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APPENDIX A TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS April 2026



This document highlights significant events in the lead-up to and during Operation Midway Blitz. The Commission has tried to identify as many significant events as possible involving uses of federal force, changes to federal policy, and significant actions that tell the story of Operation Midway Blitz.

PRIOR TO PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST TERM

- March 7, 1985 – Chicago becomes second ‘welcoming city’ in the nation through an executive order issued by Chicago Mayor Harold Washington.¹
- March 29, 2006 - Chicago City council adopts ordinance to become a welcoming city.² The welcoming ordinance was amended in 2012 to add clarity to the ordinance’s purpose and intent, and again in 2016 to strengthen certain provisions.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST ADMINISTRATION

- Jan. 20, 2017 – Donald J. Trump inaugurated as President of the United States.
- Jan. 25, 2017 – President Trump issues Executive Order 13768 (Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States) declaring that “sanctuary jurisdictions” shall not be eligible to receive federal grants.³
- July 25, 2017 - U.S. Department of Justice attempts to withhold federal funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program for FY 2017 from the City of Chicago and State of Illinois for failure to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement pursuant to EO 13768.⁴
- Aug. 28 , 2017– Effective date of Illinois TRUST Act, 5 ILCS 805/1 *et. seq.*, prohibiting state and local law enforcement coordination with civil immigration enforcement.

1 City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor, Executive Order 85-1, March 7, 1985.

2 City of Chicago, Coun. J. 3-29-06, p. 74325.

3 Executive Order 13768, Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States, 82 Fed. Reg. 8799 (Jan. 30, 2017).

4 Congressional Research Service, “DOJ Grant Conditions Target Sanctuary Jurisdictions: Litigation Update,” May 4, 2018, <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/LSB10126>.

- Nov. 16, 2017 –White House Officials ask federal agencies if individuals arrested at the southern border could be bused to “small- and mid-sized sanctuary cities” in order to alleviate a shortage of detention space and to send a message to Democratic opponents. ICE officials responded with budgetary, liability, and public relations concerns and the idea did not progress.⁵ In February 2018, White Officials again raise idea of bussing asylum seekers to sanctuary cities, an idea which was rejected by the ICE legal department as inappropriate.⁶
- April 19, 2018 – Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a nationwide preliminary injunction preventing the Department of Justice from imposing conditions related to law enforcement cooperation with immigration authorities on FY 2017 Byrne JAG funding, including for the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.⁷ The preliminary injunction was narrowed on June 26 to only apply to the City of Chicago, after which the Illinois Attorney General filed a lawsuit challenging the withholding of State funds.⁸ A permanent injunction with respect to the FY 2017 funds for the State of Illinois was entered on Sept. 26, 2018.⁹
- May 7, 2018 – U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announces “Zero Tolerance” policy to prosecute all individuals crossing the border and to separate children from parents.¹⁰ It’s estimated that more 4,00 children were separated from their parents under the Zero Tolerance policy.¹¹

5 Rachel Bade & Nick Miroff, White House Proposed Releasing Immigrant Detainees In Sanctuary Cities Targeting Political Foes, The Washington Post, Apr. 11, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/white-house-proposed-releasing-immigrant-detainees-in-sanctuary-cities-targeting-political-foes/2019/04/11/72839bc8-5c68-11e9-9625-01d48d50ef75_story.html.

6 *Id.*

7 *City of Chicago v. Sessions*, 888 F.3d 272 (7th Cir. 2018).

8 Matt Masterson, *Attorney General Madigan Sues DOJ Over Withheld Federal Funding*, WTTW, July 13, 2018, <https://news.wttw.com/2018/07/13/attorney-general-madigan-sues-doj-over-withheld-federal-funding>.

9 Compl. ¶ 24, *State of Illinois v. Barr*, 1:19-cv-03461 (N.D. Ill. May 23, 2019), <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/dA/4eea73fc79/201905-23%20DEPARTMENT%20OF%20JUSTICE%20FOR%20WITHHOLDING%20ILLINOIS%20LAW%20ENFORCEMENT%20FUNDING.pdf>

10 Richard Gonzales, *Sessions Says ‘Zero Tolerance’ For Illegal Border Crossers, Vows to Divide Families*, NPR, May 7, 2018, <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/05/07/609225537/sessions-says-zero-tolerance-for-illegal-border-crossers-vows-to-divide-families>.

11 Caitlin Dickerson, *We need to take away children*, The Atlantic, September 2022, <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2022/09/trump-administration-family-separation-policy-immigration/670604/>.

- May 19-25, 2018 – Operation Keep Safe in Chicago during which ICE engaged in pattern of executing warrantless arrests without probable cause, arresting 156 people, including 106 without warrants which become the basis for the allegations in the *Castanon Nava Consent Decree*.¹²
- May 29, 2018 – Two Chicago residents file class action complaint in *Castanon Nava v. Department of Homeland Security* in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois challenging the “indiscriminate enforcement actions, through traffic stops, home raids, and other sweeps” conducted during Operation Keep Safe.¹³
- July 23, 2018 –DHS issues regulations expanding the use of expedited removal to any noncitizens encountered anywhere in the U.S. who were not admitted or paroled, and who could not demonstrate that they had been present in the U.S. for more than two years. With this expansion, more populations would not have an opportunity to contest their removal before an immigration judge. The rules were enjoined by a District Court in September 2019, although a subsequent appeals court ruling in June allowed them to take effect.¹⁴ The rules were later rescinded by the Biden Administration.
- Nov. 20, 2018 –U.S. Department of Justice attempts to impose same conditions related to immigration enforcement on the FY 2018 Byrne JAG funds as were enjoined for FY 2017.¹⁵ The Illinois Attorney General filed a legal challenge to the FY 2018 funding conditions on May 23, 2019, and a settlement agreement was reached October 25, 2019, under which a court order prohibited the Department of Justice from imposing the challenged conditions on Illinois’ funds.¹⁶

12 Press Release, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, “ICE arrests 156 criminal aliens and immigration violators during Operation Keep Safe in Chicago Area,” May 25, 2018,” available at: <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-arrests-156-criminal-aliens-and-immigration-violators-during-operation-keep-safe>.

13 Second Amend. Compl., *Nava v. Dep.’t of Homeland Sec.*, 1:18-cv-03757 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 18, 2018).

