



# LICENSE TO PUNISH WHOMEVER THEY CHOOSE

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*How Minnesota Must Respond to Operation Metro Surge  
& The Weaponization of the Justice System.*

Based on the urgent call to action by Justin Terrell, Executive Director of MNJRC,  
and the accompanying Policy Memorandum.

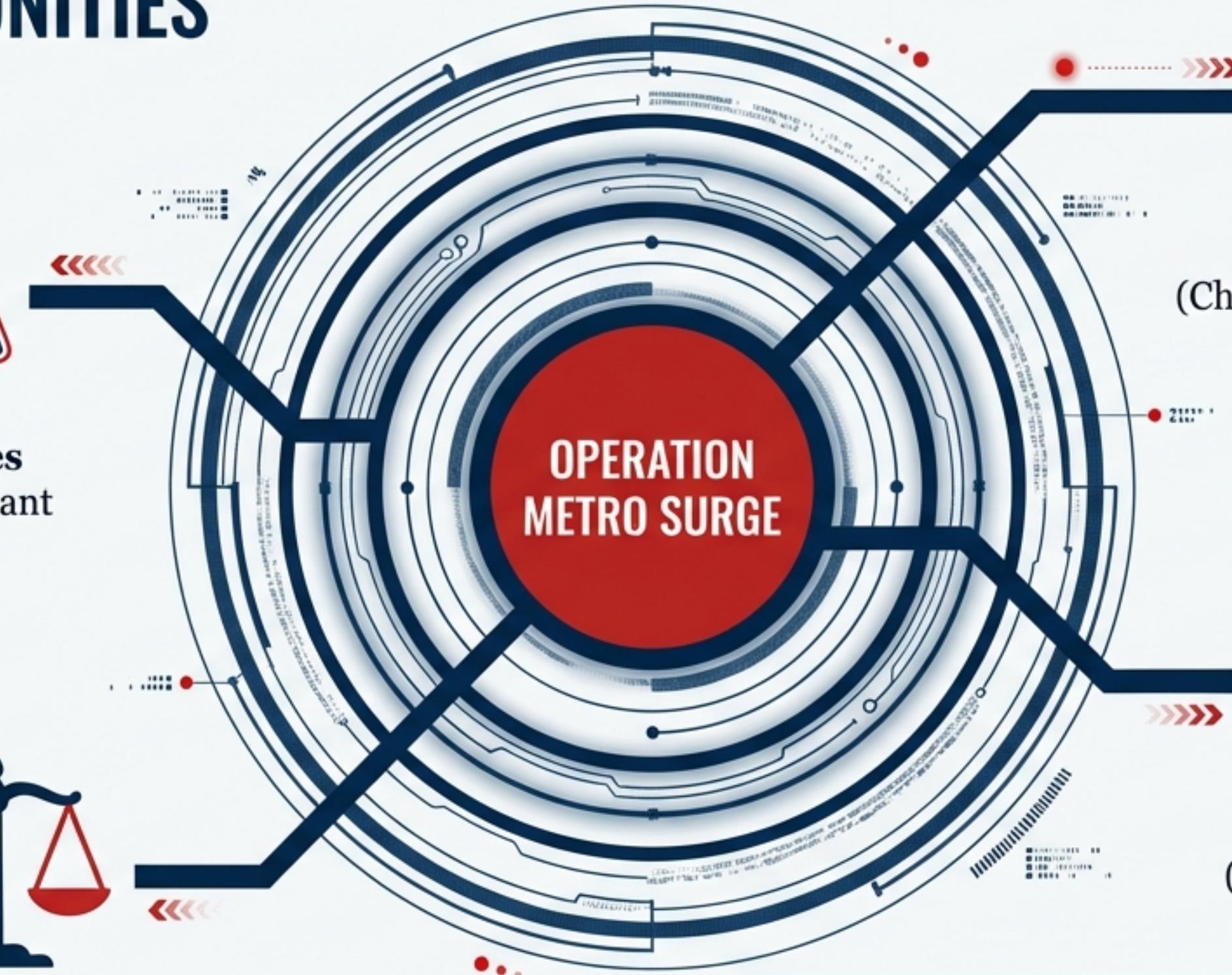
# OPERATION METRO SURGE INTIMIDATES ENTIRE COMMUNITIES



**Vulnerable Families**  
(Black, Brown, Immigrant Communities)



**The Lawyer**  
(Fighting in Court)



**The Soldier**  
(Challenging Unjust Orders)



**The Board Member**  
(Targeted as DEI Appointee)

**THE REALITY:** A weaponized justice system creates a climate of intimidation that expands far beyond its stated targets.

