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Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department  
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**Subject: Memorandum of Understanding**

Dear Sheriff Guerra,

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish an agreement between the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), San Antonio Field Office (SNA), Port Isabel Detention Center (PIDC) and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department with regard to certain emergency situations. In the event of an emergency or crisis situation that may warrant additional personnel assistance, it is hereby agreed that the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department may be called upon to render such aid. The decision to furnish any assistance and to what extent, is at the sole discretion of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department.

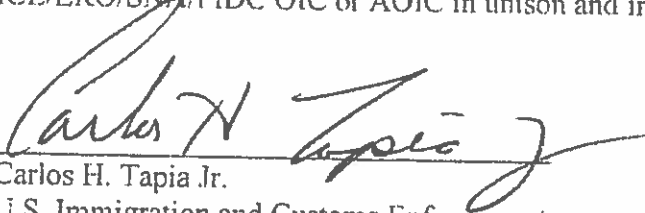
The subject matter listed below includes, but is not limited to, situational emergencies in which ICE has developed contingency plans to address PIDC's response criteria, but may request support/assistance from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department.

- Fire
- Work/Food Strike
- Disturbance
- Escape Emergency
- Hostages (Internal)
- Search (Internal)
- Bomb Threat
- Adverse Weather
- Civil Disturbance
- Environmental Hazard
- Detainee Transportation System
- Evacuation
- ICE-wide Lockdown
- Staff Work Stoppage

The following is what ICE is proposing when requesting assistance in situational emergencies:

1. ICE may request officers from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department to assist in case of a detainee escape, riot, or detainee uprising. The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department officers may be used only to set up a perimeter and in the apprehension of escapees. At no time will the officers be called to enter the facility, unless approved by the ICE/ERO/SNA Assistant Officer in Charge (AOIC), Officer in Charge (OIC), Deputy Field Office Director (DFOD), Field Office Director (FOD) or higher authority.
2. ICE may request officers from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department to aid in a mass evacuation (i.e., earth quake, tornado, gas/oil spill, fire, or any other type of emergency).
3. ICE may request assistance of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department special emergency teams in case of a disturbance and or hostage situation. This request will only be approved by SNA FOD.

Each emergency situation is unique with its own set of circumstances. Not all emergencies may require additional assistance from neighboring agencies. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and a decision to request additional assistance will be made by the ICE/ERO/SNA/PIDC OIC or AOIC in unison and in agreement with the Sheriff.



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Sheriff

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