14 Migration Policy Institute, “Four Years of Profound Change,” at 45 (Feb. 2022), available at: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/sites/default/files/publications/mpi-trump-at-4-report-final.pdf>.

15 Compl. ¶ 28, *State of Illinois v. Barr*, 1:19-cv-03461 (N.D. Ill. May 23, 2019), <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/dA/4eea73fc79/201905-23%20DEPARTMENT%20OF%20JUSTICE%20FOR%20WITHHOLDING%20ILLINOIS%20LAW%20ENFORCEMENT%20FUNDING.pdf>

16 Press Release, Office of Illinois Attorney General, “Attorney General Raoul Secures \$6.6 Million in Federal Funding for Illinois Law Enforcement,” Oct. 25, 2019, <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/dA/19818fe561/201910-25%206.6%20MILLION%20IN%20FEDERAL%20FUNDING%20FOR%20ILLINOIS%20LAW%20ENFORCEMENT.pdf>.

- Dec. 20, 2018– Trump Administration announces the “Remain in Mexico” program (also known as the Migrant Protection Protocols) which requires individuals seeking asylum to wait in Mexico prior to their U.S. immigration court hearing, rather than be paroled into the United States pending a decision.¹⁷
- Jan. 1, 2019 – Effective date of Illinois’ Voices of Immigration Communities Empowering Victims Enforcements (VOICES) Act, 5 ILCS 825/1 *et. seq.*, which requires law enforcement agencies to establish procedures for responding to requests from victims of certain crimes who were applying for a U-visa or T-visa, which provide lawful nonimmigrant status to individuals who assist law enforcement in investigating or prosecuting the crime.
- March 26, 2020 – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issues order under Sections 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act to suspend entry of individuals into the United States at a land Port of Entry or Border Patrol station at or near the United States borders with Canada and Mexico, on the basis that such entries are a threat to public health due to the COVID-19 pandemic.¹⁸

PRESIDENT BIDEN’S ADMINISTRATION

- Jan. 20, 2021 – Joseph R. Biden inaugurated as President of the United States.
- June 1, 2021 – Biden Administration’s Department of Homeland Security terminates the Migrant Protection Protocol (also known as the “Remain in Mexico” policy) amidst humanitarian concerns,¹⁹ although subsequent litigation would not allow its complete termination until 2023.²⁰
- Oct. 27, 2021 - U.S. Department of Justice expands restrictions on immigration enforcement at sensitive locations.²¹

17 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen, Memorandum: Policy Guidance for Implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols, Jan. 25, 2019, available at:

https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/19_0129_OPA_migrant-protection-protocols-policy-guidance.pdf.

18 Notice of Order Under Sections 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act, Suspending Introduction of Certain Persons From Countries Where a Communicable Disease Exists, 85 Fed. Reg. 17060 (March 26, 2020).

19 Department of Homeland Security, Migrant Protection Protocols (Biden Administration Archive – February 2021), <https://www.dhs.gov/archive/migrant-protection-protocols-biden-administration>.

20 Congressional Research Service, “Rescission of the Migrant Protection Protocols: Litigation Developments,” Feb. 8, 2023, <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/LSB10915>.

21 Memorandum from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, “Guidelines for Enforcement Actions in or Near Protected Areas,” Oct. 27, 2021, available at: https://www.dhs.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/21_1027_opa_guidelines-enforcement-actions-in-near-protected-areas.pdf.

- Nov. 21, 2021 – ICE issues warrantless arrest and vehicle policy stop pursuant to *Castanon-Nava Settlement Agreement*.
- Feb. 8, 2022 – U.S. District Court Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer approves proposed *Castanon-Nava Settlement Agreement* by which ICE agreed to adopt a policy requiring individualized assessment of reasonable suspicion that an individual was likely to escape when executing a warrantless arrest, consistent with the Immigration and Nationality Act.²²
- Aug. 31, 2022 – Texas Governor Greg Abbott directs Texas Division of Emergency Management to charter buses for transporting asylum seekers who enter at the Texas and Mexico border to sanctuary cities. The first bus to Chicago arrives at Union Station on August 31.²³
- May 11, 2023 – The suspension of entries at the Southern Border pursuant to Title 42 of the Public Health Service Act ends with the expiration of the COVID-19 federal public health emergency.²⁴
- July 1, 2024 – U.S. Supreme Court issues decision in *Trump v. United States*, 603 U.S. 593 (2024) holding that a former President is entitled to absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within his conclusive and preclusive constitutional authority, and is entitled to at least a presumption of immunity for all official acts.

PRESIDENT TRUMP WINS PRESIDENCY FOR SECOND TERM

- Nov. 5, 2024 – Donald J. Trump wins election for second Presidential term.
- Nov. 14, 2024 – On Donald Trump Jr.'s podcast, President-Elect Trump's Border Czar Tom Homan said that the public should expect to see "Shock and Awe" on Day 1 of the new Trump Administration.²⁵

²² Settlement Agreement and Release, *Nava v. Dep't of Homeland Sec.*, 1:18-cv-03757 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 30, 2021).

²³ Press Release, Office of the Texas Governor, "Governor Abbott Announces First Bus of Migrants Arrives in Chicago," Aug. 31, 2022, available at: <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-announces-first-bus-of-migrants-arrives-in-chicago>.

²⁴ Adam Cancryn, *Biden to end COVID health emergency declarations in May*, Politico, Jan. 30, 2023, <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/01/30/biden-end-covid-health-emergency-may-00080305>.

²⁵ Triggered with Donald Trump Jr., "Shaking up the Swamp and We're Just Getting Started, Plus Interview with Tom Homan," Nov. 14, 2024, <https://f1991d70-8ddc-474c-91c2-1b97a7a78cf3.libsyn.com/shaking-up-the-swamp-and-were-just-getting-started-plus-interview-with-tom-homan-triggered-ep191>.

