyes. Share an exact address or cross streets with full names. Or have dispatch do this.
- **BEST TO HAVE A THIRD PERSON:** Watch what's happening on the street and have good situational awareness. Be the designated documenter. One driver, one on chats and call, and one with eyes on the roads and surroundings is ideal



Stationary Monitors:

- Hang out in your car or on foot at key intersections, key locations, or outside on your block keeping watch.
- Report any abductor sightings or activity to the dispatchers.
- Be the first to follow a suspicious vehicle if that is what you want to do, or just stay put.
- If each and every block had a regular schedule of Monitors, then abductors would not be able to operate in the city. **Invite and enlist your neighbors while you wait and watch!**
- If you do choose to follow, remember that they are often returning back to the same locations.
- Note: if you are near a mosque some immigrant communities have been told "the safe monitors will be wearing high-visibility vests".

Great places to have extra regular presence:

- Karmel Mall, Stevens Ave/35W and Lake St, Along the Lake Street Corridor, Cedar Riverside, Mosques Prayer on Friday between 11:30-1:30, Latino Churches for Sundays

General:

- **The most useful way of tracking abductors is to look and see the passengers of the vehicle. DO NOT RELY ONLY ON THE KNOWN PLATE LIST**
- **Many people are laying on their horn and/or blowing their whistles when they confirm abductor presence to warn others. Many times abductors leave.**
- Because of the speed of abductions, Mobile Patrols and Stationed Monitors in the community looking out for abductors are **the most useful roles right now** and have contributed to stopping abductions that happen fast. Try it out!
- Stationary Monitors are very useful in hot spots and key intersections. Burn less gas and let abductors come to you.
- Abductors are circling back to a lot to the places that they want to be, so a **combination of Mobile Patrol and Stationary Monitoring is extra-helpful.**
- Pick an area and dedicate yourself to it. You will be best able to respond in neighborhoods and on streets that you know and are familiar with.
- **Make sure your doors are locked and windows are up. DO NOT ROLL DOWN YOUR WINDOW IF STOPPED BY ABDUCTORS.**
 - **Some cars automatically unlock the doors when you shift to park. Plan for or disable this setting.**
- Not everyone needs to respond to everything that happens everywhere. Consider staying put if it seems like others are responding to a situation. Even when there are big raid mobilizations it does not mean that other teams aren't operating in other places.
- If pairing up with someone new use **The Envelope Method** to share emergency information: *At the start of each shift, exchange a sealed envelope containing your name, emergency contact, and critical medical info. At the end, return the envelopes unopened. Do not share more than someone offers. This keeps everyone safe if detained, threatened, or targeted.*

How to Identify Abductor vehicles - Look for some combination of these potential factors that make it more likely:

- The most useful way of tracking abductors is to **look and see the passengers of the vehicle. DO NOT RELY ONLY ON THE KNOWN PLATE LIST.**
- People inside are mostly in pairs (though sometimes 1, sometimes 3+)
- Driver and passenger wearing neck gaiters or buffs that they pull up over their faces to mask their identities
- Wearing vests or have tactical gear
- **EASILY SPOOKED:** They are generally trying to be undercover but the minute they know you're paying attention they run or get nervous.
- Computers in the front seat or console
- May idle in parking lots for long periods of time, or move in groups of 1-3
- Dark tint on windows (but not always)
- Out of state plates (but not always)
- Plate # match [License Plates of Abductors in the Twin Cities](#)
- Common Models
 - Nisan Pathfinders
 - Ford Explorers
 - Ford Taurus
 - GMC Denali
 - Cadillac Escalade
- If you're not sure that it's an Abductor vehicle, try to find out by seeing the driver and passenger before following for a long distance.



Communicating useful first-hand information that you see with your own eyes:

S - SIZE (number of vehicles/agents)

A - ACTIVITY (what are they doing? example: "idling inside vehicles" or "surrounding a home")

L - LOCATION (where, include address if possible)

U - UNIFORM (tactical gear and "DHS/POLICE/ICE" identifiers)

T - TIME (be precise as possible!)

E - EQUIPMENT (weapons, armored vehicles, other equipment)

S - SUPPORT (what is being asked for? example: "community responders needed NOW!")



Documentation of Abduction, Immoral/fucked up, and/or Threatening actions:

- Take a breath and find your steady ground. Try to remain as calm as possible. Steady your hands.
- Put your phone **Horizontal** rather than vertical in your hand before you start recording. It will catch more of the entire scene.
- **Begin to record** if you see abduction, immoral/fucked up, or threatening actions.
- Call in for assistance from Dispatch or your local Rapid Response chat, this is why it is essential to work in pairs. You cannot record and be on a signal call at the same time.
- If they begin the process of an abduction, make sure you are recording, ask the person being detained their full name and if they need you to contact anyone

LANGUAGE	What is your name?	Who should I call? What number?
Spanish	<p>Como te llamas?</p> <p>Spoken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>co-mo tay yahmas?</i> 	<p>A quien llamo? Cual numero?</p> <p>Spoken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ah-key-en yahmo?</i> • <i>qual new-meroh?</i>

Somali	Magacaa? Spoken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>mahGa-ah?</i> 	Qof ma kuu wacaa? Namberka ii sheeg? Spoken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>koof MaKuu Wa'aa?</i> • <i>Numbarka eee She'eg?</i>
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- DO NOT POST ANY VIDEOS TO SOCIAL MEDIA that reveal identities of people being abducted by Federal Agents. Do not post anything from a chat to social media, only post what you have seen yourself. Do not go live on social media- if surrounded by ICE film and say that you are live- live cannot be controlled, remember that- anything that happens on the live stream is now public.
- Follow up with the family or friend contacts to try to let them know what happened.
- If there are loved ones or children left behind when the person was abducted, check in with them and do what you can to help them connect with resources and support. [See some support numbers here under "Immigrant Legal Know Your Rights, Support after an Abduction, and Family Planning"](#)
 - [MN Emergency Legal Guide During/After an ICE Arrest – Guía de Emergencia Legal durante/tras una Detención por ICE – Minnesota](#)
- Inform the Monarca line with your documentation when you have time. 612-441-2881.

