

Minnesota Field Hearing

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Rep. Randall: Across the country we all watched from our phones as ICE murdered Renee Nicole Goode in the streets of Minneapolis last week. The American people are fearful and angry, terrified, they're furious that the Trump administration is unleashing lawless agents on our neighborhoods, raiding an active forest fire fighting operation in my district, and shooting people dead who dare to speak up and protest and ask questions.

I refuse to let state violence, committed by state police – not Minnesota State Police – state police, go unchecked. Accountability is not optional.

In my first year as a member of Congress I successfully conducted five oversight visits to the Tacoma Northwest Detention Center in my district. Once, I was illegally denied entry.

During these oversight visits I heard directly from detainees, some of them legal permanent residents, many who have been in the U.S. for over a decade, that they're being denied proper medical care, that ICE and GEO agents regularly accompany detainees during medical appointments, exposing them to incredibly vulnerable moments in violation of their rights under HIPAA and counter to common practices of community doctors, who like Congresswoman Maxine Dexter, who visited with me once, see criminally incarcerated patients.

This is part of a widespread problem that raises serious privacy concerns, serious training concerns, and serious oversight concerns.

We all saw in a viral video earlier this week, an ICE agent following a detained individual into a port-a-potty. There is no situation that warrants this.

This is in line with ICE training – or I should say a lack of training – that is empowering lawless agents across the country. And to make matters even worse, I'm hearing, we all are hearing from Tribal members, including those in my district as well as Native people across Minnesota and across the country, that ICE is illegally detaining and targeting native people for the color of their skin.

Tribal members are being detained as leverage to convince Tribal Nations to sign agreements with ICE for enforcement on their sovereign territory. And that's why I'm an original co-sponsor of the Articles of Impeachment against Secretary Noem.

Bad behavior begins at the top. If we want to ensure all individuals are treated with dignity, we have to ensure that there is competent leadership in place, and I have zero faith in Secretary Noem.

Let me be clear, using ICE agents to kill people in the streets is fascism and I will use all the tools available to fight to defend our democracy and our collective future.

New NBS reporting shows that ICE used AI in determining which agents needed how much more training. And in instances where individuals wrote about how badly they wanted to be an ICE officer, they got less training.

Chief McCarthy, I'd like to hear a little bit about the training, a little bit more about the training your police force employs. I'm sure it's better than what we were seeing ICE be given.

Are local officers typically trained to record interactions with their cell phones while holding a gun at the same time in the other hand?

Chief McCarthy: Thank you for that question and no ma'am they are not.

Rep. Randall: Are local officers typically trained to fire their guns into vehicles?

Chief McCarthy: We are trained if we need to fire a weapon into a vehicle. However, most policy including the state wide model policy warns against shooting into moving vehicles.

Rep. Randall: There's probably some de-escalation in between saying "please stop" and shooting into a vehicle.

Chief McCarthy: Yes ma'am.

Rep. Randall: And speaking of de-escalation, are local police officers trained to de-escalate situations. Are they trained to shoot first?

Chief McCarthy: We are trained to de-escalate.

Rep: Randall: So police officers for the city of Minneapolis who are given more training than the federal agents are keeping our communities safe. And I want to thank you for everything that you do to keep our communities safe. Thank you Madam Chair, I yield.