

legal observation & rapid response

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- ✓ Share SALUTE details
- ✓ Direct impacted neighbors to **Know Your Rights** information

Rapid Flow:

- Call emergency services, if needed
- Use whistle if immediate nearby help is required.
- Post in Signal with tag + SALUTE info
- Neighbors observe safely
- Debrief afterward

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step-by-step block-by-block neighborhood safety



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Updated: 2/21/2026
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This plan helps empower neighbors to respond rapidly to:

- Medical crises
- Fires & power outages
- ICE raids
- Natural disasters



Often the fastest support isn't a system, it's the person next door.

A trusted network of neighbors helps us to:

- Share verified information quickly
- Check on vulnerable neighbors
- Connect people to services
- Reduce panic
- Prevent harm

our agreements

Before starting, we agree:

- ✓ De-escalation first
- ✓ No racial profiling
- ✓ No immigration-status questions
- ✓ No chasing, detaining, or confronting
- ✓ Call emergency services when appropriate
- ✓ Protect privacy
- ✓ Move with calm, not fear



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step one: start small

Start with 3–5 neighbors.

Look for someone who:

- is home during the day
- can speak more than one language
- has the trust of elders
- is steady under stress
- has relationships with multiple households

Keep it hyper-local.
One block. One building.
One complex.



Small groups build deep trust.



step two: use Signal

Why Signal?

- End-to-end encrypted
- More private than group text
- Rapid coordination

Make sure to:

- Create a group (ie “4th St Neighbors”)
- Turn on disappearing messages.
- Add only who agree to group values

Use simple tags:

- EMERGENCY (Call 911 first)
- URGENT
- INFO
- CHECK-IN

No screenshots. No forwarding
outside the group. No posting on
social media.

whistles: a low-tech alert tool

Phones die. Wi-Fi fails. Power goes out.

Whistles can alert when:

- Someone is in immediate danger
- You need urgent attention and cannot access your phone
- ICE is nearby

Guidelines:

- ✓ Use only for real emergencies
- ✓ Post in Signal as soon as possible
- ✓ Stay in place if unsafe
- ✓ Respond by looking—no rushing blindly
- ✓ Call Emergency services, if needed

Do NOT use whistles to:

- ✗ Signal suspicion
- ✗ Start group confrontation
- ✗ Rally neighbors toward someone

Whistles are for safety — not escalation.

what we record and communicate

S – Size: How many?

A – Activity: What are they doing?

L – Location: Exact location?

U – Unit/Uniform: Clothing, vehicle?

T – Time: When?

E – Equipment: Tools or visible gear?

Include descriptions of behavior—not race, accent, or “vibes.”

Instead of:

✗ “Suspicious person”

Say:

✓ “Two people checking car doors on north side of block at 3:15pm.”

In case of an ICE raid:

- Call the WAISN hotline: 1-844-724-3737 (M - F, 6am - 6pm)
- Send videos, SALUTE notes, and/or pictures to: hotline@waisn.org.
- If someone is detained check ICE Locator: <https://locator.ice.gov>
- For legal support, call: CLEAR Hotline 1-888-201-1014 (M - F, 9:15am -12:15pm)

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