

Law Enforcement Leaders from Across the Country Call for Federal Leadership on Immigration Reform

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Is the Only Real Solution

Jack Harris, Police Chief of **Phoenix, Arizona**: "It [the immigration system] needs to be fixed, and it needs to be done sooner rather than later," ("Police brass urge migrant reform," *Arizona Republic*, [7/23/09](#))

Art Acevedo, Police Chief of **Austin, Texas**: "Comprehensive immigration reform will lead to enhanced safety and security for everyone." ("Law enforcement leaders highlight how broken immigration system hurts public safety," *Westside Gazette*, [7/9-15/09](#))

Art Acevedo, Police Chief of **Austin, Texas**: "Comprehensive immigration reform is not only the right thing to do from a humanistic standpoint, but also a public-safety standpoint." ("Cops know why 'sanctuary' is good policy," *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, 6/13/09)

Jon Zumalt, Police Chief of **North Charleston, South Carolina**: "(The key elements of reform) are controlling our borders so we have knowledge of anybody who is coming into our country. The next step is making sure we can document and identify everybody who is in our country. And the next step is those whom we identify who are criminals, we've got to get them deported." ("Q&A with Jon Zumalt," *Post and Courier*, [6/14/09](#))

Chris Burbank, Police Chief of **Salt Lake City, Utah**: "The federal government needs to pass comprehensive immigration reforms to truly fix the problem and relieve the burden on state and local police." ("New immigration law sets dangerous precedent," Op-Ed, *Salt Lake Tribune*, [7/2/09](#))

Toussaint E. Summers Jr, Police Chief of **Herndon, Virginia**; **Jon Zumalt**, Police Chief of **North Charleston, South Carolina**; **Gregory Allen**, Police Chief of **El Paso, Texas**; and **Richard Wiles**, County Sheriff of **El Paso, Texas**: "Our Federal government must enact a comprehensive immigration law that secures the borders and legalizes undocumented workers who are not criminals." (Letter to Senator Schumer and Senator Cornyn, [4/30/09](#))

Ken Irwin, Sheriff of **Yakima County, Washington**: "Ultimately, we believe strongly that enacting comprehensive federal immigration reform will allow state and local police to focus on job number one: protecting all members of our communities from crime. We urge Congress and President Obama to pass federal immigration reform as soon as possible as we serve our country and our communities on the front line every day." (Letter from the Washington State Sheriffs' Association to Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell, [6/22/09](#))

Hubert Williams, former Police Chief of **Newark, New Jersey** and President of the Police Foundation: "The federal government must enact comprehensive border security and immigration reforms, because the federal government's failure on both issues has had serious consequences in cities and towns throughout the country." ("Hearing on Public Safety and Civil Rights Implications of State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws," U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, [4/2/09](#))

Arturo Venegas, former Police Chief of **Sacramento, California**: “We need to figure out, we need to create a legal status for ten to twelve million folks in this country. It is not practical, and anyone who thinks we’re gonna get into the mass deportation of ten to twelve million people, they’re unrealistic,” (“Nagin to undocumented workers: You’re welcome in New Orleans,” WVL TV News, [9/9/09](#))

Bill McCarthy, Sheriff of **Polk County, Iowa**: “We want the country to come to a standard... We want to be humane but we want to follow the rule of law. It's not just 'a catch them and kick them across the border situation.' Nobody has the resources for that... We just want the issue discussed by our leaders in Washington.” (“Polk County's sheriff is among those in a law enforcement group lobbying lawmakers,” *Des Moines Register*, [10/23/09](#))

Art Acevedo, Police Chief of **Austin, Texas**: “When you remove the emotion from the debate... no one can argue that it is in the best interest of public safety to keep these people living in the shadows.” (“Big-City Police Chiefs Urge Overhaul of Immigration Policy,” *New York Times*, [7/1/09](#))

Jose Lopez, Sr., Police Chief of **Durham, North Carolina**: “We need to ensure that... a national policy on immigration would, essentially, allow us to maintain the community policing that we’ve worked so hard to attain... To ensure that they keep in mind the fact that individuals here in the United States who are undocumented also need to be protected in the sense of being able to report violence, report crimes and at the same time be able to come up as witnesses when incidents occur with them.” (“Durham Police Chief Joins Group That Speaks To Congress,” *My NC News*, [5/21/09](#))

