

Summary

- The Brewster Police Department will not be involved in any type of profiling or targeting of any specific ethnic group or presumed nationality class because of the implementation of the Federal Secure Communities Program.
- This federal program will in no way change how the Brewster Police at the local level protect the public that we serve by enforcing existing state laws in a fair and impartial manner.
- As per *Comm v. Lunn* (2017), local law enforcement agencies, including the Brewster Police have no authority to enforce federal immigration laws and the implementation of the Secure Communities Program does not vest any additional authority or power to further immigration arrests by local police.
- Finally, we as members of the Brewster Police Department remain committed to our respective individual mandates to treat all that we encounter in every interaction with the utmost respect and dignity.



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**Brewster Police Department
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Description & Enforcement

The Secure Communities Program (SCP) is a federal program administered by the Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS-ICE) that has been instituted and deployed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts effective as of May 15, 2012. It is now also in effect in most states and Puerto Rico.

The activation and implementation of the Federal Secure Communities Program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts does not in any way change the way that the Brewster Police Department conducts our current enforcement operations pursuant to existing policies, procedures, or practices.

This federal program in no way changes how the Brewster Police, at the local level, protect the public that we serve by enforcing existing state laws in a fair and impartial manner.

The Brewster Police Department will not be involved in any type of profiling or targeting of any specific ethnic group or presumed nationality class as a result of the implementation of the Federal Secure Communities Program.

We as members of the Brewster Police Department, as professional police officers, are responsible for providing effective police services to everyone in the Town of Brewster in an equal, fair, and just manner. The detections of criminal behavior is of primary interest and concern in dealing with any subject suspected of violating the law.

Race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, occupation, immigration status, or any other arbitrary characteristic pertaining to any specific individual has no bearing on any decision by a Brewster Police Officers as to whether or not make an arrest.

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The Brewster Police Department is calling on all members of our community to have the optimum level of faith, confidence, and trust in the BPD as we continue to work together to solve recurring community problems, and to maintain the level of security we enjoy in Brewster.

Victims and witnesses of crimes, as well as other members of our community, who interact with our officers will not be impacted in any way by this federal program. The SCP only sends electronic biometric fingerprints of those **individuals who have been arrested for criminal offenses** to the DHS (ICE) from the FBI via the information gathered in booking by local police departments.

The Secure Communities Program has no impact on individuals who are stopped (and cited or warned) solely for civil motor vehicle infractions.

Finally, we as members of the Brewster Police Department remain committed to our respective community and will adhere to our respective individual mandates to treat all we encounter in every interaction with the utmost respect and dignity.



"The mission of the Brewster Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of all people. We will work in partnership with our community to identify and effectively respond to the diverse, ever-changing social and neighborhood problems and needs. We will do this with emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism."