

MN Community Response Resources

Protecting our Communities from Abduction, Disappearance, Invasion, Occupation, and Attack

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Article for Moral Resourcing: [*In Chicago, We Run Toward Danger Together*](#)

Neighbor & Block Connections and Communication:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Knock on doors and make a flyer for an event to connect with other neighbors.
 - Gather in person to connect with each other and get to know each other. Talk about what is going on and about how you want to respond together to protect people.
 - Gather Contact Information for people on your block(s). Keep a physical copy as a backup.
 - Create neighborhood text groups for communication. Develop protocols and agreements for how they will be used. [See Texting tools at the bottom of this document]
- **Examples in Action:**
 - Example: [Protect Rogers Park, Chicago](#)
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - [Mapping Community Defense and Care in Our Neighborhoods](#)
 - [Pods for Our Current Moment](#)

Audible Emergency Alerts:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Using whistles and car horns to alert community members to a threat and to quickly call in nearby responders
 - Bulk Ordering Whistles, Community & Neighborhood Giveaways, and Whistle Trainings
 - Guides for community members in cars about how to announce that threats are in the area
- **Examples in Action:**
 - Article: [Hundreds Pack 'Whistlemania' Events To Fight ICE In Chicago: 'We Have To Stand Up For One Another'](#)
 - Article: [Whistles take over Chicago as the small, inexpensive device becomes popular way to alert of ICE activity](#)
 - Article: [In Little Village, Residents Are Blowing Actual Whistles To Warn Neighbors About ICE](#)
 - Article: [They Came for Our Neighbors. We Showed Up.](#)
 - Video: [The WHISTLES WORK!!!!!! 🗨️ 🗨️](#)
 - Video: [Chicago Teachers Union school example](#)
 - Video: [Whistle alerts to ICE presence](#)
- **Groups and Accounts:**
 - Local MSP Whistle Distribution:
 - <https://linktr.ee/mspwhistles>
 - Bluesky: [mspwhistles.bsky.social](#)
 - Instagram: [mspwhistles](#)
 - Venmo [@mspwhistles](#)
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - [Public Whistle Training - Sample Agenda](#)
 - [Whistle and Intervention training scenarios](#)
 - [Twin Cities MN - Whistle 1-pager w Monarca number - English-Spanish-Somali](#)
 - [Twin Cities-focused adaptation of the "whistle kit" mini-zines with Monarca Number](#)
 - [ICE Response and Whistle Alert Neighborhood Gathering - Sample Agenda](#)
 - Blog: [Political Whistle Work, with 3D printing instructions](#)
 - Original Whistle Guides and Templates to edit from Chicago: [Resources for Whistle Warriors](#) from [Pilsen Arts & Community House](#)

Rapid Response Networks & ICE Watch:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Fast communication networks for verifying and dispatching Rapid Responders to threats of abduction and snatch squads that are deployed in our cities and neighborhoods
 - Keeping an eye out in your neighborhood with Foot, Bike, and Car Patrols and people monitoring and watching on corners, key intersections, and important community spaces.
- **Groups and Accounts:**



- **Defend the 612 - Minneapolis**

- <https://defend612.com>
- "Defend the 612 is an attempt to help community members within geographies get connected to one another — to support and connect people into the neighborhood formations that are responding to this violent and immoral onslaught."
- Connects individuals to their local geographic Rapid Response groups in Minneapolis

- **Monarca Rapid Response Line**

- <https://monarcamn.org/>
- Rapid Response Hotline for the Twin Cities: **612-441-2881**

- **Local Text alert groups for rapid response and information sharing:**

- **School, neighbor, and parent alert groups**

- Minneapolis: [Minneapolis Families for Public Schools](#)

- Block and neighborhood-level text alert groups

- **Minneapolis:**

- **"🇺🇸 Alertas ICE Phillips || Phillips ICE Alerts"** - Bilingual WhatsApp Group for Phillips Neighborhood(s) - [Sample Pinned Messages & Group Description](#)



- **"🇺🇸 FTP: Federal Threat Powderhorn"** - Greater Powderhorn Neighborhood(s) Signal Group for those committed to responding in person - [Sample Group Instructions](#)