The **Police Foundation**: “Local law enforcement leaders and policing organizations should place pressure on the federal government to comprehensively improve border security and reform the immigration system, because the federal government’s failure on both issues has had serious consequences in cities and towns throughout the country.” (Executive Summary, “The Role of Local Police: Striking a Balance between Immigration Enforcement and Civil Liberties,” [4/09](#))

The **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)**: “NOBLE seeks to be part of the national policy discussion and design of the comprehensive reformation of our national immigration laws.” (“Resolution of NOBLE Supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” [7/27/09](#))

The **National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA)**: “Comprehensive reform of our immigration laws will bring millions of people out of the shadows of fear and into the participation of democracy and citizenship... Comprehensive immigration reform will focus on strengthening the borders of our nation (and) put common sense rationale back into our immigration system.” (“Resolution by the National Latino Peace Officers Association,” [5/30/09](#))

State and Local Police Must Have a Voice in the Federal Immigration Debate

J. Thomas Manger, Police Chief of **Montgomery County, Maryland**: “We need to have strong policies that take into full account the realities of local law enforcement. One of those realities is that public safety increases when people have trust and confidence in their police department.” (“Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2009, Can We Do It and How?” Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, [4/30/09](#))

John Timoney, Police Chief of **Miami, Florida**: “It is crucial that the law enforcement perspective be considered in any debate on immigration. All our citizens are directly affected, whether they are immigrants or not, by these policies. Immigrant victims and witnesses of violent crimes will not come forward if they fear their ‘local police’ will deport them.” (“Law enforcement leaders highlight how broken immigration system hurts public safety,” *Westside Gazette*, [7/9-15/09](#))

Art Acevedo, Police Chief of **Austin, Texas**: “Moving forward on comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue, and law enforcement must have a voice in this discussion.” (“Law Enforcement Officials Call for Federal Action on Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” Press Release, [6/12/09](#))

Kenneth E. Lavalley, Police Chief of **Lowell, Massachusetts**: “In Lowell and across the nation, the immigration issue has sparked some of the most heated debate in public policy today. Unfortunately, the debate has involved much finger pointing and very few common-sense solutions. Furthermore, the voice of police -- whose jobs and mission are so obviously affected by immigration policy -- has not been part of the dialogue. Over the last many years, Washington has passed the buck on fixing the broken immigration system, and in many instances, state and local police have been asked to pick up the slack.” (“The role of police in immigration enforcement,” Op-Ed, *Lowell Sun Online*, [7/24/09](#))

Kim Lemaux, Deputy Police Chief of **Arlington, Texas**: “As Congress considers the future of immigration and possible reform in the upcoming session, it is important that the needs and abilities of local law enforcement be a part of the discussion.” (“Police Leaders from Across the Country Call for Immigration Reform,” LawOfficer.com, [10/27/09](#))

Chris Burbank, Police Chief of **Salt Lake City, Utah**: “The federal government needs to pass comprehensive immigration reforms to truly fix the problem and relieve the burden on state and local police. They also need to involve the perspective of police in this upcoming debate.” (“New immigration law sets dangerous precedent,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, [7/2/09](#))

Jon Zumalt, Police Chief of **North Charleston, South Carolina**: “Law enforcement is dealing with this today at the local level...we need to be part of the solution. We want to be at the table when the solutions are discussed.” (“Law Enforcement Officials Call for Federal Action on Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” Press Release, [6/12/09](#))

Immigration Enforcement Is a Federal Responsibility

Lisa Womack, Police Chief of **Elgin, Illinois**: “If there was a local solution to this issue, and this goes back to my Texas roots, border states would have already figured it out. In my opinion, there is not a local solution.” (“Elgin Police Chief: Illegal immigration is a federal issue,” *Chicago Daily Herald*, [2/25/10](#))

Chris Burbank, Police Chief of **Salt Lake City, Utah**: “Police officers should not engage in civil immigration enforcement. However, local law enforcement should diligently continue to arrest serious criminal offenders and, as appropriate, refer dangerous criminals to federal authorities. Civil immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, and it is paramount to the well-being of our neighborhoods that the federal government maintains accountability.” (“New immigration law sets dangerous precedent,” Op-Ed, *Salt Lake Tribune*, [7/2/09](#))