- Dec. 9, 2024 – President-Elect Trump’s Border Czar Tom Holman attends event in Chicago, and states “We’re going to start right here in Chicago, Illinois... January 21st, you’re going to look for a lot of ICE agents in your city looking for criminals and gang members.”²⁶
- Dec. 18, 2024 – The last arrival of asylum seekers via bus or plane from the State of Texas to the City of Chicago. Between August 2022 and December 2024, 51,648 individuals seeking asylum were sent by the State of Texas to Chicago after being granted temporary parole into the United States.²⁷
- Jan. 7, 2025 – Gregory Bovino, Chief of the Customs and Border Patrol El Centro Sector, leads “Operation Return to Sender” in Southern California wherein they detained laborers and farmworkers using traffic stops and workplace raids over a 3-day period, deploying similar tactics that would be used in LA and Chicago.²⁸
- Jan. 17, 2025 – Wall Street Journal reports that “incoming Trump administration is planning a large-scale immigration raid in Chicago next week... The raid is expected to being on Tuesday morning, a day after Trump is inaugurated and will last all week... U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will send between 100 and 200 officers to carry out the operation.”²⁹
- Jan. 17, 2025 – Tom Homan suggests to New York Times that plans for immigration raid in Chicago were being reconsidered due to the public reporting of the operation.³⁰

26 Elyssa Kaufman et. al., *Tom Homan, President-Elect Trump’s Border Czar, Says Deportation Plan Will Start In Chicago*, CBS News Chicago, Dec. 11, 2024, <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/tom-homan-trump-border-czar-chicago/>.

27 City of Chicago, New Arrivals Situational Awareness Dashboard, <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/Dashboard.html> (accessed Dec. 18, 2025).

28 Order Granting Plaintiffs’ Motion for Provisional Class Certification and Granting Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, *United Farm Workers v. Noem*, 1:25-cv-00246-JLT-CDB (E.D. Cal. Apr. 29, 2025).

29 Michelle Hackman et. al., *Trump to Begin Large-Scale Deportations Tuesday*, The Wall Street Journal, Jan. 17, 2025, available at: <https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/trump-to-begin-large-scale-deportations-tuesday-e1bd89bd>.

30 Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Hamed Aleaziz, *Trump’s Deportation Plan Could Start Next Week in Chicago*, The New York Times Jan. 17, 2025, available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/17/us/politics/trump-immigration-raids-chicago.html>.

FIRST 100 DAYS OF SECOND TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

- Jan. 20, 2025 – Donald J. Trump sworn in for second term as United States President. In his inaugural address he announces he sign a series of historic executive orders and “All illegal entry will immediately be halted, and we will begin the process of returning millions and millions of criminal aliens back to the places from which they came. We will reinstate my remain in Mexico policy. I will end the practice of catch and release. And will send troops to the southern border to repel the disastrous invasion of our country.”³¹
- Jan. 20, 2025 - On first day of second term, President Trump issues 9 Executive Orders addressing immigration and declares a national emergency at the Southern Border of the United States.
 - Executive Order 14159 “Protecting the American People Against Invasion” – directs the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security to withhold federal funds from sanctuary jurisdictions.³²
 - Executive Order 14160 “Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship” – directs federal agencies to stop recognizing birthright citizenship for any child born in the United States after February 15, 2025 to parents who are in the United States unlawfully or on temporary status.³³
 - Executive Order 14161 “Protecting the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats” – adopts more stringent vetting and screening procedures for people immigrating to the United States, seeking a visa or applying for refugee status and recommend any additional measures to “ensure the proper assimilation of lawful immigrants” and “promote a united American identity.”³⁴

31 The Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 2025, available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/remarks/2025/01/the-inaugural-address/>.

32 Exec. Order 14159, 90 Fed. Reg. 8443 (Jan. 29, 2025).

33 Exec. Order 14160, 90 Fed. Reg. 8449 (Jan. 29, 2025).

34 Exec. Order 14161, 90 Fed. Reg. 8451 (Jan. 30, 2025).

- Executive Order 14163 “Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program” – suspends refugee admissions and established a policy to only admit those refugees who can “fully and appropriately assimilate” and to allow local jurisdictions to have a role in determining whether refugees should be allowed to resettle in their communities.³⁵
- Executive Order 14164 “Restoring the Death Penalty and Protecting Public Safety” – directs the Attorney General to pursue the death penalty in every case of a federal capital crime committed by an alien illegally present in this country.³⁶
- Executive Order 14165 “Securing Our Borders” – expands the use of detention and expedited removal processes, and revoked prior policies for Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan immigrants that allowed them to enter the United States while awaiting determinations. Reinstated the “Migrant Protection Protocols” which requires individuals awaiting asylum determinations to remain in Mexico, rather than be paroled into the United States. Also revokes the use of the “CBP One” application as a method for facilitating requests for entry to the United States.³⁷
- Executive Order 14167 “Clarifying the Military’s Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity of the United States” – expands the military’s role in immigration enforcement and assigns the United States Northern Command the mission to seal the borders of the United States and repel forms of invasion including unlawful mass migration, narcotics trafficking, human smuggling and other criminal activities.³⁸
- Executive Order 14157 “Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists” – directs the Secretary of State to make recommendations on whether to designate certain cartels and other transnational organizations as foreign terrorist organizations. The order identifies the transnational organizations Tren De Aragua (TdA) and La Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13).³⁹

³⁵ Exec. Order 14163, 90 Fed. Reg. 8459 (Jan. 30, 2025).

³⁶ Exec. Order 14164, 90 Fed. Reg. 8463 (Jan. 30, 2025).

³⁷ Exec. Order 14165, 90 Fed. Reg. 8467 (Jan. 30, 2025).

³⁸ Exec. Order 14167, 90 Fed. Reg. 8613 (Jan. 30, 2025).

³⁹ Exec. Order 14157, 90 Fed. Reg. 8439 (Jan. 29, 2025).

