





# **Secure Communities**

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## What is the Secure Communities initiative?

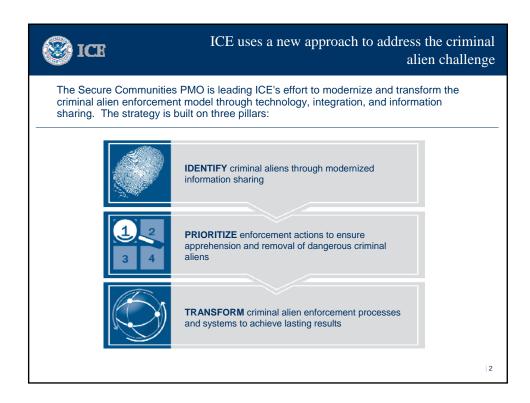


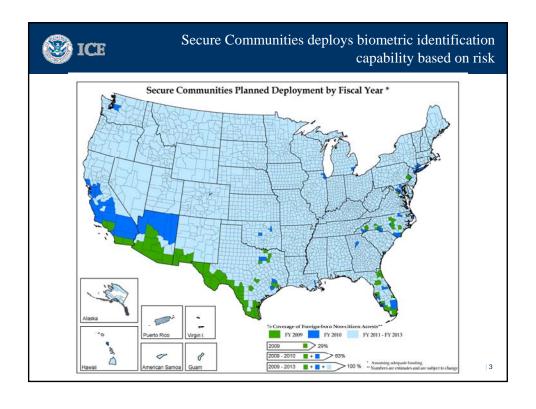




- Secure Communities: A Comprehensive Plan to Identify and Remove Criminal Aliens (SC/CIRCA), responds to a DHS congressional mandate to improve public safety by implementing a comprehensive, integrated approach to identify and remove criminal aliens from the United States
- In FY 2008 Congress provided Secure Communities with \$200M of two-year funds to identify and remove incarcerated criminal aliens
- In FY 2009 an additional \$150M of two-year funds expanded the scope to include atlarge criminal aliens
- The Secure Communities Program Management Office (SC PMO) is responsible for reporting on over \$1.4 billion for criminal alien enforcement efforts
- To address this challenge Secure Communities developed a strategic plan to help guide the initiative's efforts forward

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## ICE is committed to making communities safer



### Focusing on the most dangerous criminal aliens

- ICE will focus initially on identifying removable criminal aliens charged with or convicted of a Level 1 offense
- ICE's long-term goal is to identify and remove all criminal aliens held in federal, state, and local jails and prisons and at large
- Level 1 offenses include:
  - Threats to national security
  - Homicide
  - Kidnapping
  - Sex offenses
  - Robbery
  - Assault
  - Drug offenses (sentence > 1 year)
- Discretion is left to the field office for removal of criminal aliens charged with or convicted of Level 2 and 3 offenses

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## ICE and partners have achieved notable results

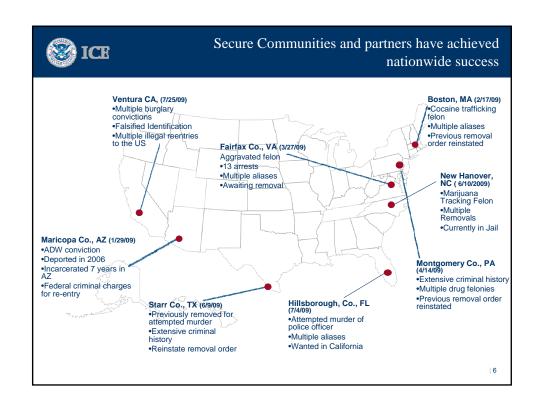


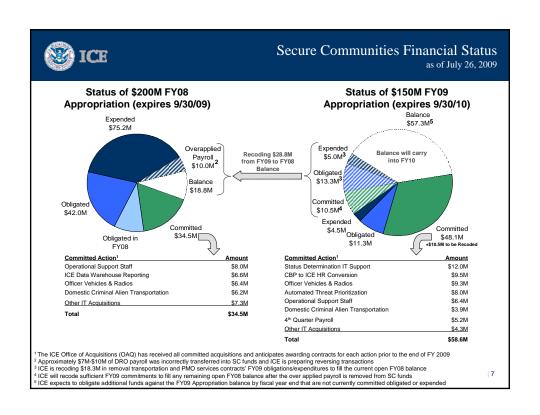
### Progress to date

As of July 29, 2009, automatic biometric identification is deployed in 77 jurisdictions within 9 states: Arizona, California, Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia

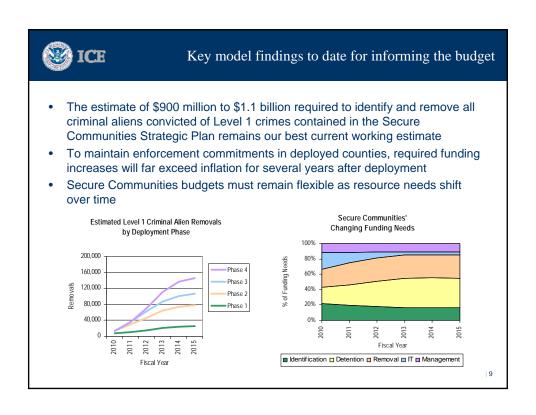
#### Cumulative National Statistics from October 27, 2008 - June 30, 2009

- 445,057 fingerprints have been submitted through Interoperability
- 56,327 submissions have resulted in an IDENT match (i.e., immigration encounter record)
- 5,083 IDENT matches identified criminal aliens convicted of Level 1
- 48,886 IDENT matches identified criminal aliens convicted or charged with Level 2 & 3 offenses
- 10,629 detainers were issued after a biometric identification in IDENT
- 595 criminal aliens convicted of Level 1 offenses were removed











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