Ron Miller, Police Chief of **Topeka, Kansas**: “Topeka Police Chief Ron Miller was among local law enforcement executives to release a report...saying civil immigration enforcement by local police undermines their core public safety mission, diverts scarce resources, increases their exposure to liability

and litigation, and exacerbates fear in our communities, according to a statement issued by the Police Foundation. Miller called on the federal government ‘to take back the reins of leadership on immigration issues and enact comprehensive border security and immigration reforms.’ ‘Police shouldn’t have to choose between being cooperative with the federal government and maintaining trust with the communities we protect,’ Miller said.” (“Chief Miller in immigration report,” *Topeka Capital Journal*, [5/23/09](#))

Kenneth E. Lavalley, Police Chief of **Lowell, Massachusetts**: “[P]olice officers should not be responsible for checking the status of immigrants who have committed no crimes, but may be in violation of civil immigration laws or waiting for a visa to be processed. My police department has been working hard to let immigrant residents know we are here to ensure their safety, and that we want to have an open relationship.” (“The role of police in immigration enforcement,” Op-Ed, *Lowell Sun Online*, 7/24/09)

J. Thomas Manger, Police Chief of **Montgomery County, Maryland**: “Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger warned members of the House Committee on Homeland Security that the program could severely undermine trust between police and immigrant communities. ‘Public safety increases when people have trust and confidence in local police forces,’ Manger said. ‘The bottom line is local law enforcement needs to work closely with our immigration authorities, but we cannot do their job for them.’” (“Immigration Program Stirs Clash of Views; Frederick, Montgomery Chiefs Testify to Congress,” *Washington Post*, [3/5/09](#))

George Gascón, Police Chief of **Mesa, Arizona**: “Mesa Police Chief George Gascón used the forum to criticize Maricopa County sheriff’s officials for recent immigration sweeps in his city, including a raid on city offices by 60 deputies who made only a handful of arrests. ‘I have seen the ugly side of this enforcement,’ said Gascón, who is leaving Mesa to head the San Francisco Police Department.” (“U.S. police brass urge immigration reform in Phoenix,” *Arizona Republic*, [7/23/09](#))

Richard Pennington, Police Chief of **Atlanta, Georgia**: “My job is to enforce state and local statutes. The federal government’s job is to enforce federal laws.” (“Congressional, Law Enforcement, and Religious Leaders Call for Immigration Reform,” Press Release, 8/11/09)

Enforcement of Civil Immigration Laws by State and Local Police Takes Resources From Other Priorities

Art Acevedo, Police Chief of **Austin, Texas**: “It’s a matter of resources and priority... My priority is dealing with criminals and terrorism issues, not dealing with civil matters.” (“Big-City Police Chiefs Urge Overhaul of Immigration Policy,” *New York Times*, [7/1/09](#))

Arturo Venegas, former Chief of Police of **Sacramento, California**: “Law enforcement knows firsthand what the impact on community and neighborhoods is when laws, such as our present immigration system, don’t work and when they are asked to enforce them contrary to good public safety and proper use of resources. Law enforcement resources are stretched to the limit. We can’t afford to have any segment of our residents afraid of us or fail to trust us because when that occurs, the entire community, regardless of status, suffers and victimization increases. We need comprehensive immigration reform.” (“Law Enforcement Leaders Highlight How Broken Immigration System Hurts Public Safety,” Press Release, [7/1/09](#))

Hubert Williams, former Police Chief of **Newark, New Jersey** and President of the Police Foundation: “The costs of participating in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) 287(g) program outweigh the benefits.” (“Hearing on Public Safety and Civil Rights Implications of State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, [4/2/09](#))

Steven Carl, Police Chief of **Framingham, Massachusetts**: “It doesn’t benefit the police department to engage in deportation and immigration enforcement.” (“Framingham, Barnstable no longer enforcing US immigration laws,” *Boston Globe*, [10/1/09](#))

Kim Lemaux, Deputy Police Chief of **Arlington, Texas**: ““This issue of immigration needs to remain the responsibility of federal authorities,’ Lemaux said in a telephone news conference. ‘We need all our resources to address our core issues and local issues.’” (“Arlington deputy police chief joins fight against immigration enforcement,” *Dallas Morning News*, [10/24/09](#))