- **"Southside 🇺🇸 Daily Patrol Monitor RR Southside"**

- Daily verification and patrols for the Southside of Minneapolis
- License Plate Tracking: [License Plates of Abductors in the Twin Cities](#)

- **Protect Rogers Park, Chicago**

- [Criminal Podcast: Rogers Park Rapid Response Network Interviews](#)

- **Illinois:** [Eyes on ICE Text Network](#)

- **Resources and Guides:**

- [1st Salute: Sharing Useful Information](#)
- NC: [Defend and Recruit Playbook/Workbook](#) - See section on "ICE Watch"

Tracking Federal Agents:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Provide information to the public about Federal activity to document and track patterns of behavior.
- **Examples in Action:**
 - **MN:**
 - **"Southside 🚓 Daily Patrol Monitor RR Southside"** - Community members in mobile patrols and stationed at key intersections and community centers track and report on federal vehicles.
 - [u/ottergoose posts on Reddit](#) Tracking Deportation Flights out of MSP
 - License Plate Tracking: [License Plates of Abductors in the Twin Cities](#)
 - Marking confirmed undercover vehicles
 - **NC:** [Ojo Obrero](#) - Website providing historical data about ICE activity in North Carolina. The map lets users filter for different kinds of incidents and times of day, and each incident is tagged with more details, including what happened, where and when, plus a photo if available.
 - **Phone Apps:** [ICEBlock](#), Red Dot, DEICER, & Eyes Up have all been removed by Apple and Google from the App Stores because of direct pressure from the Trump Department of Justice

Responder Trainings:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Train up Community Members in Rapid Response and Intervention
- **Groups and Accounts:**
 - MIRAC - Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee: Immigration Raid Response Trainings
 - [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#)
 - <https://www.miracmn.com/>
 - Monarca: [Upstander Legal Observer & Upstander Trainings](#)
 - <https://monarcamn.org/training>
 - Immigrant Defense Network: [Constitutional Observer Training](#)
 - <https://immigrantdefensenetwork.org/#join>

Community Safety Squads & Patrols:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Community members proactively walking the streets of their cities, taking up space, protecting people in key locations, and preventing abuse by occupying Agents through interventions and presence
- **Examples in Action:**
 - NYC: Organized Court and Immigration Hearing accompaniment
 - Chicago Dissenters: [Immigration Court Monitoring](#)
 - DC: Disrupting Immigration Checkpoints and Safety Squads
 - North Carolina: Defend and Recruit - #ICEWatch teams
 - LA: Adopt a Corner
 - Protect Rogers Park: [Neighborhood-wide patrols](#)
 - Accompanying and watching over locations where Day Laborers and Street Vendors gather
- **Groups and Accounts:**
 - [DC Safety Squad](#)
 - [CTU Walking School Bus](#)
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - Chicago: [Parent response to ICE/CBP presence](#)
 - [Back to School Community Safety Toolkit](#)
 - [Preparing for ICE at Your School](#)

Immigrant Legal Know Your Rights, Support after an Abduction, and Family Planning:

- [Immigrant Law Center of MN](#) - During and after major events ILCMN may open their Detention Response Line via their main office number: **651.641.1011**
- [COPAL MN](#) - Navigators Support line: Provides verification of immigration raids and connects individuals to food, shelter, and legal aid: **(612) 249-8736**
- [Monarca](#) - Know Your Rights Line: **651-372-8642** (This is not the Raid Hotline)
- [UnidosMN](#) - Women's Press [Special Issue: Know Your Rights](#)

Mutual Aid, Material Support Networks and Care:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Getting material resources to targeted families and communities.
 - Rideshares, grocery shopping, supply drops, meals on wheels / food deliveries, running errands, existing food shelves, resource distribution centers, drop-in spaces, community kitchens, providing childcare, getting people into hotels, activating networks of safe houses and sanctuary sites.
 - Medics and community health groups
 - Psychological, Moral, and Spiritual First Aid after actions and events
 - Fundraising and transparent, accountable and equitable distribution of financial support through Solidarity Funds
 - [Supporting Immigrant Businesses](#)
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - [Mutual Aid 101](#)
 - [Mutual Aid Hub Resources](#)
 - [Free the 901 Memphis Rideshare Signup](#)