“If they come for me in the morning, they will come for you in the evening.”

— ANGELA DAVIS

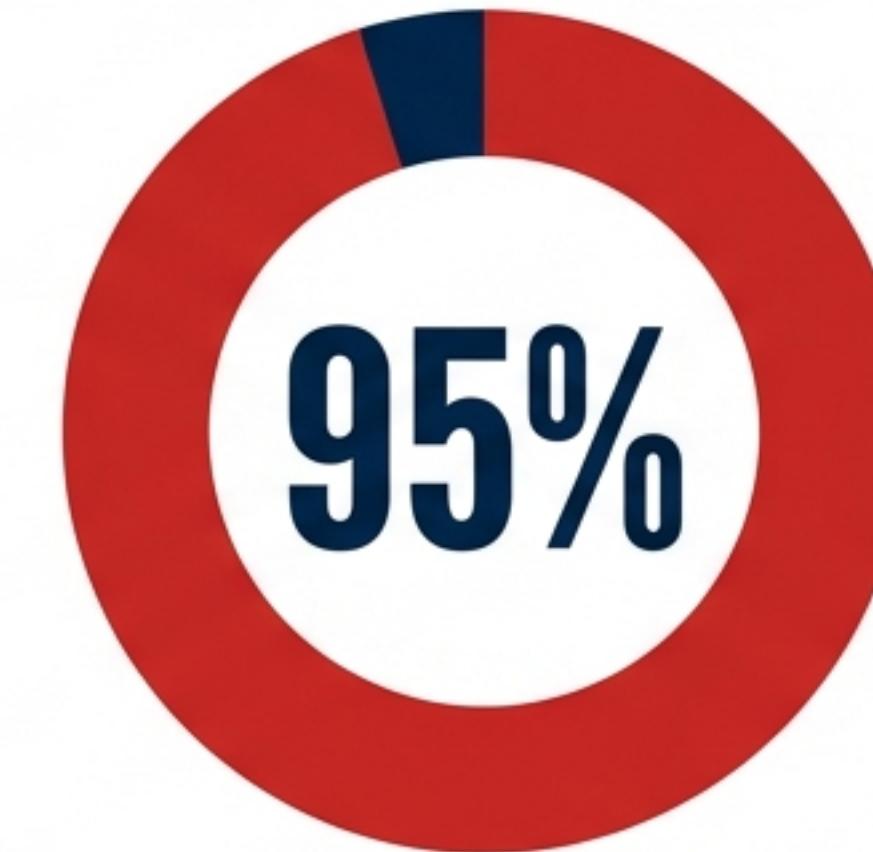
**CONTEXT:** We are witnessing a massive infrastructure designed to hunt immigrants and occupy large cities. Being white, living in a suburb, or residing in a small town will not save you if you are in the way of their goals. We are actively debating who is worthy of the constitutional rights afforded by the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

# THE DATA CONTRADICTS THE “PUBLIC SAFETY” NARRATIVE

## THE RHETORIC

Federal claims assert that operations target only those with serious criminal records to enhance public safety.

## THE REALITY



**of immigrants arrested by ICE during the shutdown have NO criminal conviction**

- Indiscriminate targeting of African and Latino communities.
- Research confirms immigration crackdowns do NOT decrease crime rates.
- Crackdowns increase victimization by silencing targeted communities.

# TRANSPARENCY IS THE ANTIDOTE TO INTIMIDATION

## The MNJRC Mission: Equitable, Restorative, Accountable Justice.

### FOR THE PUBLIC

The system must protect historically harmed groups from discrimination, not target them.

