



Los Angeles County **Sheriff's Department**

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The International Liaison Unit (ILU) offers constant support to over 110 embassies and consulates with jurisdiction in Los Angeles County. ILU fulfills the Department's notification requirements found in the Vienna Convention on Consular Affairs, the California Penal Code, and our Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) by notifying Consulates and Embassies of the arrests and deaths of foreign nationals in LA County on a daily basis.

ILU personnel also review and coordinate requests from foreign consulates, embassies, high-ranking members of foreign governments, foreign law enforcement officials, and international non-governmental organizations for best practice exchanges, presentations, internships and training with the LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD).

ILU personnel periodically evaluate Department policy and procedures to ensure the Department meets the standards of international laws and protocols in the realm of Consular Notification, Diplomatic Immunity, and other areas. They identify gaps in Department policy and procedures, and propose new policies or modifications to existing Department policy and procedures to reflect changes in international law. ILU trains LASD personnel and outside agencies (when requested) on these topics. ILU personnel receive and respond to many types of inquiries from the Department on a variety of global issues, and handle many types of Department concerns that have an international nexus.

During business hours, all interpreter requests from Department members and outside agencies are attended to by ILU personnel. ILU personnel update and oversee the lengthy list of bilingual interpreters—a wide range of Department members who have notified the unit of their willingness to share their language skills as volunteer translators. There are currently 63 languages spoken by Department members.

The Department's Press Pass Coordinator is also based out of the International Liaison Unit. The Press Pass Coordinator receives, processes, and issues thousands of LASD press pass applications on an annual basis. Media representatives possessing the press pass are easily identifiable to deputies, who are trained to recognize the credential. All questions about LASD press passes and training related to the pass are handled by the International Liaison Unit and the Press Pass Coordinator.