

Notes for Press Conference 2025-12-18

The Twin Ports Rapid Response Team is a grassroots group of people who came together a year ago to learn more about our constitutional rights with regards to immigration and to teach each other how to protect those rights.

We formed a rapid response team last summer and after training under COPAL, we learned the importance of becoming a constitutional observer.

We watched as communities across the country were targeted, terrorized and attacked under the guise of arresting and deporting the "worst of the worst migrant criminals" which is an offensive, false, cowardly, and ultimately ineffective smear of valuable community members.

In the first 100 days of Trump's second term:
158,000 immigrants were arrested.

As of August 2025, 61,000 migrants have been detained.
80% of those have no criminal record.

**As of October 2025, there have been over 500,000 deported.
70% of those have no criminal record.**

These are more than just statistics. These numbers represent real people, friends, neighbors and members of communities.

Across the country we saw neighbors, friends, family, and ordinary bystanders document ICE raids and expose their illegal actions and violations of people's civil rights. One day these ICE and other federal agents will be held accountable thanks to the incredible documentation by constitutional observers. And it should be noted that often these constitutional observers documented at great risk of harm to themselves. Many were beaten, sprayed with chemical weapons and arrested.

Now the threats have been directed towards Minnesota. Raids have been reported in the Twin Cities, Burnsville, Rochester, and Hibbing. Last summer we saw the arrest of roofers on two occasions here in Duluth.

We are here to say, THIS TERRORIZING AND ASSAULT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN OUR TOWN IN SECRET OR IN SILENCE. We will stand with our migrant friends and neighbors.

We will document and expose to the best of our ability violent and unconstitutional acts against our neighbors and we will sound the alarm when we see or sense danger or harm.