



U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Office of International Affairs



CBP 90-Day Guatemala Deployment Plan

Executive Summary

In response to the National Security Council (NSC) request for a 90-day plan to manage migration and the growing number of noncitizen unaccompanied children (NUC) transiting through and sourcing out of Guatemala, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has developed a proposal to deliver capacity building programs focused on targeting human smuggling groups exploiting vulnerable migrant populations, and support related to trade and customs modernization to address the root causes of migration. This plan identifies (b)(7)(E) CBP personnel to deploy to Guatemala and seeks to leverage a “whole-of-CBP” approach that incorporates a diverse and integrated inclusion of CBP law enforcement and intelligence personnel. The plan includes program capabilities to establish:

(b)(7)(E)

Overview

CBP component offices developed a 90-day start-up plan to support the Government of Guatemala (GoG) by deploying approximately (b)(7)(E) CBP personnel in efforts to manage migration sourcing from and transiting through Guatemala. The plan, at an estimated cost of (b)(7)(E) (see chart below), (b)(7)(E)

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(b)(7)(E) To effectively support, CBP Office of International Affairs proposes the following initiatives utilizing resources from U.S. Border Patrol (USBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO), Office of Intelligence (OI), Air and Marine Operations (AMO), Office of Trade (OT), and Office of Public Affairs (OPA).

Estimated Resource Requirements at a Glance

Support	BP	OFO	OI	AMO	OT	OPA	INA	Cost
(b)(7)(E)								
Total cost per 90 days:								(b)(7)(E)

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Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: 4/6/2021 12:32:10 AM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: CBP release/ Watchlist

Marsha:

I am being told it was released at the request of BP El Centro Sector after being cleared by the FBI in San Diego. I have let folks know this should never have been released by CBP and it should have been elevated for a determination on releasability.

Please let (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) know about the local FBI angle as I am sure she will want to address it.

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 7:38:58 PM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: Re: CBP release/ Watchlist

Sorry, I have not heard yet. Will re-engage with the team.

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From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 5:34:12 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: CBP release/ Watchlist

Flagging. Were you able to find out why they issued?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 5:23 PM
To: (b)(6) ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: CBP release/ Watchlist

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I need to alert you that our folks at the (b)(7)(E) are pretty upset that anyone's watchlist status was discussed.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 5:18 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: CBP release/ Watchlist

Hi (b)(6) – We've both been in back to back meetings but I am glad to call you as soon as I can. As Marsha mentioned, this was not flagged for us before it was released and we do not know why it was released. These are old arrests.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:54 PM

To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: CBP release/ Watchlist

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Could one of you please call me about the CBP release?

Thanks.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

FBI National Press Office

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Message

From: (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 4/6/2021 3:00:49 AM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Yemenis at border?

I have made it abundantly clear the release should not have been posted/distributed. My feelings are not hurt that we are pulling it down.

I mentioned to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) earlier about briefing AC1 but have not heard the results. Will circle back.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Email: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:51:38 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Yemenis at border?

I'm sure whoever pushed for this release will reach out to reporters if it's taken down. You may want to have a holding statement ready if asked about why it violated policy. I just don't want someone to falsely claim again that I am "muzzling" CBP. What did the FO say?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:43 PM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Yemenis at border?

I have asked to have the release pulled off the newsroom.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Mobile: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Email: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:38:53 PM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Yemenis at border?

I did not get a name but will track that down.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:37:35 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Yemenis at border?

Yes- do you know who so we can pass that along?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:36 PM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Yemenis at border?

Understood.

Did you see my direct reply that FBI San Diego cleared it? It still should have been elevated and not released.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Deputy Assistant Commissioner
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From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:31 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Yemenis at border?

Just us here. This release put our colleagues at the FBI in a very bad position. They frankly cannot answer questions on this – even if CBP refer reporters to them. Please make sure your leadership is tracking and I recommend taking the release down since it was a mistake to issue in the first place.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:27 PM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Yemenis at border?

The horse is out of the barn - taking the release down would probably become part of the story.