- Jan. 20, 2025 – DHS lifts restrictions on enforcement at sensitive locations like schools, churches, hospitals, and courthouses.⁴⁰ Variations on this policy had been in place since 2011, including during the first Trump Administration.⁴¹ In issuing new guidance, DHS gives agents discretion to conduct enforcement in protected areas on a “case-by-case basis.”⁴² This guidance was enjoined with respect to houses of worship, litigation is ongoing.
- Jan. 20, 2025 – DHS expands use of expedited removal to the maximum authority allowed under law.⁴³ Allows for the use of the expedited removal process for any individual determined to be inadmissible who had not been admitted or paroled into the U.S. and who had not been physically present in U.S. continuously for two years. This action reversed Biden-era rules, in effect since March 21, 2022, that only permitted such expedited removals for individuals continuously in the U.S. for up to two years if the individual arrived by sea. For individuals who entered by land, such expedited removal was only permitted if the individual was apprehended within 100 miles of the U.S. border and who had been in the U.S. for less than 14 days prior to the encounter. Individuals who are placed in expedited removal are not eligible to request bond from an immigration court, thus more individuals are held in detentions as a result of this expansion of expedited removal.
- Jan. 20, 2025 – DHS disables the CBP One App which had been used by individuals seeking entry to the U.S. to schedule appointments for asylum interviews.⁴⁴

40 Memorandum from Benamine C. Huffman, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, “Enforcement Actions in or Near Protected Areas,” Jan. 20, 2025, available at: https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/25_0120_S1_enforcement-actions-in-near-protected-areas.pdf.

41 Memorandum from John Morton, Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, “Enforcement Actions at or Focused on Sensitive Locations,” Oct. 24, 2011, available at: <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>; Memorandum from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, “Guidelines for Enforcement Actions in or Near Protected Areas,” Oct. 27, 2021, available at: https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/21_1027_opa_guidelines-enforcement-actions-in-near-protected-areas.pdf.

42 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, “Protect Areas and Courthouse Arrests,” <https://www.ice.gov/about-ice/ero/protected-areas> (accessed Dec. 19, 2025).

43 Notice, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Designating Aliens for Expedited Removal, 90 Fed. Reg. 8139 (Jan. 24, 2025), available at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-24/pdf/2025-01720.pdf>. Additional guidance was issued to CBP and ICE agents on January 23, 2025, authorizing DHS office to pause, modify or terminate any parole program and providing guidance on how to exercise enforcement discretion for parole.

44 Press Release, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, “CBP Removes Scheduling Functionality in CBP One App,” Jan. 21, 2025, available at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-removes-scheduling-functionality-cbp-one-app>.

- Jan. 21, 2025 – Border Czar Tom Homan says in televised interview that arrested individuals who posed safety threats would be ICE’s priority, but “when we find him, he may be with others. And unlike the last administration, we’re not going to tell ICE officers not to arrest an illegal alien. So if they find, others will be arrested. So sanctuary cities will get exactly what they don’t want, more agents in their neighborhoods and more collateral arrests.”⁴⁵
- Jan. 23, 2025 - Additional guidance issued authorizing DHS office to pause, modify or terminate any parole program and providing guidance on how to exercise enforcement discretion for parole, which is the mechanism by which individuals are allowed into the U.S. pending a final decision on their immigration case.⁴⁶
- Jan. 26, 2025 – DHS announces “enhanced targeted operations in the City of Chicago.”⁴⁷
- Jan. 26 –31, 2025 – DHS conducts “Operation Safeguard 2025” in Chicago and surrounding suburbs, during which television personality Dr. Phil broadcasts live while accompanying Tom Homan during enforcement activity.⁴⁸ Reports estimate that at least 122 people were arrested in Illinois, with at least 53 occurring in Chicago.⁴⁹ On January 27, Trump administration announces it made close to 1,200 arrests in one day, including in Chicago. Nearly half of those individuals had no criminal records, and many were not the result of targeted enforcement, but collateral arrests.⁵⁰
- Jan. 26, 2025 – In call to senior ICE officials, Trump Administration officials direct ICE to increase arrests to at least 1,200 to 1,500 per day; each agency field office directed to make 75 arrest per day and managers would be held accountable for missing targets. In first week, ICE officers arrest 400-600 individuals per day.⁵¹

45 Fox News, *Trump Border Czar Tom Homan Reveals ICE Teams Are Already Arresting ‘Public Safety Threats*, Jan. 21, 2025, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-border-czar-tom-homan-reveals-ice-teams-already-arresting-public-safety-threats>.

46 Memorandum from Benjamine C. Huffman, Acting Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security, “Guidance Regarding How to Exercise Enforcement Discretion,” Jan. 23, 2025, available at: https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/25_0123_er-and-parole-guidance.pdf.

47 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (@ICEgov), X (Jan. 26, 2025 12:09 PM), <https://x.com/ICEgov/status/1883577941210062880>.

48 Tom Schuba, et. al., *Trump Officials Join Federal Agents – And Dr. Phil – For Immigration Arrests In Chicago*, Chicago Sun-Times, Jan. 26, 2025, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/immigration/2025/01/26/dhs-immigration-raids-chicago-sunday-live-file>.

49 Mick Dumke, *ICE Arrested Nearly 400 In Chicago, Nearby States In The Days After Trump’s Inauguration: Records*, Block Club Chicago, Sept. 16, 2025, <https://blockclubchicago.org/2025/09/16/ice-arrested-nearly-400-in-chicago-nearby-states-in-the-days-after-trumps-inauguration-records/>.

50 Gabe Gutierrez and Nicole Acevedo, *ICE makes close to 1,200 arrests in one day*, NBC News, Jan. 27, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/ice-trump-deportations-numbers-rcna188937>.

51 Nick Miroff and Maria Sacchetti, *Trump Officials Issue Quotas To ICE Officers To Ramp Up Arrests*, The Washington Post, Jan. 26, 2025, available at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/01/26/ice-arrests-raids-trump-quota/>.

- Jan. 29, 2025 – Trump signs first new law of second term, the Laken Riley Act, which mandates the federal detention of illegal immigrants who are accused (not convicted) of certain crimes, including theft, burglary, assaulting a law enforcement officer, and any crime that causes death or bodily injury.⁵²
- Jan. 29, 2025 – Presidential memorandum directs the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Homeland Security to expand the Migrant Operations Center at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to provide additional detention space for “high-priority criminal aliens” unlawfully present in the United States.⁵³
- Feb. 4, 2025 – First flight of detainees arrives at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay; DHS releases photo images of individuals in handcuffs being led off of a military plane.⁵⁴
- Feb. 5, 2025 – U.S. Department of Justice attempts to withhold federal grants to state and local jurisdictions that unlawfully interfere with federal law enforcement operations directing a pause any further distribution of funds and suspending any new grants.⁵⁵
- Feb. 6, 2025 – Department of Justice files lawsuit challenging the Illinois Trust Act.⁵⁶
- Feb. 14, 2025 – DHS issues guidance requiring all household members of a sponsor of an unaccompanied minor to be fingerprinted.⁵⁷ Subsequent guidance required DNA testing to support any claims that a sponsor is biologically related to a child⁵⁸ and allowed the Office of Refugee Resettlement to disqualify a potential sponsor based on their immigration status.⁵⁹

⁵² Laken Riley Act, Pub. L. No. 119-1 (2025).

