FACT SHEET

A Day in the Life of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative agency in the Department of Homeland Security. ICE’s Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) directorate is responsible for the agency’s efforts to enforce the nation’s immigration laws in a fair and effective manner.

Each day, ERO employees work to uphold the agency’s mission by ensuring the removal of aliens who pose a threat to national security or public safety through fair and effective immigration law enforcement. ERO’s mission is broad and requires a diverse workforce made up of law enforcement officers, medical professionals, administrative specialists, and many others to ensure the success of that mission.

On an average day in 2012 (based on Fiscal Year 2012 statistics from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012):

- ERO managed 6 Service Processing Centers, oversaw 7 contract detention facilities, and housed aliens in over 240 facilities under intergovernmental service agreements.
- The average length of stay in an ERO detention facility was approximately 27 days.
- ERO housed an average of 34,260 illegal aliens in these various facilities nationwide.
- ERO personnel managed over 1.71 million aliens in the various stages of immigration removal proceedings.
- ERO processed 1,305 aliens into detention centers. The intake process includes an initial health care screening that is completed within 12 hours of arrival at the facility, followed by a comprehensive health assessment that includes a physical examination and the completion of a detailed medical history within 14 days of arrival.
- ERO health care professionals conducted approximately 603 intake health care screenings in facilities staffed by ERO health care providers.
- ERO facilitated 285 physical examinations and 95 dental examinations.
• Health care professionals conducted 372 chronic disease interventions and 151 mental health interventions.

• Facility clinics received 377 detainees during sick call and 896 prescriptions were filled at facilities staffed by ERO health care providers.

• Health care personnel saw 44 detainees for urgent care, and there were 46 emergency room or off-site referrals.

• ERO responded to 250 calls placed by detainees, family members, and community stakeholders received through the ICE Community and Detainee Helpline.

• ERO personnel monitored 23,034 aliens enrolled in the Alternatives to Detention program under the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program II (ISAP II).

• ERO employees procured 246 travel documents.

• ERO employees processed 363 bond actions.

• ERO removed 1,120 aliens from the United States to countries around the globe, including 616 criminal aliens.

• ERO processed and removed 382 cases as a result of reinstated final orders.

• Thirty seven aliens were removed via commercial airlines and 788 aliens were removed via government aircraft.

• Thirty one children were placed with the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the Department of Health and Human Services.

• ERO officers arrested 471 convicted criminal aliens through its enforcement efforts.

• ERO worked with U.S. Attorneys offices, who accepted 25 cases for criminal prosecution.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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