This is the cleared statement we are using when folks inquire:

Our border security efforts are layered and include multiple levels of rigorous screening that allow us to detect and prevent people who pose national security or public safety risks from entering the United States. DHS works with our international partners to share intelligence and other information, including to prevent individuals on the terrorist watchlist from entering the United States. CBP adjudicates individuals encountered at and between our ports of entry against several classified and unclassified databases to determine if they pose a threat to national security, consistent with the law. While encounters of known and suspected terrorists at our borders are very uncommon, they underscore the importance of the critical work our agents carry out on a daily basis to vet all individuals encountered at our borders.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Deputy Assistant Commissioner

Office of Public Affairs

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Mobile: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Email: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:17:31 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Yemenis at border?

That makes sense, but since the release is out, how are you responding to the current inquiries? Is the release going to be revised or taken down?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:54 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Yemenis at border?

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

The CBP release should not have gone out. I suggest we get back in our lane and refer media inquiries to the FBI, which owns the watchlist. It is not a perfect solution but it stops us from digging a deeper hole.

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On Apr 5, 2021, at 8:33 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) wrote:

Hi – Any updates on this? And are you responding to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)? He reached out to us as well. Have you gotten other inquiries? There has been a fair amount of national coverage of the press release.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C): Just saw the release about the two Yemeni men caught along the southern border earlier this year. I've reached out directly to CBP, but wanted to touch base with DHS as well. Can DHS share anything more about their terror affiliation or how these two men got onto the terror watch and no-fly lists? Are they linked to Iran? Al-Qaida? ISIS? If DHS can't be specific as to the group, can you say if they are considered Sunni terrorists or Shia terrorists? Will either of them face any terrorism charges, here or in another country? And if they are just removed from the US, who will take custody of them upon their release?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:21 PM
To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Yemenis at border?

Marsha:

I just saw this local release from the El Centro Sector posted: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/two-yemeni-men-arrested-border-patrol-identified-fbi-s-terrorism-watch>

This is the first we (CBP OPA) have seen it – trying to run down how this got released without a heads-up.

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From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:10 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Yemenis at border?

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 12:46 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Yemenis at border?

Hi CBP team – See below from the AP. Do you know if this is about the same story that got traction a few weeks ago, or have you heard anything new?

From: (b)(6)

Date: April 5, 2021 at 10:59:32 AM EDT

To: (b)(6) (PAO)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (PAO)"

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Yemenis at border?

Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

A colleague of mine who covers news at the SW border says he's heard something about two Yemeni "terrorists" being apprehended (I assume by CBP). I guess if this is true, this perhaps might be an NSD matter, but unfortunately, I don't have more to offer on this tip. I was just wondering if this might ring a bell, and to the extent that it does, if there is anything you might be able to offer even for planning purposes.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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DHS Office of Public Affairs Weekly Component Report

Component Name: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

POC Name: [REDACTED], Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Public Affairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nothing to report.

EVENTS

- November 16, 8 a.m. – Acting Commissioner Miller to give opening remarks of two-day Central American Commission of Migration Directors conference in Panama City, Panama, and participate in other meetings and activities. CLOSED PRESS
- November 16 and 17, 11 a.m. – Assistant Director [REDACTED], OS, to speak at ADEPT 03 - Creating Effective Engagement with CBP on Rapid Technology Assessments at the virtual-live DSH & S&T Alert Center of Excellence. OPEN PRESS. <https://alert.northeastern.edu/transitioning-technology/cbpdept/cbp-adept-03/>
- November 17, 11 a.m. – FPF Officer [REDACTED], Office of Field Operations, to speak virtual at the Underwriters Laboratories symposium on environmental impact of counterfeit goods. CLOSED PRESS. www.ul.com/events/epa-restrictions
- November 17, 11:45 a.m. – Assistant Commissioner Sonny Bhagowalia, Office of Information and Technology to speak at the 14th Annual Federal Information Technology Governance Summit. Virtual. OPEN PRESS. www.fitgovsummit.org/conference-workshop-agenda
- November 17, noon – Lead IT Specialist [REDACTED], Office of Information and Technology, to speak at the Association of Federal Information on technology modernization Fund. CLOSED PRESS. www.members.affirm.org/event-calendar
- November 23, 11 a.m. – Acting Commissioner Miller to participate virtually in the Business Executives for National Security (BENS) Fireside Chat. CLOSED PRESS.