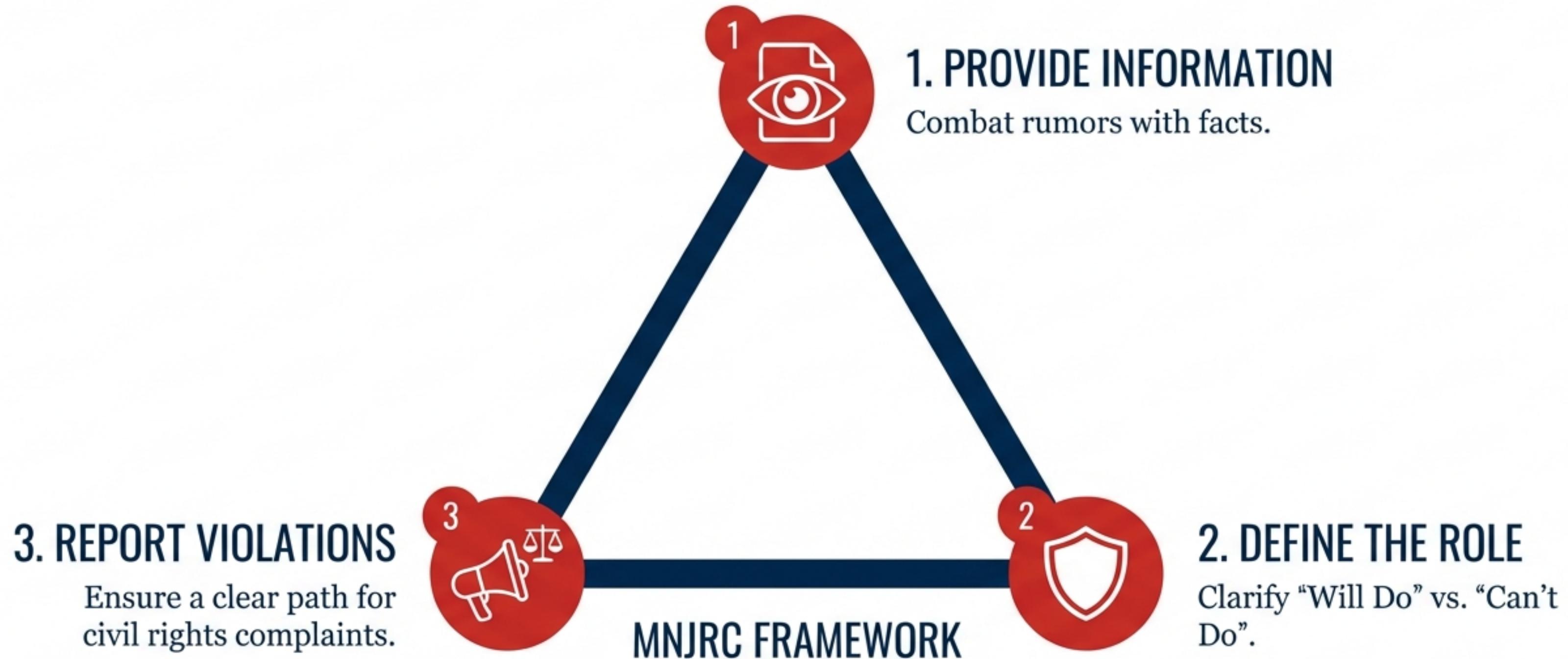
### FOR OFFICERS

Orders must be just and humane so officers know they are acting ethically and with integrity.

### FOR TAXPAYERS

Resources must be used for justice administration, not for intimidation tactics.