⁵³ Presidential Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Homeland Security, “Expanding Migrant Operations Center at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Full Capacity,” Jan. 29, 2025, available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/expanding-migrant-operations-center-at-naval-station-guantanamo-bay-to-full-capacity/>.

⁵⁴ U.S. Department of Homeland Security, “PHOTO RELEASE: DHS releases images of the First Flight of Criminal Aliens to Guantanamo Bay,” Feb. 4, 2025, available at: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/02/04/dhs-releases-images-first-flight-criminal-aliens-guantanamo-bay>.

⁵⁵ Memorandum for all Department Employees, from The Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice, “Sanctuary Jurisdiction Directives,” Feb. 5, 2025, available at: <https://www.justice.gov/ag/media/1388531/dl?inline>.

⁵⁶ *U.S. v. State of Illinois, et. al.*, 1:25-cv-1285 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 6, 2025).

⁵⁷ Office of Refugee Resettlement Field Guidance #26: Fingerprint Background Checks and Acceptable Supporting Documentation for a Family Reunification Application, February 14, 2025, <https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/ORR-FG-26-Revised-Fingerprint-Requirements-for-Sponsors-andHHM--02-14-2025-.pdf>.

⁵⁸ Office of Refugee Resettlement Field Guidance #27, DNA Testing Expansion, March 14, 2025, https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/FG-27_-_DNA_Testing_Expansion.pdf.

⁵⁹ Unaccompanied Children Program Foundational Rule; Update To Accord With Statutory Requirements, 90 FR 13554, March 25, 2025, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/03/25/2025-04971/unaccompaniedchildren-program-foundational-rule-update-to-accord-with-statutory-requirements>.

- Feb. 17, 2025 - DHS Secretary Kristi Noem [post](#) to X: "Tonight, I'm announcing a nationwide and international multi-million dollar ad campaign warning illegal aliens to leave our country NOW or face deportation with the inability to return to the US. This serves as a strong warning to criminal illegal aliens to not come to America. If they do, they will be hunted down and deported. Thank you @realdonaldtrump for securing our border and putting America first."⁶⁰
- Feb. 18, 2025 - Department of Interior issues stop work order to providers of legal services to unaccompanied minors. The federal government reversed the stop work order three days later, but on March 21 cancelled portions of the contracts and rescinded all funding for legal representation.⁶¹
- Feb. 19, 2025 – Executive Order 14218, Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders issued.⁶² The order directs federal agencies to enhance verification systems to exclude any individual not eligible for federal benefits due to immigration status, and to ensure that no federal funds were being used to subsidize state or local government programs that promoted sanctuary policies.
- Feb. 28, 2025 – USCIS issues guidance expanding the instances when USCIS officers will issue Notices to Appear (NTA) that commence removal proceedings and eliminating officer discretion except in very limited cases.⁶³
- March 1, 2025 - Executive Order 14224, Designating English as the Official Language of the United States.⁶⁴
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- March 6, 2025 – State Department begins using artificial intelligence to review social media accounts of student visa holders for political speech.⁶⁶
- March 10, 2025 – DHS launches CBP Home APP which allows individuals to report voluntary deportations, facilitates cost-free travel, and pays individuals \$1,000 to leave the country.⁶⁷ In launching app, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem warned in press release “The CBP Home app gives aliens the option to leave now and self-deport, so they may still have the opportunity to return legally in the future and live the American dream. If they don’t, we will find them, we will deport them, and they will never return.”
- March 13, 2025 – Plaintiffs file motion to enforce *Castanon Nava Consent Decree* alleging that ICE officers violated the consent decree during Operation Safeguard 2025 by conducting warrantless arrests without individualized probable cause assessments, including arrests of U.S. citizens.⁶⁸

THREATS OF ENHANCED EFFORTS AND USE OF MILITARY FORCES INCREASE THROUGHOUT SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER

- April 11, 2025 – DHS Interim Final Rule takes effect implementing biometric registration requirement for any non-citizen in the U.S. for longer than 30 days.⁶⁹
- April 24, 2025 – U.S. Department of Transportation threatens to withhold funds from jurisdictions that “declined to cooperate with ICE investigations, have issued driver’s licenses to individuals present in the United States in violation of federal immigration law, or have otherwise acted in a manner that impedes Federal law enforcement.”⁷⁰

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- May 1, 2025 – Department of Justice files lawsuit challenging implementation of SB 508, amending Illinois’ Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act on grounds that it infringes on federal immigration authority.⁷²
- May 5, 2025 – CBP rescinds policies for pregnant individuals, medically at-risk individuals, and vulnerable individuals in their custody stating they are either “obsolete or misaligned with current Agency guidance immigration enforcement priorities.”⁷³
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- May 22, 2025 – U.S. Department of Justice filed motion seeking to be released from the *Flores* Settlement Agreement in the Central District of California which governed the treatment of migrant children who are detained by DHS after crossing into the U.S. alone or with their families.⁷⁷ The motion was denied on August 15.
- May 28, 2025 – Senior White House Adviser Stephen Miller tells Fox News' Sean Hannity that the White House was "looking to set a goal of a minimum of 3,000 arrests for ICE every day and President Trump is going to keep pushing to get that number up higher each and every day."⁷⁸
- May 29, 2025 – DHS issues list of "sanctuary jurisdictions" that will be receiving "formal notification of [] non-compliance and all potential violations of federal criminals statutes." List includes Illinois cities of Berwyn, Evanston, Oak Park and Village of Skokie, as well as Cook County, and is later withdrawn for its inaccuracy.⁷⁹
- May 29, 2025 – Senior White House Adviser Stephen Miller and DHS Secretary Kristi Noem threaten to fire the bottom 10% of regional ICE officials with an insufficient number of arrests.⁸⁰
- May 31, 2025 – Senior ICE officials urged immigration agents to "turn the creative knob up to 11 and push the envelope," and "if it involves handcuffs on wrists, it's probably worth pursuing."⁸¹