PRESS

- Week of November 15 – CBP (PD [REDACTED]) and ICE/HSI (participant TBD) to hold annual Black Friday/Cyber Monday IPR media event at JFK to inform/educate the American public about the dangers and consequences of buying “knock-offs” and to ensure they purchase their Christmas/holiday items from trusted retailers.
- November 15 – Vanity Fair magazine reporter Katherine Eban will have a background call with [REDACTED], Director of CBP International Trade for Civil Enforcement, concerning counterfeit or unauthorized personal protective equipment imports.
- November 18 – Newsday (reporter TBD) will tour JFK baggage/air cargo environment for a story on CBP K-9s looking for contraband. CBP SMEs SCBPO K-9 [REDACTED] and CBPAS K-9 [REDACTED] will be interviewed.

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- November 19 – Media roundtable to review CBP accountability and transparency process.
 - November 19 – CBP Office of Trade principals (EAC Anne Highsmith, DEAC John Leonard, and/or EAC [REDACTED (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]) will be interviewed virtually for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Satellite Media Tour on combating counterfeit goods for the holidays. Awaiting details on participating media outlets.
 - November 22 and 23 – Yahoo News - border beat reporters Carmen Valencia and Caitlin Dickson (w/photographers) will be given a CBP operational briefing in Tucson, Arizona, from the Chief Border Patrol Agent, the AMO Branch Director and the Director of Field Operations. In addition, they will do a flight tour with AMO, a ride-along with the Border Patrol and a port visit with the Nogales Port Director. Topics include:
 - Border security operations update in the Tucson AOR.
 - Narcotics smuggling trends
 - Technology used to intercept narcotics both at and between ports of entry
 - The nexus between human and narcotics smuggling.
 - Exploitation of vulnerable populations for narcotics smuggling
 - AMO activities in narcotics smuggling with other law enforcement agencies
 - Date TBD – Associated Press reporter Eliot Spagat to interview CBP Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Tarantino on the evolution of medical support CBP provides for migrants, including children.
 - Date TBD – Tentative: Fox and Friends morning show interview with CBP El Paso Sector K-9 supervisor on U.S. Border Patrol Agent work with dogs to conduct border security mission.

PAPER

- Nothing to report.

DIGITAL / SOCIAL MEDIA

- Continuing to push CBP press releases
- Month of November – National Native American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month
- November 15 – America Recycles Day, #AmericaRecyclesDay
- November 19 – TSA Birthday, @TSA
- Share monthly operational update statistics

TESTIMONY

- November 17 – OFO Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Diane Sabatino to testify at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management hearing on land port of entry modernization. DAD Joe Jeronimo will testify for HSI and AC [REDACTED (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)] will testify for GSA.

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INTERNAL COMMS

- November 17 – Publication of Commissioner’s Employee Spotlight to CBPnet and CBP Now.
- Week of November 22 – Acting Commissioner Miller to send workforce message for Thanksgiving Holiday
- CBP Central Newsletter – CBP’s flagship internal weekly newsletter providing news, general announcements, and job opportunities – is delivered by email every Monday to all CBP employees and posted to CBPnet (internal website)
- Weekly CBP Good News Brief to DHS and CBP leadership with positive news and events from across the agency – delivered each Friday

OTHER EXPECTED ITEMS

- Nothing to report.

From: CLAVEL, LISE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
To: REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: LE support
Date: 2021/11/08 11:04:43
Priority: Normal
Type: Note

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Lise Clavel
Chief of Staff
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sender: CLAVEL, LISE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Recipient: REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent Date: 2021/11/08 11:01:19
Delivered Date: 2021/11/08 11:04:43

Law Enforcement Support Activities Talking Points

Disrupting Weapons Trafficking

Recognizing the importance of disrupting illicit arms trafficking not only to the United States but also to our partners in Mexico and Canada, CBP is expanding efforts to increase interdiction of illicit firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition through a variety of enforcement mechanisms, (b)(7)(E)

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(b)(7)(E) In Fiscal Year 2021, CBP southbound interdiction efforts resulted in 742 seizures of weapons, money, and ammunition, and over ten million dollars of interdicted money and weapons.