Abductor intimidation of Responders:

- Responders commuting behind abductors will have sometimes find that they have led them to the address of where the car they are driving is registered to. If this happens you can drive to a place you feel comfortable with that is public and has cameras.

ICE box-ins:

- Some responders have been deliberately boxed in by agent vehicles, surrounded, and trapped by abductors.
- Abductors may yell and hit the window of the car and some have waved and pointed guns.
- If you are pulled over, ensure that your doors are locked and your windows are rolled all the way up.
- If you are on a patrol call immediately come off mute and inform others of your location and ask for support or text your Rapid Response loop.
- Have your documenter record the entire interaction.
- The chilliest interactions have been those who just completely ignore their tantrums and don't react back. Pretend they aren't there and focus your time and attention on calling in support.
- If stopped you can calmly state: "I am driving on a public road. I am observing and recording. I am not interfering."
 - You have the legal right to drive and commute on the street.
- If you have an interaction with abductors that leaves you feeling shaken up, take the time you need before starting to patrol again. Take a break or call a friend. There's no shame in pausing when this work impacts us, and we can be more helpful to our comrades and friends if we get re-grounded.

What to bring:

- **Essentials**

- **A buddy or two!**
- A fully charged phone and a car charger if you have it
- An external battery pack
- Try to keep a full tank of gas
- A whistle, extra if you have them
- Water, extra water (as in bike style bottles for chemical irritants)
- Snacks
- Clothes for extended time in the outdoor weather and elements
- Note pad, or way of taking notes that works for you
- Face-covering for protection, safety glasses
- MN NLG #: 📞 612-444-2654 (write this number on your arm while on observation)
- ❌ NO drugs or weapons
- Install the [ReadyNow app](#) You can use this app notify trusted contacts and legal aid if you are faced with arrest, and ensure your support network has the information they need to respond.

- **Extra Credit**

- Extra whistles
- A megaphone
- How to identify an ICE agent flyers
- Binoculars to look into cars and help verify if there are agents. (Note: be careful some agents have pointed dangerous laser pointers at people with binoculars. At night they will flash their flashlights at you)
- Print the list of license plates or have them screenshotted.

- **Extra, Extra credit -ready for whatever-**

- **WHAT TO BRING: THE COMMUNITY CARE KIT**

- throwaway jacket
- warm clothing/gloves/hats/hand warmers
- face mask/bandana/face covering, etc.
- sunglasses or goggles
- water (a lot of it)
- cheap towels
- phone chargers and power banks
- wired earbuds
- ear protection for whistle fatigue
- extra umbrellas
- disposable PPE
- basic first-aid supplies
- pepper spray PPE and treatment supplies
- Food/water
- Notebook, pen
- extras: binoculars, wireless leaf blower

Everything you carry is for comforting, protecting, or stabilizing someone in distress.

If you don't have a buddy with you and see abductor you have options:

- Commute calmly behind them and honk your horn to inform your neighbors about the danger. Hopefully others take up the following with you.
 - Immediately join others on the street when you see or hear this happening!
- Pull over and notify the dispatch or Rapid Response
- Carry on with your day

ICE and MPD:

The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) is an organization that has terrorized, harmed, killed, and removed people from our community. They are not the answer to the needs of our communities and they are not here to help us in our current efforts.

- **Many communities and neighbors are threatened by the presence of MPD and less safe when they are near.**
- **MPD have participated in ICE raids in the past by providing "crowd control" and deploying chemical weapons**
- **Calling 911 can draw unsafe and unhelpful police presence into an area where people are already stressed about ICE**

ONLY call this number if you are personally arrested/detained, or if you are a direct contact for a detained/arrested responder and can share their personal identifying information:

MN National Lawyers Guild Number: 612-444-2654

If detained by ICE as a Responder:

Cross-posting info from local attorney consortium (OP: Dec 9, 2025, 18:33:22 CST), feel free to share widely:

In the last couple of weeks, several United States citizen protestors/observers in Minnesota have been arrested by ICE. Here's what we learned from these situations:

With the exception of one person who was taken to the hospital, the rest have been taken to the Whipple Federal Building immediately after their detention by ICE. They have not been "booked" or recorded in any jail roster or other public list of detainees. No one has been able to get confirmation of their whereabouts over the phone or email. Detainees have been held for approximately 4-6 hours and then released. Two things seem to have affected when and whether they are released from custody: (1) detainees asking for a lawyer and saying they are not going to answer questions (right to attorney, right to silence); (2) lawyers showing up and demanding to see their clients being held in detention. Hopefully this will not happen to any more community members, whether citizens or not. But if it does, detainees should ask for an attorney and tell ICE you will not answer questions or sign anything. They should also try to get in contact with an attorney as soon as possible. People on the outside should communicate with a trusted attorney and request they go down to the Whipple Federal Building and ask to speak with the detained person. As much information as possible about detainees (name, DOB, place of detention, time of detention, medical status) should be shared with attorneys.

Lawyers to contact are Anna Hall (Legal Rights Center), 612-337-0133; Kevin Riach, 612-203-8555; and/or National Lawyers Guild hotline, 612-444-2654.

[Protect Rogers Park: Patrol Protocol Template](#)