J. Thomas Manger, Police Chief of **Montgomery County, Maryland**: “Local agencies do not possess adequate resources to enforce these laws in addition to the added responsibility of Homeland Security. Enforcing federal law is an unfunded mandate that most agencies just cannot afford to do.” (“Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2009, Can We Do It and How?” U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, [4/30/09](#))

Sam Granato, Police Chief of **Yakima, Washington**: “In times of severe economic stress facing our local communities across America, law enforcement resources are being stressed to prevent crime and solve crimes with less money. We cannot do both if undocumented citizens who are victims of crimes are afraid to come out of the shadows to report crime and be witnesses to help solve crimes.” (“Law Enforcement Leaders Call on Federal Government to Fix Immigration System,” Press Release, 2/25/10)

Enforcement of Civil Immigration Laws by State and Local Police Hurts Community Policing

George Gascón, Police Chief of **Mesa, Arizona**: “It is nearly impossible to gain the required trust to make community policing a reality in places where the community fears the police will help deport them, or deport a neighbor, friend or relative.” (“State and Local Enforcement Of Immigration Laws,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, [4/2/09](#))

J. Thomas Manger, Police Chief of **Montgomery County, Maryland**: “It is tremendously challenging to deliver police service to a community of people who are afraid to have any contact with the police. The results are an increase in unreported crime, reluctant victims and witnesses, and the targeting of immigrants by criminals because the bad guys know that many immigrants will not call the police. It is imperative that we find a way to bring these people out of the shadows so that they get the service they need and deserve.” (“Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2009, Can We Do It and How?” U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, [4/30/09](#))

Albert Najera, Police Chief of **Sacramento, California**: “People need to be able to call the police and have trust in us, without regard for their immigration status.” (“Police, feds may work in tandem; Partnership would allow cops to enforce immigration law,” *Sacramento Bee*, 5/14/04)

Rick TerBorch, President of **California** Police Chiefs' Association: "It is the strong opinion of the California Police Chiefs' Association that in order for local and state law enforcement organizations to be effective partners with their communities, it is imperative that they not be placed in the role of detaining and arresting individuals based solely on a change in their immigration status." (Letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein, 9/19/2003)

Warren J. Riley, Police Chief of **New Orleans, Louisiana**: "We would like to encourage those who have been victims of crime or witnesses to crime to be confident in coming forward to report crimes without fear of deportation. The New Orleans Police Department would like to ensure all immigrants that we are here to serve them and protect them as we do with all American citizens." ("New Orleans leaders call for major immigration reform," *Louisiana Weekly*, [9/14/09](#))

John Timoney, Police Chief of **Miami, Florida**: "He added that immigrants needed to come forward without fearing 'that they are going to wind up being reported to federal authorities and deported.'" ("City Police Chiefs Urge Overhaul of Immigration Policy," *New York Times*, [7/1/09](#))

Arturo Venegas, former Chief of Police of **Sacramento, California**: "Law enforcement has long said that the communities are our eyes and ears, and we can't have people afraid of contacting the police." ("Law Enforcement Officials Call for Federal Action on Comprehensive Immigration Reform," Press Release, [6/12/09](#))

Ron Miller, Police Chief of **Topeka, Kansas**: "Community policing is alive and well in America today and it works. It is partnership and problem-solving between the police and the community. It is not warm and fuzzy; it is a pragmatic solution. If undocumented persons commit crimes they should be prosecuted and deported. But if they are victims of crime they should receive the same investigative support that anyone else would receive. We cannot police a community that will not talk to us. We need to work together as a nation to address immigration reform." ("Law Enforcement Officials Call for Federal Action on Comprehensive Immigration Reform," Press Release, [6/12/09](#))

Chris Burbank, Police Chief of **Salt Lake City, Utah**: "The essential duty of modern law enforcement is to protect the civil rights of individuals while providing for the safety of all members of the communities we serve, equally, without bias. Asking local police agencies to enforce federal immigration laws, as Utah's new law does, is contrary to our mission, marginalizes significant segments of the population, and complicates and ultimately harms effective community policing. We function best when we are part of, not apart from, the community." ("New immigration law sets dangerous precedent," Op-ed, *Salt Lake Tribune*, [7/2/09](#))