CBP is nearing completion of an internal policy memorandum that will help build a whole-of-CBP approach to disrupting illicit arms trafficking to include development of internal detection requirements and measures, expanding interagency and international engagement, and ensuring transparency and accountability.

Operation Sentinel Efforts/Activities

Operation Sentinel is a counter-network targeting operation focused on transnational criminal organizations affiliated with the smuggling of migrants. (See more in CBP press releases from [April](#) and [June](#)). Through the collaboration of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the U.S. Department of State, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Drug Enforcement Administration, Operation Sentinel uses foreign and domestic authorities and analytic capabilities to target and sanction the personnel and resources of criminal smuggling operations.

Transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) pose significant dangers to migrants as they not only seek to profit from their exploitation but also have little regard for their well-being, exposing them to violent encounters, injury, and death. These organizations are complicit in sexual assaults, human trafficking, and abandonment of vulnerable migrants – including tender-aged children.

- With the help of federal and foreign partners, CBP aims to cut off access to smugglers' profit by denying these criminals the ability to engage in travel, trade, and finance in the United States. We intend to disrupt every facet of the logistical network that these organizations use to succeed.
- Examples of these actions include revocation of travel documents, suspension and debarment of trade entities, and freezing of bank accounts and other financial assets tied to TCO logistical networks.

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Taskforce Alpha Actions

As described in a Department of Justice (DOJ) [press release](#), Joint Task Force Alpha is a collaborative effort of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and DOJ to enhance enforcement efforts against human smuggling and trafficking groups operating in Mexico and the Northern Triangle countries of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala.

- Analysts from CBP and Immigration and Customs Enforcement partner with staff from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency to aid investigators and prosecutors in the identification of smugglers and their associates to enhance security at the U.S. border and help save the lives of vulnerable people these organizations routinely prey upon. The Task Force is working closely with Operation Sentinel, a recently announced DHS operation focused on countering transnational criminal organizations affiliated with migrant smuggling.
- These joint efforts combine the investigative, prosecutorial, and capacity-building efforts of both DHS and DOJ to disrupt and dismantle smuggling and trafficking networks that abuse, exploit, or endanger migrants, pose national security threats, and are involved in organized crime.
- Joint Task Force Alpha is also partnering with new Northern Triangle anti-corruption legal advisors and will work with Northern Triangle prosecutors and investigators to build corruption cases in those countries themselves, as well as to develop leads that can be pursued by the Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Joint Initiative.

On November 3, 2021, Attorney General Merrick Garland met with CBP Acting Commissioner Troy Miller and ICE Acting Deputy Director Patrick Lechleitner to discuss the Task Force's efforts to combat human smuggling and trafficking networks. Acting Deputy Director Lechleitner and Acting Commissioner Miller spoke about the need to continue coordinating law enforcement strategy and prioritizing resources and efforts in support of the Task Force.

Assistant Attorney General Polite highlighted how this joint law enforcement effort has already resulted in a number of successful prosecutions, new indictments, increased forfeitures and stronger international partnerships. He praised the partnership among ICE, CBP and other participating federal law enforcement agencies including FBI and DEA, in concert with the Task Force's prosecutors and attorneys, to coordinate investigative resources and focus on the most prolific human smuggling and trafficking networks. The meeting also recognized the key role played by our law enforcement partners in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. More information can be found on DOJ's [website](#).

Operation Stonegarden grant funding and assistance to local law enforcement

The Operation Stonegarden Grant Program enhances cooperation and coordination from the U.S. Border Patrol with local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure U.S. land and water borders. The grant program is administered by DHS's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

- Operation Stonegarden provides funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies for local law enforcement personnel, overtime and travel expenses, equipment purchases, and border security operations that assist CBP in securing the nation's borders. With the joint

efforts of CBP and these partners, Operation Stonegarden has helped apprehend dangerous criminals and remove illegal guns and drugs from the streets.

