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ICE Overview

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was formed in 2003 as part of the federal government's response to the 9/11 attacks, **ICE's primary mission is to protect national security, public safety and the integrity of the U.S. borders** through the use of laws governing immigration, border control, customs, and trade.

*from ICE.gov



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ICE Overview

- ICE is responsible for preventing terrorist and criminal activity by targeting the people, money, and materials that *may* support terrorist and criminal organizations. ICE is responsible for investigating a wide range of domestic and international activities arising from the illegal movement of people and goods into, within, and out of the United States.
- ICE investigations cover a broad range of areas, including national security threats, financial crimes and smuggling violations (including illegal arms exports), crimes, commercial fraud, human trafficking, narcotics importation, child pornography and exploitation, and immigration fraud.



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The CTCEU & SEVP Team

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CTCEU Mission

Prevent terrorists and other criminals from exploiting the nation's immigration system, proactively scrutinize associates of known potential terrorist, identify terrorist criminal enterprises and expand the coordination within the various Intelligence Community and Law Enforcement Agencies.

The CTCEU proactively pursues its mission by reviewing the immigration status of potential, known, and suspected terrorists, and by combating criminal exploitation of the SEVP.



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CTCEU Overview

- SEVIS Exploitation Investigations and Policy Coordination
- Compliance Enforcement Advisory Panel
- Lead Generation (SEVIS, US Visit, NSEERS)
- Visa Waiver Enforcement Program
- Visa Revocation
- Alien Flight School Program
- INTERPOL & Special Operations



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Case Examples

- Visa Fraud / Harboring
- Money Laundering / Transnational Organized Crime
- Foreign Counterintelligence
- Servitude
- Marriage Fraud
- ID Theft
- Flight School Vulnerabilities



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SEVP

- Develops, recommends, and implements ICE policies related to foreign students and learning institutions.
- SEVP manages and utilizes the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to track and monitor SEVP approved schools, students, and exchange visitors throughout the duration of their approved participation within the U.S. education system.

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Outreach - Purpose

- Directed to academic and vocational institutions that are certified by ICE to enroll nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors.
- This initiative will focus on opening communication channels between DSOs and local ICE agents with the goal of ensuring a growing and robust foreign student population and program by addressing potential school fraud, identifying nonimmigrant student threats and radicalization.



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Outreach - Background

- DHS has expressed an intention to expand programs related to the enforcement of nonimmigrant visa overstays and to shift the civil immigration enforcement responsibilities to ICE's Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO).
- This restructuring will allow HSI to better focus on addressing potential vulnerabilities in student and exchange visitor programs, national security issues, and foreign student visa fraud.



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Outreach - Scope

- Discuss recent fraudulent school investigations with DSOs and identify SEVP laws and regulations that touch upon current issues.
- Inform school officials of current indicators and patterns of criminal activity which will enable them to better identify and report criminal behavior.
- Yield information of suspected school fraud within the institution's foreign student body, or by other regional SEVP-certified schools.
- Discuss requests for student information that are exempt from the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) rules, emphasizing how this information will be requested.



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Outreach - Phases

- Phase 1: Institutions that solely provide English as a Second Language (ESL) Training. Approximately 60% of all language school transfers are to other language schools and approximately 40% of all active foreign student transfer to an ESL course of study.
- Phase 2: Flight Training Institutions. Nine of the 9/11 hijackers and conspirators received, or attempted to receive, flight training in the United States.
- Phase 3: Exchange Visitor Programs (J Visa)



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Outreach - Presentation

- The presentation will outline the outreach session, address any DSO concerns or questions, touch upon recent case studies identifying key laws and regulations that were violated, and provide contact information for the local ICE agent and office should school officials require further contact.
- Local ICE agents will leave the DSO with a SEVIS regulations quick reference guide, for their later review.



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And the BIG question...???????



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What is in it for me?



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What is in it for you.....

- The ability to help secure the foreign student process and ensure a growing and robust foreign student population
- A 24/7 point of contact for security related concerns or questions
- The ability to immediately report unscrupulous school operators or other criminal activity
- A chance to play a very important and active role in national security



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