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- June 6, 2025 – DHS begins sweeping immigration raids in Los Angeles.⁸³
- June 7, 2025 – President Trump activates 2,000 members of California National Guard into federal services to temporarily protect ICE and other U.S. Government personnel who are performing federal functions.⁸⁴
- June 9, 2025 – 700 U.S. Marines deployed to Los Angeles to protect federal buildings.⁸⁵
- June 11, 2025 – White House increases immigration arrest quota to 3,000/day.⁸⁶
- June 11, 2025 – ICE unilaterally ends compliance with *Castanon Nava Consent Decree* by rescinding a policy related to warrantless arrests. As a result, ICE officers begin issuing administrative warrants in the field rather than complying with statutory provisions that require individualized probable cause analysis for arrests without a warrant.⁸⁷
- June 12, 2025 – Illinois Governor JB Pritzker testifies before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.⁸⁸
- June 18, 2025 – ICE attempts to limit congressional oversight by adopting policy requiring members of congress to provide 72-hours notice before any visit.⁸⁹

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- June 27, 2025 – DHS adopts Interim Final Rule effectuating a fine for individuals with final orders of removal of \$988 for every day after the order is entered that they fail to leave the U.S.⁹¹ As of August 2025, DHS reported that it had imposed more than \$6 billion in fines.⁹²
- July 8, 2025 – ICE issues an interim guidance memo providing that anyone who enters the United States without inspection is subject to mandatory detention, and ineligible for a bond hearing before an immigration judge, regardless of how long they had been present in the United States.⁹³ This position goes beyond the decision reached by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) in *Matter of Q. Li*. The BIA subsequently adopted this guidance in a precedential decision on September 5, subjecting thousands of people to mandatory detention. The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California overturned the BIA decision on November 20 and held that ICE’s policy was inconsistent with the Immigration and Nationality Act.⁹⁴ Although individuals are not entitled to receive bond, this court ruling restores their eligibility to request a bond hearing before an immigration judge.
- July 11, 2025 – Temporary Restraining Order issued in *Perdomo v. Noem*, enjoining federal government from conducting stops in Los Angeles based solely on (i) apparent race or ethnicity; (ii) speaking Spanish or speaking English with an accent; (iii) presence at a particular location (e.g. bust stop car wash, tow yard, lay laborer pick up site, agricultural site, etc.); or (iv) the type of work one does.⁹⁵

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- Aug. 6, 2025 – DHS lowers the minimum age requirement for individuals to become an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent from 21 to 18, and announces signing bonuses, enhanced retirement benefits, overtime opportunities, and more incentives to recruit additional agents.⁹⁷

FEDERAL ATTENTION REFOCUSSES ON CHICAGO IN LATE SUMMER

- Aug. 8, 2025 – DHS Secretary Kristi Noem hosts press conference in Chicago area to highlight arrests by DHS field office. Noem refers to those arrested as the “worst of the worst criminal illegal aliens,”⁹⁸
- Aug. 11, 2025 – President Trump commented on images that purportedly show protesters spitting on law enforcement officers: “And they’re standing there, and people are spitting in their face, and they’re not allowed to do anything. But now, they are allowed to do whatever the hell they want.”⁹⁹
- Aug. 22, 2025 – USCIS resumes “neighborhood investigations” for naturalized citizens for the first time since 1991.¹⁰⁰
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- Aug. 31, 2025 – DHS Secretary Kristi Noem confirms publicly that a surge of resources and enforcement is coming to Chicago.¹⁰³
- Sept. 2, 2025 - President Trump tells reporters, in reference to Chicago, “We’re going in. I didn’t say when, but we’re going in.”¹⁰⁴
- Sept. 2, 2025 – Governor Pritzker, Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Mayor Brandon Johnson, and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle host press conference to inform public of plans to deploy federal agents to Chicago, including raids in Latin communities & staging of National Guard.¹⁰⁵
- Sept. 2, 2025 – U.S. Department of Justice files lawsuit challenging Illinois law providing in-state tuition and scholarships to individuals regardless of citizenship status.¹⁰⁶
- Sept. 5, 2025 – Amid reports of federal resources being deployed to Chicago, protests begin at ICE’s holding facility in Broadview, Illinois.¹⁰⁷
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OPERATION MIDWAY BLITZ BEGINS