Jeff Hadley, Department of Public Safety Chief of **Kalamazoo, Michigan**: "By making a written policy, Hadley said it will assure undocumented immigrants they are safe in turning to the police for help without fear of being deported. 'We have people in our community living in the shadows, afraid to come out and seek out help.'" ("Police won't enforce immigration laws," *Kalamazoo Gazette*, [7/10/09](#))

Hubert Williams, former Police Chief of **Newark, New Jersey** and President of the Police Foundation: "The cornerstone of the police operation is public safety, and that is eroded significantly when people are afraid of the police...Immigration enforcement (by local agencies)...has simply caused people to run and hide. They won't talk to the police." ("Immigration duties undermine police role: study," *Reuters*, [5/20/09](#))

Hubert Williams, former Police Chief of **Newark, New Jersey** and President of the Police Foundation:

“When you take police chiefs and put them in the position where they have got to go and enforce civil law – we want to check your green card – that undermines public trust so bad that they can’t do their job of enforcing the criminal law,” (“Cities That Don’t Enforce Immigration Laws Should Not Be Branded Sanctuary Cities, Kansas Police Chief Says,” *CNS News*, [5/21/09](#))

Richard Pennington, Police Chief of **Atlanta, Georgia**: “Atlanta police Chief Richard Pennington worries that Cobb’s [Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren’s] participation in 287(g) may harm the inroads his officers are trying to make in the Latino community. ... ‘A lot of law enforcement agencies don’t believe that’s the best way of utilizing your resources,’ Pennington said. ‘I think what happens when you start to ask [questions about immigration status] is the immigrant community becomes very skeptical of law enforcement. At some point, they will not cooperate when there is a crime in their community.’ Pennington says local cops should not be inquiring about a person’s immigration status.” (“Cobb policy: Law enforcement or racial profiling?,” *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, [10/12/09](#))

Richard Pennington, Police Chief of **Atlanta, Georgia**: “As a major city police chief, I feel that it is imperative that law enforcement personnel reach out to all members of our communities and involve them in our public safety mission. That includes immigrant residents, no matter what visa status they have.” (Press Release, “Congressional, Law Enforcement, and Religious Leaders Call for Immigration Reform,” Law Enforcement Engagement Initiative, 8/11/09)

George Gascón, Police Chief of **Mesa, Arizona**: “Without a national immigration policy, a new culture of lawlessness will increasingly permeate our society. In cities, politicians will pressure police departments to reduce immigration by using racial profiling and harassment. At the same time, immigrants who fear that the police will help deport them will rely less on their local officers and instead give thugs control of their neighborhoods. Many top law enforcement officials were part of the community policing revolution of the 1980s and ‘90s. We have a deep concern for constitutional rights and social justice. We believe that effective policing requires residents, regardless of immigration status, to trust the police.” (“The Laws Cops Can’t Enforce,” Op-Ed, *New York Times*, [7/31/08](#))

Paul Evans, former **Boston** Police Commissioner: “The Boston Police Department, as well as state and local police departments across the nation have worked diligently to gain the trust of immigrant residents and convince them that it is safe to contact and work with police. By turning all police officers into immigration agents, the CLEAR Act will discourage immigrants from coming forward to report crimes and suspicious activity, making our streets less safe as a result.” (Letter to Senator Edward Kennedy, 9/30/03)

Arturo Venegas, former Chief of Police of **Sacramento, California**: “We cannot have a whole community of people afraid of coming forward when the time is absolutely critical to solving a case.” (“Austin chief say feds should enforce immigration laws,” *Austin American Statesman*, [7/2/09](#))

Chuck Wexler, Executive Director of the Police Executive Research Forum: “People who are here illegally will stop reporting crime or will be afraid to serve as witnesses... That only puts that population at greater risk for greater harm.” (“Robbers Stalk Hispanic Immigrants, Seeing Easy Prey,” *Washington Post*, [10/26/07](#))

J. Thomas Manger, Police Chief of **Montgomery County, Maryland**: “The overwhelming majority of major-city police agencies have elected not to participate in 287(g) training. In fact, the last figures I’ve seen indicate that over 95% of police and sheriffs departments in the U.S. have elected not to participate in the 287(g) training- primarily because it undermines the trust and cooperation with immigrant

communities that are essential elements of community policing.” (“Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2009, Can We Do It and How?” U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, [4/30/09](#))