ICE Hotel Stay, Movement, and Site Interruptions:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Community members proactively get and spread intel about the movements of Agents and organize to intervene and take action together at key locations
- **Examples in Action:**
 - Hotels housing Agents:
 - [Federal agents thought they could stay at LA-area hotels. Communities are trying to make sure they can't](#)
 - [Demonstrators Are Trying to Make Sure ICE Agents Can't Sleep – Mother Jones](#)
 - ICE Detention Facilities:
 - [We Want Them Back: Protest and State Violence at Broadview ICE Facility](#)
 - [Tear Gas and Protest Music — Fighting ICE on the Ground in Chicago](#)
 - [14 suburban moms arrested in sit-in protest outside Broadview ICE facility](#)
 - [Feds Tell Faith Leaders 'No More Prayer' Outside Broadview Facility](#)
 - Following ICE vehicles while honking and blowing on whistles when they are sighted
 - Video: [Following ICE vehicles when they have abducted someone](#)
 - Traffic Jams and Slowdowns
 - Video: [Converging where ICE is staging their operations from](#)
 - Article: [Sandwich tossing](#)
 - Restaurants:
 - Not serving Federal Agents
 - Interrupting Recruiting Events, floods of fake job applications and scheduling for bogus interviews

Lowering the Comfort & Raising the Internal Moral Tension and Psychological Pressure of Agents

- **The Tactic:**
 - Engaging with Agents who are participating in abduction and abuse, **and with their communities**, to increase their internal and external tensions and pressures
 - Increase the cost of Agents' continued compliance with violent acts and authoritarianism
 - Connection through relationship: Increasing Agents' own natural human desire to not cooperate with the abduction regime and to defect or strategically not comply.
[Fraternization](#)
 - Encourage noncooperation and defections within the Military and National Guard
- **Groups and Accounts:**
 - [Do Not Turn On Us](#): Organizing civilians, veterans and military service members to refuse fascist orders
 - [About Face: Veterans Against the War](#)
- Resources and Guides:
 - [Do Not Turn on Us: Outreach / Action Guide](#)

Increasing the Tension on Politicians and Corporations that are backing, supporting, or profiting off of Trump / MAGA

- **The Tactic:**
 - **Government:** Office Visits, anti-campaign actions, protest or visibility actions, publicizing donors
 - **Corporations and the 1%:** Pressure campaigns, boycotts, call-outs, visits to corporate offices and CEOs / Boards, actions at stores, negative reviews and publicity



Art, Song, Culture, and Popular Consciousness Raising for resistance and noncooperation:

- **The Tactic:**
 - Make it widely known and visible everywhere that your community does not welcome invasion and is in active resistance to it. Build the radical collective consciousness, willingness, and commitment to act and take risks as part of a larger movement. Spread the ideas of resistance into every home and every block. Expand our shared imagination, vision, and belief in what is possible and make non-cooperation and joining the resistance common sense and irresistible.
- **Examples in Action:**
 - Art in Windows & Lawn Signs
 - Stencils, Wheat Pasting
 - Resistance Songs & song circles
 - Chants and Slogans that advance a strategic narrative
 - Widespread wearing of symbols that show you are not in agreement with the regime
 - Neighborhood-wide [Cacerolazos](#) at specific hours
 - Shows, productions, plays, theatre
 - Altars for and other historical remembering of resistance warriors who came before us
 - Concerts, festivals, venues
 - Hosting neighborhood-wide anti-fascist games
 - Banners, Billboards, house-sized political art, [hacking street signs](#)
 - Projections on Buildings
 - Ceremony, Ritual, and Vigils
 - Social Movement Movie Nights
 - Study & Discussion Groups
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - [Creative Direct Action Visuals](#)

Business & Workplace Outreach and Employee Protection

- **Examples in Action:**
 - [WA Neighborhood Defense](#) - Outreach to businesses to help them know their rights and protect their employees in the event of an ICE interaction
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - WA Neighborhood Defense Canvassing Resources
 - [Canvassing Resources Overview](#)
 - [Print at Home Resources](#)
 - No Kings: [Signs of Solidarity Canvassing Toolkit](#)
 - [A Guide for Employers](#)
 - **Power in Numbers:** [Worksite Safety & Signage Info](#)
 - [STOP - Employees-Clients Only](#)
 - [STOP - Employees Only](#)

