



Operation Metro Surge (OMS), centered in Minneapolis, MN, was initiated in December to deploy additional Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel to the St. Paul Field Office for immigration enforcement operations to deport violent criminal illegal aliens. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and other federal law enforcement agencies were also deployed to assist.

During this time, resistance, division and chaos by agitators against ICE agents and violent attacks on federal law enforcement skyrocketed to unprecedented levels. ICE officers faced an 8,000% increase in death threats, a 1,400% increase in assaults against them, and a 3,200% increase in vehicle ramming attacks against them, marking the deadliest operating environment in the agency's history.

President Trump ordered U.S. Border Czar Tom Homan to Minneapolis to restore order and effectiveness; ensure appropriate, effective immigration enforcement operations were being executed; and facilitate better cooperation with state and local law enforcement in the area.

Since arriving in Minneapolis on January 26, the Border Czar has assessed the status of operational command and activities, conducted extensive external stakeholder outreach, and determined de-escalatory solutions and improvements that ultimately achieved the President's goals.

Actions taken include:

- Operational guidance was communicated to all immigration enforcement teams that they were to conduct targeted immigration enforcement operations based on reasonable suspicion, prioritizing national security threats and public safety risks (no "roving patrols" in the interior).
- Personnel changes were made, arrest teams were integrated, and command and control was unified, creating one channel to convey operational guidance and consistent oversight of operations.
- These command structure improvements allowed for a joint review of operational laydowns, coordinated planning, and deconfliction.
- Addressed protocol when approaching and engaging with unlawful agitators to ensure officers and agents remain in alignment with agency standards, the law, and policies while also ensuring their own safety.
- Reaffirmed policies to federal officers that they must clearly display their badge and other adequate law enforcement identifiers.
- Additional internal affairs personnel were put in place.
- Body worn cameras (BWC) were deployed.
- The Commander provided all team leads with a list of local police/sheriff departments contact information and conveyed the importance of communication in advance of operations conducted in their jurisdictions.
- The Border Czar met with mayors and various key police chiefs/sheriffs and obtained agreement from them that state/local law enforcement would respond and restore law and order if the safety of ICE/CBP personnel or the public was being threatened by agitators.
- The Border Czar met with the Governor, the Minnesota Attorney General, mayors, and sheriffs from across the state to determine how local law enforcement can legally coordinate with ICE when taking custody of a criminal alien being released from a jail.
- Outreach was conducted with all sheriffs requesting that their jails notify ICE of the release date and time of any criminal illegal alien against whom ICE has a detainer submitted. As a result, federal immigration officers can make arrests at the time of release in the safety and security of a jail setting. ICE obtained an unprecedented level of cooperation from the counties.