Enforcement of Civil Immigration Laws by State and Local Police Protects Criminals

George Gascón, Department Assistant Chief of **Los Angeles, California**: “If an undocumented woman is raped and doesn’t report it, the suspect who raped that woman, remember, could be the suspect who rapes someone else’s sister, mother or wife later.” (“Arresting a Crime Wave,” National Review Online, [1/30/06](#))

Jon Zumalt, Police Chief of **North Charleston, South Carolina**: “Another problem is they’re working in the community (and) carrying cash, and they have no place to put it, so that puts them in a position to be victimized. They’re not citizens. They can’t get driver’s licenses but they’re trying to get to work. All these issues point back to the need for proper identification and going through the right steps to the point where they can be here legally.” (“Q&A with Jon Zumalt,” *Post and Courier*, [6/14/09](#))

Jon Zumalt, Police Chief of **North Charleston, South Carolina**: “If somebody robs an immigrant, they’re a criminal. Are they going to rob someone else? I think that’s a likelihood. I’ve got to get those weeds out of the garden.” (“Q&A with Jon Zumalt,” *Post and Courier*, [6/14/09](#))

Kenneth E. Lavallee, Police Chief of **Lowell, Massachusetts**: “As the chief of police in this diverse community, I take my duty to ‘protect and serve’ very seriously. My officers and I work hard day after day to earn the trust and confidence of the entire community so that we can carry out our essential duty -- protecting the public from criminals. When immigrant residents of Lowell are afraid to report crimes because they worry that contact with my officers could lead to deportation, criminals are allowed to roam free and the entire community suffers as a result.” (“The role of police in immigration enforcement,” Op-Ed, *Lowell Sun Online*, 7/24/09)

Rick Braziel, Police Chief of **Sacramento, California**: “Their fear of deportation is putting the general public at risk, Braziel said. He told the story of a couple rear-ended by a drunk driver. ‘Prior to the police showing up, all of the witnesses left,’ Braziel said, ‘And the reason they left is because none of them had legal status in this country.’” (“Growing support among law enforcement for Immigration Reform,” *Immigration Clearinghouse*, [10/24/09](#))

Enforcement of Civil Immigration Laws by State and Local Police Creates Community Tensions

Chris Burbank, Police Chief of **Salt Lake City, Utah**: “By increasing our role in civil immigration action, state and local officers are placed in the untenable position of potentially engaging in unconstitutional racial profiling while attempting to maintain trust within the communities we protect.” (“New immigration law sets dangerous precedent,” Op-Ed, *Salt Lake Tribune*, [7/2/09](#))

Steven Carl, Police Chief of **Framingham, Massachusetts**: “The municipal law officers said Department of Homeland Security enforcement efforts have been inconsistent and unreliable for years, leaving communities to adopt helter-skelter policies that polarize the public. ‘It’s starting to tear my town

apart...Especially with the economy going south. You see a hatred toward the immigrant population.” (“U.S. police brass urge immigration reform in Phoenix,” *Arizona Republic*, [7/23/09](#))

Harold Hurtt, Police Chief of **Houston, Texas**: “Immigration enforcement by local police is counterproductive to community policing efforts. It undermines the trust and cooperation of immigrant communities, could lead to charges of racial profiling, and increases our response time to urgent calls for service.” (“Houston chief opposes immigration enforcement,” *Police News*, [5/24/09](#))

T. Bowman, Police Chief of **Arlington, Texas**: “As we work to defend the Constitution - when it comes to striking a balance between immigration enforcement and civil liberties, ‘justice’ does not equal to ‘just ICE.’” (“Texas Police Chiefs Differ on Immigration Enforcement,” *Capital News Connection*, [5/20/09](#))

Richard Wiles, Sheriff of **El Paso County, Texas**: “Wiles questioned how local police would even identify illegal immigrants. ‘I would guess maybe the color of their skin. That’s certainly not appropriate, it’s not ethical and it’s a violation of Texas law,’ he said.” (“Granato, other officials tout immigration reform,” *Yakima Herald-Republic*, [2/25/10](#))