Individuals and groups within the belly of the beast and adjacent Institutions gumming up the work of abduction, abuse, and authoritarianism

- **The Tactic:**

- Tactical Incompetence and non-compliance: being slow, extending the amount of time things take, losing important things and documents, misunderstanding things, being forgetful, sharing incorrect information, misdirecting communications like phone calls and emails, getting sick or taking mental health days at key moments, taking extended vacations and leaves, redirecting resources, setting up bureaucratic hurdles, flagging abuses, filing complaints, jamming up printers, buildings losing power or internet access, building mistrust and envy across the leadership and decision-makers, causing internal chaos.
- Finding trusted partners within your institution to build and fortify support, track and map what is happening, and to try not to get singled out, caught, or fired.
- Sharing key information carefully with trusted community actors.
- Saying no to the worst of the abuses.
- Public whistle-blowing to the media
- Publicly quitting & strategically quitting together

- **Resources and Guides:**

- [Serve the People - We're Worth Fighting For. A civil servants guide for 2024 & Beyond--](#) for civil servants /federal employees/military on their options.:
- [Civil Servant Option Charts](#)

Any and every employee or organization:

- It is strategic to stop the rise of authoritarianism. Everyone's work and life will be much more difficult under conditions of increasing authoritarianism.
- Pivot your work and focus in condoned or not condoned ways to participate in the mass movement to protect people and build networks and infrastructure to grow our collective capacity and will to take risks and change our conditions.
- Move your organization to pivot focus, take a stand, take strategic risks, and commit resources and people-power in an on-going way.

City-wide and State-wide Popular Resistance Coordination, Orientation, and Support Structures:

- **The Tactic:**
 - City-wide community organizing and alignment across occupied cities or geography coupled with specific demands.
 - Push for decisive changes in the conditions, and the policies and laws that affect the conditions that you are working within - as close to the root as you can build the power to achieve.
 - Under Invasion: Daily multilingual Zoom calls and grounding spaces in the morning (or multiple offerings) for people to drop into and connect and get information - and get moral, psychological, cultural, and spiritual resourcing to do what they feel called to do and to know where to find support, resources, and strategic opportunities.
- **Groups and Accounts:**
 - **DC:** [Free DC](#)
 - Campaigns
 - [Swag & Merch](#)
 - [Events and Trainings](#)
 - **Memphis:** [Free the 901](#)
 - Bail Fund
 - [Rideshare Signup](#)
 - **Chicago:**
 - [No Trump No Troops \(NTNT\) Coalition](#)
 - [Free Chicago No Occupation](#)
 - [City of Chicago: Official Position](#) "Protecting Chicago Initiative"
 - [Hands Off Chicago](#)
 - [Chicagoans show their solidarity by posting the Hands Off Chicago sign in their window](#)
 - **North Carolina**
 - [Siembra NC - Defend and Recruit](#)
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - **NC: Defend and Recruit Resources**
 - [Defend and Recruit Playbook/Workbook](#): Overview and Guide for the six primary defense strategies
 - [Municipal Organizing Strategies](#)
 - Local Group Organizing Toolkit
 - [How to Build a Group](#)
 - [Community Defense Resource Hub](#)
 - 📢 [ALL Downloadable Resources HQ](#) 📢
 - **Free DC Model for Other Cities** - For activists in other cities that want to learn from Free DC
 - [Free DC Welcome + Wayfinding](#)
 - [Free DC Orientation Training Deck](#)
 - [Posters and Flyers on Google Drive](#)

Wider Non-Cooperation and Non-Compliance with Violence and Authoritarianism:

- [Freedom Trainers Noncooperation Library](#)
- Resisting Curfews and Checkpoints
- [United States Office of Strategic Services: Simple Sabotage Field Manual \(1944\)](#)

Protests and Actions:

