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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candia Board of Selectman
FROM: Chief Chad Shevlin
DATE: 01/26/2026
RE: Question's about 287G program
CC: Town of Candia

Dear Board of Selectman and Town Administrator Spencer,

A question that was asked to me by a citizen today in my department voicemail. They stated that they had a couple of questions regarding us with 287G program. It was also stated that they did not want to sound off or like they were attacking. To which I appreciate their questions. The questions that were asked are;

1.) I would like to know what the rationale last summer was for joining ICE?

My decision to participate in 287(g) was about safety, not politics. It gives my officers clarity, training, and lawful procedures when dealing with offenders not in custody during course of their day-to-day patrol functions. It improves information sharing, reduces risk to the community, and ensures we handle these situations professionally, consistently, and transparently.

The decision to move forward with the Task Force Model was also done in coordination with the support of the Board of Selectmen. The Board recognized the value of ensuring our officers have the proper tools, guidance, and legal framework when dealing with criminal offenders, while still maintaining the community-focused values of the Town of Candia.

2.) Whether I am "happy" with the way they're moving right now?

I think the best way to answer this is focusing on standards rather than emotion. As Chief of Police for the Town of Candia, my priority is whether enforcement efforts protect public safety, follow the rule of law, and maintain the trust of the Candia community.

Federal immigration enforcement plays a role in addressing individuals who pose legitimate public safety risks. However, the effectiveness of that role depends on transparency, professionalism, and coordination with local agencies. Any enforcement action whether federal, state, or local must be lawful, proportional, and consistent with constitutional protections.

The Candia Police Department's participation in the 287(g) program under the Task Force Model is based on these same principles. We use the program to enhance officer safety, improve information sharing, and ensure consistent handling of offenders encountered during legitimate police work within Candia. The intent is not broad immigration enforcement, but focused public-safety operations that respect community trust.

When concerns arise about federal operations, they should be reviewed objectively and professionally. Accountability and training are essential to preserving confidence in law enforcement at every level. My expectation is that all partner agencies operate in a way that minimizes risk to officers and civilians while maintaining public confidence.

Ultimately, for Candia, the measure of success is not whether I am satisfied with another agency's movement, but whether coordination, legality, safety, and professionalism are upheld in a manner that serves both public safety and the residents of our town.

Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Respectfully,



Chief Shevlin