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.

**WHO WE ARE**

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**

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OVERVIEW

Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC)

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**.

**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.