- **Tactics:**
 - Inflatable Costumes [Portland's Inflatable Costumes Deflate Trump's Narrative](#)
 - [The Portland Frog Brigade & Operation Inflation](#)
- **Resources and Guides:**
 - [Direct Action Resources: Know Your Role](#)
 - [A Protestor's Guide to Gas Masks, Goggles, and Helmets](#)
 - [Chemical Weapons Eyewash - Northstar Health Collective](#)

Action Planning:

- **Resources and Guides:**
 - Structure: [Affinity Groups](#)
 - Strategy: [The Redline Workbook](#)
 - Strategy: [Pillars Research Project](#)
 - Strategy: [Ruckus Society: Action Strategy](#)
 - Strategy: [Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict](#)
 - Strategy: [The Three R's Framework](#) Refusal, Resistance, Ridicule
 - Tactics: [Time to Act Action Toolkit](#)

Risk Management and Legal Self-Defense:

- [Basics of Legal Self Defense](#)
- ICE Watch & Legal Self Defense two-pager available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- [Know Your Risks](#): Via the National Lawyers Guild
- [ICE-Specific Know Your Rights Videos](#): Via Witness Lab for ICE at your door, in your home, after arrest by ICE, how to film ICE, etc. 8 languages available.
- [PRIVATE: Do Not Enter - Front Door Poster and instructions](#): Via Muslims for Just Futures. Multiple languages available.
- [Security Culture: Building Relationships of Trust and Care](#) (Zine booklet printing formatted version [here](#))
- Pipeline Legal Action Network: Legal Strategies for Movement Activists
 - [Workbook 1: Pre-Action Legal Workbook](#)
 - [Workbook 2: Action Concurrent Legal Issues & Strategies](#)
 - Workbook 3: [In review]
- [The Grand Jury Resistance Project](#)
- [Freedom Trainers: Jury Nullification](#) - Free DC trained over 20,000 residents in Jury Nullification
- [Fully Informed Jury Association Flyer - Jury Nullification](#)
- [Basic Deescalation Skills and Tactics](#)
- [Anti-Doxxing and Digital Triage Tips and Resources](#)
- **Tools:**
 - [ReadyNow!](#) The secure one-click emergency alert system for those at-risk of detention.

Authoritarian Political Conditions:

- [So the National Guard is \(or might be\) coming to your city - Freedom Trainers](#)
- [What You Need to Know if President Trump Deploys National Guard Units to Your State - Movement Law Lab](#)
- 50501: [Responding to Federal Occupying Forces](#)

Tools & Technology:

Signal Private Messenger

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| Useful for | Encrypted Communication. Neighborhood and working group communication and collaboration. Disappearing Messages. |
| Cost | Free |
| Link | https://signal.org/ |

Proton Mail & Proton Drive / Docs

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| Useful for | Encrypted Email and document and file hosting. Hosted in Sweden. (This guide is a Proton Doc) |
| Cost | Free |
| Link | https://mail.proton.me/ |

CryptPad

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| Useful for | More extensive document suite for collaboration and file hosting. Encrypted and hosted in France |
| Cost | Free |
| Link | https://cryptpad.fr/ |

Riseup Etherpads

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| Useful for | A very simple text editing group collaboration tool. |
| Cost | Free |
| Link | https://pad.riseup.net/ |

Proton VPN

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| Useful for | A Virtual Private Network or VPN routes your internet traffic through servers other than your internet provider to make your internet browsing and the websites that you visit more difficult to trace. |
| Cost | Free to Low Cost |
| Link | https://protonvpn.com/pricing |

Action Network

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| Useful for | Email, Blast Text, Petitions, Forms, Call Campaigns, Letter Campaigns |
| Cost | Free to Low Cost |
| Link | https://actionnetwork.org/ |

Get Thru

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| Useful for | Peer to Peer Texting |
| Cost | \$.06 / text message |
| Link | https://www.getthru.io/ |

Action Builder

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| Useful for | Tracking conversations, attendance, structure |
| Cost | High Cost (currently) |
| Link | https://www.actionbuilder.org/ |

Empower

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| Useful for | Asking people to distribute messages and asks to their existing networks (phone contacts) |
| Cost | Free |
| Link | https://empowerproject.us/ |

Jitsi

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| Useful for | Online Meetings and Video-conferencing |
| Cost | Free |
| Link | https://jitsi.org/jitsi-meet/ |