# A STRATEGIC RESPONSE: THE TRANSPARENCY CAMPAIGN



# GOAL 1: INFORMATION AS A SHIELD AGAINST PANIC

## THE PROBLEM

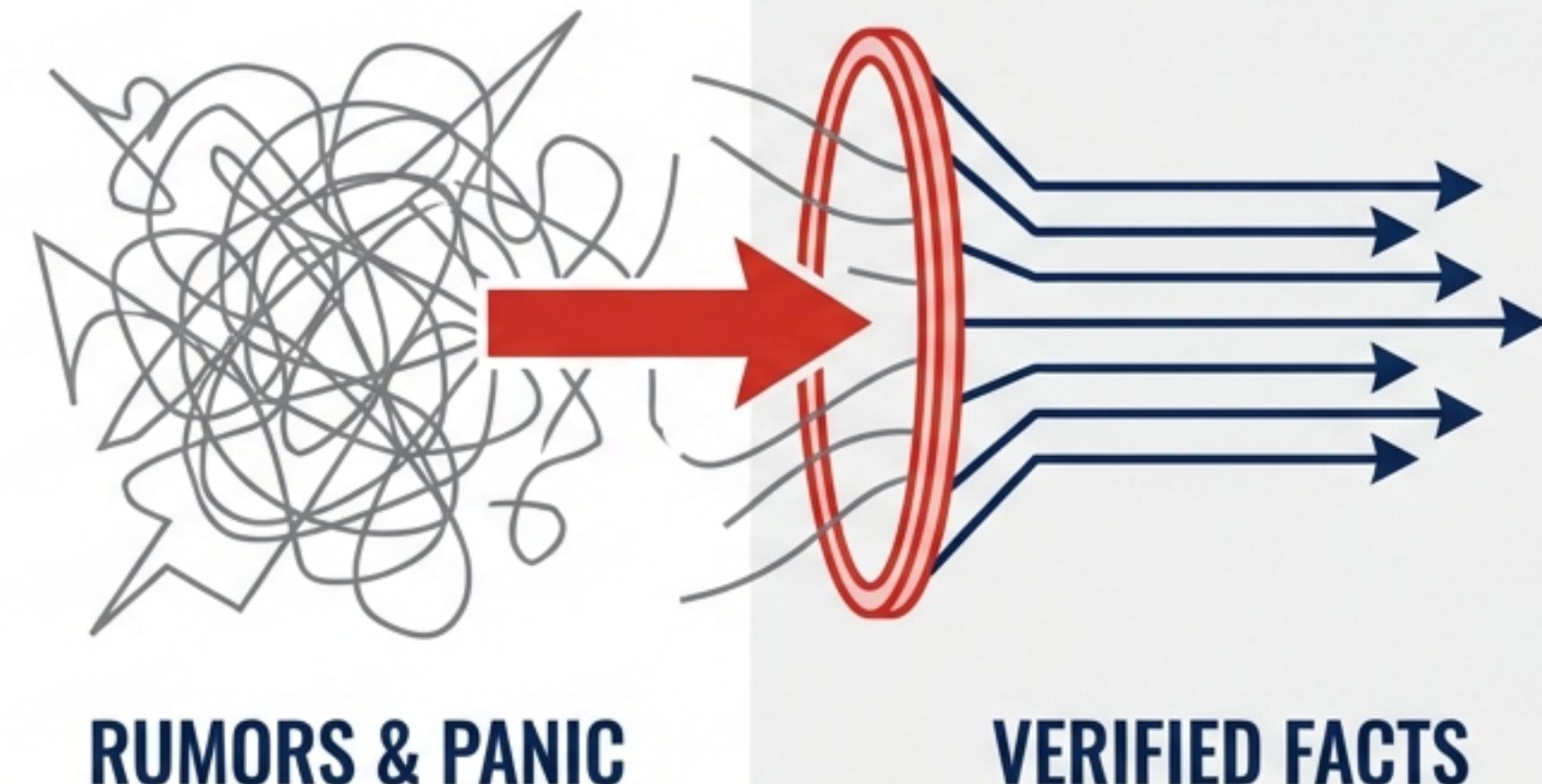
Fear, rumors, and panic lead to unlawful behavior and community instability.

Trust in government is historically low.

An information vacuum creates danger.

## THE SOLUTION

Create a primary, accessible source (e.g., a dedicated webpage) for clear, consistent updates.



Outcome: Accurate information allows the community to verify facts, reducing fear and slowly rebuilding trust.

