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**Notes from editor (not for publication):**

Hi, Nancy — ECDC, SIT, and several volunteers from grassroots organizations working to protect refugees in the area went ballistic when we included the rumor and listed it as unsubstantiated or unconfirmed. They claimed that it set off a chain reaction of terror. In that context, I’ve adapted the lead of your letter. I hope it’s OK, but if it isn’t, please do let me know and we’ll make it work. We go to press late tomorrow morning. —Jeff



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

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1 If ICE comes, will we be ready?

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 Will Brattleboro be prepared to defend its citizens  
5 against an unlawful, white supremacist, extrajudicial security  
6 force, should ICE come to Vermont?

7 What are the recommendations from the chief of police?

8           What protections against unlawful kidnapping can be  
9 prepared now?

10           Can the Selectboard set some requirements like using  
11 body cameras, not concealing faces, etc., within our boundaries?

12           Besides investing in whistles, cameras that are not so  
13 obvious (as cell phones can be), poster board and markers, and  
14 super warm socks and mittens, what can the average citizen do to  
15 join in a peaceful, but powerful, presence in our town, to send a  
16 message about how we will not tolerate the brutal methods we  
17 have all witnessed ICE use elsewhere?

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