- Sept. 8, 2025 – ICE announces launch of Operation Midway Blitz, which is reportedly intended to identify and remove individuals with criminal records. In a statement, DHS Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin stated “For years, Governor Pritzker and his fellow sanctuary politicians released Tren de Aragua gang members, rapists, kidnappers, and drug traffickers on Chicago’s street – putting American lives at risk and making Chicago a magnet for criminals.” The press release identified 11 individuals who they claimed were released by Chicago law enforcement after committing a crime because the City failed to coordinate with immigration authorities.¹⁰⁹
- Sept. 8, 2025 – U.S. Supreme Court issues an order granting an application for a stay of the Temporary Restraining Order issued in *Perdomo v. Noem*, regarding ICE’s warrantless stops in Los Angeles, effectively allowing the continued use of DHS’ raids and detentions based on race, ethnicity, language and other discriminatory characteristics.¹¹⁰ In a press release, DHS declares the decision a “major victory” but denies that ICE is conducting “indiscriminate stops.”¹¹¹ DHS also posts to X that “DHS law enforcement will continue to FLOOD THE ZONE in Los Angeles.”¹¹²
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- Sept. 15, 2025 – Trump orders “Memphis Task Force” to deploy federal agents and military forces to Memphis.¹¹⁵
- Sept. 16, 2025 – DHS Secretary Kristi Noem leads raid in Elgin where low-flying helicopters, armored vehicles, bright lights and smoke bombs were used. Reports indicate that at least 7 people were detained, including 2 U.S. citizens.¹¹⁶ DHS Secretary Kristi Noem shares video of several men being taken from a home in handcuffs after announcement of Elgin raid, but implies it took place in Chicago, and seems to reference Villegas Gonzalez shooting on Sept. 12 and repeats claim that “This week, a brave @ICEgov officer was dragged many yards by a car after a criminal illegal alien resisted arrest. His life was put at risk and he sustained serious injuries.”¹¹⁷
- Sept. 16, 2025 - In a video posted to X, Gregory Bovino announces the initiation of Customs and Border Patrol’s “Operation at Large” to “continue the mission we started in Los Angeles – to make the city safer by targeting and arresting criminal illegal aliens.”¹¹⁸
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- Sept. 19, 2025 – In a televised interview, Gregory Bovino reports great success here in Chicagoland. Over the past week alone, several hundred arrests. Those arrests are by ICE who leads Operation Midway Blitz, as well as those allied law enforcement partners” and there are “several hundred law enforcement agents and officers are in Chicago right now and you’re gonna see those numbers rise.”¹²¹ He also denies that CBP was “looking for people with brown skin and accents”, saying they were “looking for immigration violators, folks that have violated our immigration laws, those vile criminals that harm thousands of American citizens each year.... It has nothing to do with skin color, speech or anything else...”¹²²
- Sept. 19, 2025 – Masked agents on the roof of the Broadview facilities shot pepper balls, rubber, bullets, and tear gas canisters at a crowd of protestors, immobilizing one. Reverend David Black and other clergy members were struck.¹²³ ICE agents pulled former U.S. House of Representatives candidate Kat Abughazaleh away from the vehicle she was sitting in front of and threw her to the ground.¹²⁴
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- Sept. 24, 2025 – A pickup truck with three ICE agents pulled up next to a protester who was leaving a protest at the Broadview facility. One agent got out of the vehicle to push a protestor and tell him to get out of the way. The agent then got back in the truck and the truck accelerated over the curb and hit the protestor. The protestor had to be hospitalized and was placed in a neck brace as a result.¹²⁷
- Sept. 27, 2025 – Federal agents launch tear gas, rubber bullets, and pepper balls into a crowd of approximately 75 protestors and make several arrests at the Broadview facility. Steve Held, a journalist, was arrested and detained for several hours.¹²⁸
- Sept. 28, 2025 – Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth calls 200 members of Oregon National Guard into Federal Service to protect U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal personnel.¹²⁹
- Sept. 29, 2025 - U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi issues a memo directing the ATF, the US Marshals Service, the DEA, and the FBI to direct all necessary officers and agents to defend ICE facilities and personnel “whenever and wherever they come under attack,” including in Chicago.¹³⁰ The memo also directs the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois to charge all persons suspected of threatening or assaulting a federal law enforcement officer or interfering with the highest provable offense.
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- Sept. 30, 2025 – Federal agents conduct a heavily armed raid of a South Shore apartment building in the middle of the night. All residents were forced out of the building, with many zip-tied and separated into trucks by national origin. 37 arrests were made.¹³³
- Sept. 30, 2025 – Trump hints at deploying the National Guard to Chicago: “I told [Defense Secretary] Pete [Hegseth] we should use some of these dangerous cities as training grounds for our military, National Guard, but military, because we’re going into Chicago very soon,” Trump said. “That’s a big city with an incompetent governor. Stupid governor. Stupid.”¹³⁴
- Oct. 1, 2025 – A CBP agent points a gun at Cicero resident Leslie Cortez so that she “could see inside the barrel.”¹³⁵
- Oct. 1, 2025 – Federal agents are recorded placing an unnamed black man into a chokehold in the West Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago.¹³⁶
- Oct. 2, 2025 – Agents conduct a raid outside of a homeless shelter in the Bronzeville neighborhood, detaining five individuals.¹³⁷