- In fiscal year 2020, Congress appropriated \$90 million for Operation Stonegarden. To be eligible for Operation Stonegarden, entities must be state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that are located along or near the U.S. border. These include counties and federally-recognized tribal governments in states bordering Canada, Mexico, and states and territories with international water borders. The majority of the funding has gone to states along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Under Operation Stonegarden, FEMA distributes grant funding to states, which then make subgrants to local law enforcement agencies. Funds are distributed based on risk to the security of the border and the effectiveness of the proposed projects.
- FEMA's risk assessment includes consideration of the potential risk that certain threats pose to border security in each area and the expected impact of successful projects. The risk assessment also considers the potential for an adverse outcome as a result of threats, vulnerabilities associated with each locality, and potential consequences of these risks.
- Operation Stonegarden increases the operational and technological readiness of state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies, thereby enhancing border states' ability to protect against and respond to border security issues.

Increased collaboration and enforcement with the Government of Mexico to interdict smuggling and trafficking

CBP continues to work with other governments, including the Government of Mexico, to ensure we deliver a strong message that our borders are not open, and to facilitate the return of their citizens or those with legal status in other countries. Our partners throughout the hemisphere, including in Mexico, have a critical role in disrupting smuggling operations and in fighting misinformation, both of which have been and will continue to be critical to reducing these surges before they start.

Se Busca Initiative (Trafficking Humans, Drugs, & Firearms)

The "Se Busca Información" initiative, which means "to look for information," is a joint effort by U.S. and Mexican law enforcement authorities to identify individuals associated with Transnational Criminal Organizations who are wanted for crimes including human smuggling, drug and firearms trafficking, and murder.

As explained in a CBP [press release](#), the "Se Busca Información" initiative promotes unity at the border and encourages the public on both sides of the border to anonymously report information about Mexican Nationals who are wanted criminals. The phone lines are open 24 hours a day and the calls go directly to local Border Patrol Sectors Intelligence Centers.

Wanted individuals' pictures are placed on posters, flyers, and billboards. In the United States, posters will be displayed at U.S. Border Patrol stations, immigration checkpoints and international ports of entry in the El Paso and New Mexico border regions.

The United States and Mexico are in agreement that the "Se Busca Información" initiative is in the best interest of both countries as a way to pursue a safer and more secure border. By increasing public

awareness through the “Se Busca Información” initiative, we increase our ability to apprehend these perpetrators which makes our border community more safe and secure.

Border Area Rescues

Smuggling organizations abandon migrants in remote and dangerous areas, leading to a dramatic rise in the number of rescues CBP is asked to perform. CBP agents rescued more than 10,000 migrants in FY 2021 as found on our website: [CBP Enforcement Statistics Fiscal Year 2021 | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#). The number of migrant deaths along the Southwest border can be found here: [U.S. Border Patrol Fiscal Year Southwest Border Sector Deaths \(FY 1998 - FY 2020\) \(cbp.gov\)](#)

- CBP advises migrants and anyone in distress to dial the universally recognized emergency number 911 for immediate assistance or to activate a rescue beacon as soon as possible and remain in that location to assist rescuers in locating them. CBP has strategic partnerships with federal, tribal, state and local partners that helps our agents to save lives. We have highly trained and specially equipped agents to handle complex search and rescue missions along the Southwest border.
- Migrants’ 911 calls are initially received by the local (U.S. county/state) emergency dispatch center or by the Government of Mexico. The emergency dispatcher then forwards the call, and GPS coordinates if available, to a local US Border Patrol Tactical Operations Center (TOC). If no GPS coordinates were provided by the emergency dispatch center, then the TOC agents conduct an interview between the distressed migrant and agents familiar with the migrant’s potential location, guiding the caller through his/her telephone’s capabilities to acquire a location and analyze the surrounding cellular towers.
- CBP’s Missing Migrant Program (MMP) agents are responsible for collecting third party (family) information on missing migrants and work with migrants’ families and appropriate foreign consulates to retrieve prior locations as quickly as possible. Foreign consulates verify the legitimacy of the family relationship and share that information with MMP agents. MMP and TOC agents consolidate the information and forward all pertinent information to US Border Patrol (USBP) field agents as soon as it is received by the emergency county dispatcher (911 call) or foreign consulate representatives. More often than not, 911 calls provide sufficient information to locate the migrant.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nothing to report.

