

Enforcement and Removal Operations

TARGETING OPERATIONS DIVISION

WHAT WE DO

ERO's Targeting Operations Division focuses on interior enforcement of U.S. immigration laws. Its centers apply **technical capabilities, analytical tools and law enforcement expertise** to identify noncitizens who are removable and generate intelligence-driven leads.



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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The Targeting Operations Division resides within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO).



ERO undertakes **intensive review** and **analysis** before initiating enforcement action. Law enforcement/targeting specialists and deportation officers within each of the three TOD centers allow ERO to **efficiently and effectively identify leads and prioritize** noncitizens who are removable.

TOD CENTERS

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT CENTER

PACIFIC ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE CENTER

NATIONAL CRIMINAL ANALYSIS AND TARGETING CENTER



PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

1.55 million

biometric and biographic queries processed annually by **LESC**.

191,177

queries reviewed by PERC in FY 21 resulting in

19,352

ICE detainers and notices for criminal noncitizens and

98,153 fugitive operations referrals.

7.7 million

individuals vetted by NCATC for targeting data in FY 21.



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Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC)

OVERVIEW

LESC conducts person-centric data analysis and provides timely assistance to law enforcement agencies by identifying noncitizens suspected, arrested, or convicted of criminal activity.

LESC operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week responding to status inquiries from more than 13,000 law enforcement partners at the federal, state, local, tribal and international levels. LESC acts as the central contact for the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), for the mandatory screening of foreign-born prospective firearms buyers in the United States.

Pacific Enforcement Response Center (PERC)

PERC uses biometric information and in-depth analysis to verify subjects' identity, immigration status, criminal record, custody status, and removability.



PERC manages a high volume of actionable criminal leads requiring prompt enforcement action and creates lead referrals to aid ICE officers in locating subjects, after an initial citizenship determination is made by the LESC. PERC has identified and targeted egregious criminal noncitizens, including subjects arrested for violent felonies, domestic violence, lewd and lascivious acts upon children, and narcotics sales/trafficking.

National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center (NCATC)

NCATC analyzes data in numerous law enforcement and immigration databases to develop leads on removable noncitizens that are provided to ERO's 25 field offices.



NCATC plays a leading role in the identification and removal of criminal noncitizens in the United States, including **foreign fugitives wanted for serious offenses committed abroad** who fled to the U.S. in an attempt to evade justice.



NCATC performs analysis on **foreign born sex offender registry cases** in a shared effort with the US Marshals Service. Since inception, this weekly initiative has resulted in the **arrest of over 1,000 known sex offenders**.

