

FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Immigration & Customs Enforcement ACCESS Program, Section 287 (g)
Application Update

In October 2007, the Fort Smith Police Department submitted a request for consideration to participate in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 287(g) Delegation of Authority program. An on-site assessment of the department was conducted by ICE officials in November 2007, as required by the application process. The on-site assessment was satisfactory and the department received approval from the ICE officials to continue with the application process.

Chief Kevin Lindsey received a letter from Mr. William Riley, Acting Executive Director, Office of State and Local Coordination, Immigration and Customs Enforcement in November 2008. Mr. Riley informed the Chief that ICE would not be able to support the training request by the department to participate in the 287(g) Delegation of Authority program. In response to this denial of training, the Chief resubmitted an application to participate in the program to the new Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Coordination.

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