



# **U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

## **Interim ICE Use of Force Policy**

**July 7, 2004**

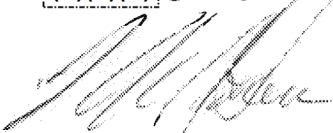
## Foreword

I have signed and authorized the release of the interim U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Use of Force Policy. This document shall serve an interim use of force policy for ICE and shall supersede all legacy agency use of force policies, becoming effective on July 7, 2004. This policy was the result of a great amount of dedication, effort and work by many representatives from each ICE operational component and the ICE National Firearms and Tactical Training Unit (NFTTU). The interim ICE Use of Force Policy retains the best of each legacy agency's policy and national use of force program. It is intended to create a strong and comprehensive policy to unify our many operational elements in the critical area of firearms and the related disciplines.

The NFTTU shall electronically distribute this interim policy to all of the ICE Senior Firearms Instructors (SFIs) and Defensive Tactics Instructors. The policy shall be posted on the NFTTU intranet website [\(b\)\(7\)\(E\)](#) for immediate access and distribution to all ICE armed officers. The NFTTU has provided interim policy training to over two hundred and fifty (250) ICE SFIs as of the release of this important interim policy. All ICE armed officers are required to fully read and understand the new policy prior to the July 7, 2004 implementation date.

The implementation of this interim policy is a significant undertaking and is a milestone in the progress ICE is making in the establishment of our new agency. If you have any questions or require assistance in implementing this new policy in any way, please contact the NFTTU at

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