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- Oct. 3, 2025 – Alderperson Jessie Fuentes is handcuffed at Humboldt Health Chicago after asking a federal agent if he had a warrant to arrest a patient at the facility.¹³⁹
- Oct. 3, 2025 – Federal agents deploy tear gas against and pepper spray against protesters, appearing to be the first use of chemical irritants during Operation Midway Blitz.¹⁴⁰
- Oct. 4, 2025 – Trump activates 300 members of the Illinois National Guard into federal service to protect federal property and ICE and other United States Government personnel executing Federal law.¹⁴¹
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- Oct. 5, 2025 – DHS Secretary Pete Hegseth federalized 400 national guardsman from Texas, who begin arriving in Chicago on October 8.¹⁴⁵
- Oct. 5, 2025 – President Trump orders 200 California National Guard and 400 Texas troops to Oregon in response to ruling by federal district court enjoining activation of Oregon National Guard.¹⁴⁶
- Oct. 6, 2025 – *Chicago Headline Club v. Noem* lawsuit filed by local news organizations and protesters alleging that the federal government had used excessive force.¹⁴⁷ U.S. District Court Judge Sara Ellis issued a temporary Restraining Order on Oct. 9th, which was further extended on October 17th, enjoining the use of force in immigration enforcement in the Northern District of Illinois and ordering agents with body-worn cameras to activate them during arrests.¹⁴⁸
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- Oct. 8, 2025 – Texas national guard troops arrive in Chicago.¹⁵³
- Oct. 8, 2025 – Trump states that Gov. Pritzker and Mayor Johnson should “be in jail for failing to protect ICE officers.”¹⁵⁴
- Oct. 9, 2025 - Federal District Court Judge April Perry issues a temporary restraining order in *Illinois v. Trump* blocking the federalization and deployment of national guard troops in Illinois.¹⁵⁵ The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals subsequently granted a stay of Judge Perry’s order, which allowed the federalization of the national guard to stay in place but prevented deployment of National Guard members.¹⁵⁶
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- Oct. 12, 2025 – Plainclothes CBP agents attempt to apprehend two people in Albany Park, which attracted a crowd of protestors. Agents deploy tear gas and drive their SUV into the protestors, running over one's foot.¹⁵⁹
- Oct. 14, 2025 – Federal agents chase a vehicle and cause a crash in the East Side neighborhood of Chicago, attracting journalists and protestors. Some agents actively attempted to "taunt or rile up the protesters" resulting in tear gas canisters, rubber bullets and sponge cartridges being lobbed into the crowd. Families, including babies, and Chicago Police Department officers were caught in the gassing. Body camera footage confirms that agents intended to deploy tear gas regardless of the crowd's demeanor: "We're definitely gassing them when we leave. Just start throwing sh*t."¹⁶⁰
- Oct. 15, 2025 – Federal agents detain Omar Huerta Cisneros, a permanent U.S. resident who is schizophrenic. Huerta Cisneros' family was made aware of his detention from a bystander's video. According to his sister-in-law, he "doesn't have the mental capacity to reach out to anybody." His family spends the next two weeks looking for him. Ultimately, they find him roaming the streets in Franklin Park.¹⁶¹
- Oct. 17, 2025 – Agents detained at least five people at a Home Depot on West 47th Street and South Western Avenue.¹⁶²
- Oct. 19, 2025 – Agents arrest 11 rideshare drivers at O'Hare International Airport.¹⁶³
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- Oct. 23, 2025 – Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs the Executive Order establishing the Illinois Accountability Commission.¹⁶⁶
- Oct. 23, 2025 – Bovino throws tear gas at protestors; a woman was thrown to the ground and others were threatened: “Bang bang, you’re dead, liberal.”¹⁶⁷
- Oct. 24, 2025 – In a televised interview, Deputy White House Chief of Staff Stephen Miller says: “But what we need to reassure – a couple of points - to all ICE officers, you have federal immunity in the conduct of your duties. And anybody who lays a hand on you, or tries to stop you or tries to obstruct you, is committing a felony. You have immunity to perform your duties and no one, no city official, no state official, no illegal alien, no leftist agitator or domestic insurrectionist can prevent you from fulfilling your legal obligations and duties.”¹⁶⁸
- Oct. 24, 2025 – CBP agents conduct roving patrols throughout the Lakeview neighborhood. Federal agents chase four men eating lunch outside enter the yard of a home in Lakeview by jumping over a fence and detain a man who was doing construction on the building.¹⁶⁹ Supervisory Border Patrol agent Kristopher Hewson and other officers with him in an SUV threw at least three tear gas canisters towards sidewalks where protestors gathered in the Lakeview neighborhood.¹⁷⁰
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- Oct. 28, 2025 – Gregory Bovino deposition in *Chicago Headline Club* regarding use of force against protesters and journalists. In a subsequent opinion Judge Sara Ellis calls his testimony “not credible. Bovino appeared evasive over the three days of his deposition, either providing ‘cute’ responses to Plaintiffs’ counsel’s questions or outright lying.”¹⁷³ Judge Ellis also concludes that “Bovino admitted in his deposition that he lied multiple times about the events that occurred in Little Village that prompted him to throw tear gas at protesters.”¹⁷⁴
- Oct. 29, 2025 – SCOTUS requests additional briefing addressing interpretation of the law Trump relied on for an Oct. 4 order initiating the national guard and whether “regular forces” includes the U.S. military.¹⁷⁵
- Oct. 29, 2025 – Kat Abughazaleh and others indicted, tied to Broadview protests.¹⁷⁶
- Oct. 30, 2025 – ACLU files a class action lawsuit, *Moreno Gonzalez v. Noem*, alleging their clients were denied the right to counsel and inhumane conditions at the Broadview ICE detention facility.¹⁷⁷ A Temporary Restraining Order was issued on November 5 requiring defendants to provide adequate facilities and access to counsel.¹⁷⁸
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- Oct. 31, 2025 – Federal agents used force against multiple Evanston residents observing arrests, tackling one woman and pointing a gun at a man’s head.¹⁸¹

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- Nov. 2, 2025 – Federal agents tackle Ricardo Aguayo Rodriguez during an arrest in Melrose Park.¹⁸²
- Nov. 6, 2025 – Judge Sara Ellis enters preliminary injunction in *Chicago Headline Club v. Noem*, enjoining DHS from using force against journalists, including using riot control weapons or gas canisters, and requiring agents to wear a visible numeric identifier and body-worn cameras.¹⁸³ The order was paused on November 19, but on November 20, Judge Ellis issued a 233-page opinion outlining the basis for the injunction, including that the federal governments “widespread misrepresentations call into question everything that Defendants say they are doing in their characterization of what is happening at the Broadview facility or out in the streets of the Chicagoland area during law enforcement activities.”¹⁸⁴ The lawsuit was later dropped by plaintiffs on Dec. 2.¹⁸⁵
- Nov. 8, 2025 – Demonstrations take place across Little Village and Cicero. DHS agents deploy flashbangs and tear gas onto the street and into vehicles.¹⁸⁶
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- Nov. 17, 2025 – Remaining 200 members of Texas National Guard leave Chicago.¹⁹⁰
- Nov. 19, 2025 – *Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership v. Noem* lawsuit filed by coalition of clergy members alleging that federal officials denied them entry to Broadview holding facility.¹⁹¹
- Nov. 22, 2025 – Trump calls for federal action in the wake of a fatal shooting in the Loop: “In the meantime, Governor Pritzker and the Low IQ Mayor of Chicago are refusing Federal Government help for a situation that could be quickly remedied. The people are chanting, BRING IN TRUMP!!!”¹⁹²
- Dec. 5, 2025 – ICE agent Adam Saracco arrested for misdemeanor battery after attacking attorney Robert Held for filming the agent at a gas station.
- Dec. 6, 2025 – Tense standoff between residents and federal immigration agents in Elgin results in multiple tear gas deployments and an apparent barricade situation. Federal agents alleged Luis Jesus Acosta Gutierrez was a Tren de Aragua member who rammed an ICE vehicle with his car in an attempt to escape.¹⁹³

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- Dec. 16, 2025 – Gregory Bovino and federal immigration agents return to Chicago and are observed conducting arrests.¹⁹⁵
- Dec. 18, 2025 – U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth submit a criminal referral to the U.S. Department of Justice over alleged constitutional rights violations by federal immigration agents during Operation Midway Blitz.¹⁹⁶
- Dec. 23, 2025 – U.S. Supreme Court rules that federalization of National Guard members to protect federal personnel and property in Illinois was unlawful.¹⁹⁷
- January 7, 2026 – Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother, is shot and killed in Minneapolis by ICE agent Jonathan Ross.¹⁹⁸
- January 24, 2026 – Alex Pretti, born in Park Ridge, Illinois, is shot and killed by federal agents in Minneapolis, Minnesota during a protest.¹⁹⁹
- January 31, 2026 – Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson signs the “ICE on Notice’ Executive Order, directing CPD officers to document and investigate alleged unlawful federal agent activity.²⁰⁰
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