

SHUT DOWN ICE IN VERMONT

SHUT DOWN ICE EVERYWHERE

**A week of bold, creative action to end ICE
surveillance, targeting, and separation
October 4-9**

Media Kit

<https://shutdownicevt.org>

<https://www.instagram.com/shutdown.icevt>

Frequently Asked Questions

What, When, Where, and Why Vermont?

From October 4-9, a coalition of groups and individuals under the umbrella “Shut Down ICE VT” will converge to shut down the ICE national surveillance headquarters. You are invited to come and document.

Deportations across the country start in Williston, VT. The ICE data center and National Tipline there take calls from San Diego, CA to Bangor, ME, leading to detentions and deportations nationwide. Williston is also home to the National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center, which starts the process of targeting people through social media and other means for ICE actions and raids. Read about it [HERE](#).

Vermonters have already stopped ICE from using the Burlington International Airport [for over a year](#), and they’ve shut down ICE surveillance repeatedly at the Williston, VT facility. Next up: a week of mass actions to stop ICE's work at their national nerve center through civil disobedience, noise demos, festivals, teach-ins, and more.

That’s the what, when, and where; as to the why Vermont, we think this struggle is winnable and a win will have national implications. The targets are not ICE activity, but rather ICE data centers from which they power their surveillance and targeting. Because northwestern VT leans progressive with deep activist and organizational cultures, this makes it

favorable terrain for a fight. Second, nationally, struggles against ICE have taken a rapid response form—which has seen important victories, but also burnout as ICE has shifted away from direct confrontation. We seek to open up another front and innovate new tactics which we hope will be generalizable.

What Will Happen During the Week?

So. Many. Things. First, there will be a huge emphasis on community-building. We will share space and meals together and learn from each other and from what has been working across ICE struggles nationally. There will be informal activities like yoga and meals where relationships will be built. There will also be concrete skills trainings (e.g., jail support, de-escalation, art builds, and political education), and, of course, we will be taking direct action to shut down ICE in northwestern Vermont and nationally. Each day there will be at least one action (most days, more than one), with multiple entry points.

For a calendar of the highlighted actions each day see here, with more to come: <https://shutdownicevt.org/calendar/>

Why This Kind of Action Now?

This is a week of action that is designed to bring together as broad a coalition of folks as possible. We hope this week we can learn together how to build a new level of collective power and also demonstrate to the powers-that-be that, from here on forward, we are going to be fighting together and with common purpose. To this end, there will be programming, trainings and actions throughout the week for people with all kinds of backgrounds and experience.

We also live in a time of serious and very real repression, which is forcing our movements, particularly their more creative elements, underground. We believe, based on the lessons of Minneapolis and Los Angeles and the many other places where people have confronted ICE successfully, that it is important to push back against the criminalization of protest and the attempts to reduce and constrain our political imaginations.

What is the History of This Struggle?

This August we commemorated the one-year anniversary of halting all ICE transportation flights from Burlington International Airport. Vermont's tiny airport used to be a cornerstone of Trump's mass deportation scheme for the whole region. ICE was using the airport as a conduit to transfer detainees to and from other prisons, concentration camps, or deporting them out of the country without due process. We know they were shipped off on commercial United Airlines flights as well, alongside everyday passengers. Few, if any, had legal representation or a chance at any form

of due process. We have been in contact with families impacted by the efforts made here—people whose lives and livelihoods have been saved by this airport shutdown and this community’s willingness to stand up to ICE activity. Building on that success, local organizers have been targeting both facilities with civil disobedience, among other tactics. Over the past year we've been escalating from noise demos to full on blockades of the National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center, with a few dozen arrests having been made. Campaigns against the Law Enforcement Support Center have been ongoing for years.

Information on ICE Data Centers in Vermont

ICE National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center (NCATC)

White Cap Business Park, 426 Industrial Avenue, Williston, VT

This facility surveils the public to identify targets for ICE arrests. Analysts here also surveil family members, friends, or co-workers of potential targets.

- This facility then sends out “targeting orders” to all 25 ERO field offices across the country. Therefore, many of the ICE actions we see in the news are directed from this facility.
- ICE plans to add 12 workers here, who will expand ICE’s ability to surveil social media, including searching for “negative sentiment” toward ICE.
- This facility reportedly uses a software called Graphite, which can hack into a user’s cell phone without the target ever knowing.
- This operation began in June 2006 under the name “Fugitive Operations Support Center.” It is reported to have begun operation at 70 Kimball Avenue before moving to its current site at White Cap Business Park in 2010.

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ICE Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC)

188 Harvest Lane, Williston, VT

This facility houses ICE’s National Tip Line.

- This facility not only responds to tips, but it also performs “proactive targeting” of individuals, just like the NCATC at 426 Industrial Avenue.
- ICE’s central database of information on 340,000 targets for arrest is housed here as well.

- The LESC's Communications Section answers about 55,000 calls per year from local law enforcement to help them identify people that ICE wants to arrest.
- ICE is in the process of adding 100 new employees at this location.

Media Best Practices

Introduce Yourself: Media representatives should introduce themselves to participants with their full name and media outlet before filming, taking photos, or beginning an interview.

Do No Harm: Respect requests for anonymity in interviews and photos, and take photos and videos that do not show the face of anyone who has not consented to be interviewed or filmed.

Who to Contact: If on the ground, find a media spokesperson. If not on the ground and you are seeking more information, an interview, or would like to write a story please contact info@shutdownicevt.org

Further Reading

["Vermont attorney general charges protesters"](#) (Sept. 24, 2026)

["Faith Leaders Were Arrested for Protesting Ice"](#) (Sept. 10, 2026)

["Protesters Again Block Access to ICE Surveillance Hub in Williston"](#)
(January 29, 2026)

["Vermont Prosecutor Refuses to Charge Protesters Sparking Police Fury"](#)
(May 22, 2026)

["Pressure Mounts to De-ICE Williston"](#) (July 24, 2026)

Our Media

Zine: <https://shutdownicevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Shut-Down-Ice-Zine-Print-Version.pdf>

Flyer: <https://shutdownicevt.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/SDI-WOA-Flyer.pdf>