EVENTS

- November 23, 11 a.m. – Acting Commissioner Miller to participate virtually in the Business Executives for National Security Fireside Chat. CLOSED PRESS.
- December 2, 2 p.m. – Acting Director [redacted (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)] and Acting Director [redacted (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)] Office of Field Operations, to speak on importing and exporting biologic materials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention virtual Import Permit Webinar. PRESS TBD. www.cdc.gov

PRESS

- Week of November 22 – Pitch “Know Before You Go” tips for travelers on what can be brought on airplanes, how to move efficiently through POEs, what travel documents to bring, CBP One app, proof of vaccination process, travel items, and travel documents. Media pitches to include Associated Press and Conde Nast magazines.
- Week of November 22 – Pitch to USA Today, Canadian media, and travel bloggers on the re-opening of NEXUS centers and what to expect for travelers during the holiday season, especially those traveling between Canada and the U.S.
- November 22 and 23 – Yahoo News border beat reporters Carmen Valencia and Caitlin Dickson (w/photographers) will be given a CBP operational briefing in Tucson, Arizona, from the Chief Border Patrol Agent, the AMO Branch Director and the Director of Field Operations. In addition, they will do a flight tour with AMO, a ride-along with the Border Patrol and a port visit with the Nogales Port Director. Topics include:
 - Border security operations update in the Tucson AOR.
 - Narcotics smuggling trends
 - Technology used to intercept narcotics both at and between ports of entry
 - The nexus between human and narcotics smuggling.
 - Exploitation of vulnerable populations for narcotics smuggling
 - AMO activities in narcotics smuggling with other law enforcement agencies
- November 29 and 30 – Gaby Del Valle of The Verge/Vox will be given a CBP 101 operational briefing focusing on drug seizures and trafficking trends in Tucson, Arizona, and visit the Tucson Air Branch, the Nogales area port, the Nogales Border Patrol Station, and the Arizona Air Coordination Center. Topics include:
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- Date TBD – Associated Press reporter Eliot Spagat to interview CBP Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Tarantino on the evolution of medical support CBP provides for migrants, including children.

PAPER

- November 22 – Issue a press release on Office of Trade’s continued partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to combat counterfeit goods during the holiday season.
- November 22 – Issue press release on progress at the borders since the amendment of Title 19 restrictions, including travel stats and advice on making the travel experience easier.
- November 22 – Issue press release announcing the addition of Agriculture capabilities to CBP One. Tentatively starting on November 30, CBP agriculture specialists will be able to receive advanced notification of travelers who require inspection of agriculture and biological products upon their arrival at an airport in the United States.
- November 22 – Issue “Know Before You Go” press release with tips for travelers on what can be brought on airplanes, how to move efficiently through POEs, what travel documents to bring, etc.

DIGITAL / SOCIAL MEDIA

- Continuing to push CBP press releases
- Month of November – National Native American Indian Heritage Month, Aviation History Month
- November 25 – Thanksgiving, #Thanksgiving
- November 26 – Black Friday, #BlackFriday
- November 27 – Small Business Saturday, #SmallBusinessSaturday
- November 29 – Cyber Monday, #CyberMonday
- December – Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- December 2 – Border Patrol Training School established in 1934
- December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Share monthly operational update statistics

TESTIMONY

- Nothing to report.

INTERNAL COMMS

- November 24 – Acting Commissioner Miller to send workforce message for Thanksgiving holiday.

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- November 30, 11 a.m. – Acting Commissioner Miller to give opening remarks to Vaccination Exemption Board. INTERNAL ONLY.
 - December 1 – Publication of Commissioner’s Employee Spotlight to CBPnet and CBP Now.
 - CBP Central Newsletter – CBP’s flagship internal weekly newsletter providing news, general announcements, and job opportunities – is delivered by email every Monday to all CBP employees and posted to CBPnet (internal website)
 - Weekly CBP Good News Brief to DHS and CBP leadership with positive news and events from across the agency – delivered each Friday

OTHER EXPECTED ITEMS

- Nothing to report.