# GOAL 2: DEFINING THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

## CAN'T DO



### Do NOT coordinate with ICE.

This must remain the policy to preserve local trust. Participation destroys community cooperation.

## WILL DO



### Monitor and Track.

Use resources to track and report on the movements and impact of ICE operations to protect residents from disruption.

Rationale: Unless law enforcement reports publicly on what they are doing, the public has no reason to trust they are not coordinating with the operation.

# REQUIRED DATA: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

The Checklist for Local Officials to Request from Homeland Security/ICE



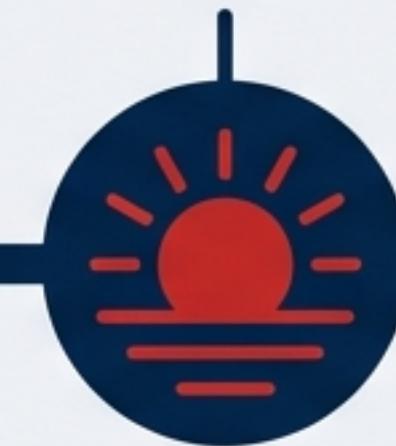
- STOPS & OUTCOMES:** Detailed data on stops, detentions, warrants, and results.
- CIVIL RIGHTS:** How compliance is being monitored during enforcement.
- DETENTION DETAILS:** Location, length of stay, and legal basis (warrant vs. warrantless).
- DEMOGRAPHICS:** Race, gender, and immigration status.
- DUE PROCESS:** Access to legal representation and family contact.
- HEALTH & SAFETY:** Access to medical care and necessary medications.

## URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

Local officials must request this data—under court order if necessary—to ensure transparency.

# THE RHYTHM OF ACCOUNTABILITY: DAILY BRIEFINGS

## MORNING BRIEFING



Report on movements  
and impacts from  
overnight operations.

## EVENING BRIEFING



Report on the  
operations that took  
place during the day.

INDEPENDENT MONITORING: MNJRC encourages community monitoring. Local government resources must also be deployed to track ICE movements to create a clear picture for these briefings.

# GOAL 3: DOCUMENTING AND REPORTING VIOLATIONS



Why? The federal government has the authority and responsibility to address violations caused by its own operations. This creates a paper trail for recourse.

# ENSURING HUMANITY IN ENFORCEMENT

## Direct Requests to US Border Patrol



### IDENTIFICATION

Agents must **NOT** wear masks and must be clearly identifiable by uniform.



### DUE PROCESS

Protections against discriminatory actions must be strictly enforced.



### TRANSPARENCY

Provide detailed after-action reports.



### DATA SHARING

Release all requested data to allow for City briefings.

# MOBILIZATION: WHAT THE COMMUNITY MUST DO

**CHECK ON YOUR PEOPLE.** Look out for vulnerable neighbors, ensure safety.



**FIND TRUSTED ORGANIZATIONS.** Connect with local groups for support and information.

**BE VIGILANT.** Stay aware of surroundings and report suspicious activity.



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.** Understand legal protections and resources.

**CONTACT ELECTED OFFICIALS.** Voice concerns and demand accountability.



**SHOW UP.** Participate in community actions and meetings.

“The greatest resource in Minnesota is the people.”

# WE ARE BUILT DIFFERENTLY

Minnesota knows how to endure cold winters. We have a track record of advocating for justice. Across our state, we are seeing the evidence of solidarity:



Sounds of whistles and shouting in the streets.

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Active neighborhood chats.

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Community pages with daily posts exceeding “uprising” levels.

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**NO ONE IS EXCITED ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH,  
BUT NO ONE CAN DENY THAT WE ARE BUILT FOR THIS.**

# RESOURCES & SUPPORT

## IMMEDIATE SUPPORT



**IMMEDIATE** MN Day One  
Crisis Line: **1-866-223-1111**  
(Domestic Violence/Abuse)

Immigrant Law Center of  
MN: **1-800-223-1368**

## TAKE ACTION



DOJ Civil Rights Complaint  
Form: **civilrights.justice.gov**

ACLU Know Your Rights:  
**aclu-mn.org**

MNJRC Contact:  
**justin@mnjrc.org**