



# U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Enforcement and Removal Operations

## 287(g) JAIL ENFORCEMENT MODEL (JEM)

### JEM PARTNER BENEFITS



**Information Sharing**  
between federal, state, and  
local law enforcement.



**Specialized Training**  
provided by ICE to state  
and local DIO candidates.



**Enhanced Public Safety**  
by reducing the number of  
criminal noncitizen offenders  
released back into the community.

### WHAT IS THE 287(g) JEM?

The 287(g) JEM is authorized under section 287(g) of the *Immigration and Nationality Act* (INA).

The 287(g) JEM acts as a **force multiplier** to effectively identify noncitizens with **criminal convictions or pending criminal charges** who are arrested by state and local law enforcement agencies (LEAs).

Under the 287(g) JEM, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO) **trains, certifies, and authorizes state and local Designated Immigration Officers (DIOs)** to perform only those immigration functions specified in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between ICE and the partner LEA.

AGREEMENTS



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PARTNERSHIPS



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TRAINING



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SAFE ARRESTS



After receiving comprehensive training from ICE, DIOs perform delegated immigration enforcement functions under the **direction and oversight of ICE officers.**



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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Interested LEAs go through the following process to participate in the 287(g) JEM:

-  LEAs submit a letter of interest to the local ICE ERO Field Office Director.
-  ICE reviews and assesses the request.
-  ICE approves and signs an MOA with the LEA partner.
-  The LEA will nominate DIO candidates who must pass a background check.
-  DIO candidates complete an initial 4-week training and 1-week refresher training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center every 2 years.
-  ICE equipment is installed within partnering state and local jails.
-  The 287(g) JEM is supervised by the local ERO field office.

## 287(g) JEM BY THE NUMBERS

Reflects Fiscal Year 2020 Figures

77 JEM Agreements with law enforcement agencies in 21 states

4,318 facilitated removals based on 287(g) encounters

301 trained and active DIOs



## STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- The *Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996* added Section 287(g) to the INA.
- This section of federal law authorizes ICE to enter into **voluntary** agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, that permit trained and certified state and local officers to perform specified immigration law enforcement functions under ICE direction and oversight.



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