**VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**SUBJECT:** Disclosure of Status Information

**ISSUE DATE:** August 1, 2021 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 1, 2021

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Directive is to establish Village of Maybrook Police Department policy and procedures concerning citizenship status, and the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

1. **IMMIGRATION STATUS**
2. GENERAL

The Village of Maybrook is home to a diverse population. Many of its residents have emigrated here from other countries, and some are not citizens of the United States. The Village and the Police Department are committed to promoting the safety and providing proactive community-based policing services to ***all*** who live here.

This department relies upon the cooperation of all persons, both documented citizens and those without documentation status, to achieve our goals of protecting life and property, preventing crime, and resolving problems. Assistance from immigrant populations is especially important when an immigrant, whether documented or not, is the victim of or a witness to a crime. These persons must feel comfortable coming forward, and their cooperation is needed to prevent and solve crimes.

1. POLICY

The limited resources of the Village of Maybrook, the complexity of immigration laws, limitations on authorities, the risk of civil liability for immigration and enforcement activities, and the clear need to foster trust and cooperation from the public, including members of the immigrant communities, are all pertinent factors that were taken into account when formulating this policy. A community member's potential status as an undocumented immigrant has no relation to the mission or goals of the Village of Maybrook Police Department.

1. PROCEDURE
2. Police officers shall not inquire about a person's immigration status unless investigating criminal activity.
3. It shall be the policy of the department not to inquire about the immigration status of crime victims, witnesses, or others who call or approach the police seeking assistance.
4. Officers and other members of the Village of Maybrook Police Department shall continue to cooperate with federal authorities in investigating and apprehending illegal immigrants suspected of criminal activity. Nothing in this General Order shall be construed to prohibit any officer or employee from cooperating with federal authorities as required by law.
5. No person shall be detained solely on the belief that he or she is not present legally in the United States, or that he or she has committed a civil immigration violation. There is no general obligation for a police officer to contact U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding any person, unless that person is arrested on a criminal charge.
6. Referrals to medical or social service agencies will be made to undocumented immigrants in the same manner that they are made to all other community members.
7. Nothing in this General Order shall be construed to prohibit any officer from cooperating with federal immigration authorities as required by law.

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