

# Twin Cities News Updates

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## Efforts to restrict ICE activities:

Both political leaders and legal officials are trying to find ways to de-escalate and navigate the violence and presence of federal law enforcement in the Twin Cities. These are a few news, themes, and discussions about what has happened at the level of political leaders.

- **Conflict Over Federal Actions:** Democratic leaders have criticized federal, particularly ICE, operations (Operation Metro Surge) as "political retribution" following violent incidents and fatal shootings by federal agents, [Minnesota Daily](#).
- **Restricting ICE:** Legislators are advancing measures to curb federal authority, such as banning masked or unidentified law enforcement officers, [The New York Times](#).
- **Local vs. Federal Pushback:** Vice President JD Vance has accused local officials of failing to cooperate, while local officials, including the mayor, described ICE presence as an "invasion," [KUOW](#), [Police1](#).

- **Body Cameras:** Following fatal shootings, Homeland Security officers are being required to wear body cameras according to DHS Secretary Noem, PBS.
- **Legal and Political Blockage:** The DOJ has issued court orders to top Minnesota Democrats for "impeding federal law enforcement", which local leaders call intimidation, BBC.

