OPERATION SECURE TEXAS

Texas Border Security Performance Measures
Texas shares 1,254 miles with Mexico. Fourteen Texas Counties share a contiguous border with Mexico.
In Federal FY 2014, the RGV Sector accounted for 53.5% of total apprehensions and 34.1% of total marijuana and cocaine seizures along the entire southwest border.
There are vast differences in the amount of drugs and people being smuggled into the 14 Texas Border Counties, demonstrated by the drug seizure data collected by DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center and the illegal entry data collected by the U.S. Border Patrol. This data can be used to prioritize the smuggling threat between the Ports of Entry, with Tier I representing the highest threat.

Optimum Deterrence 2001-2004

Apprehensions 2011-2012

Recidivist Rate and Effectiveness Rate 2014

Operational Control 2005-2010

Apprehensions and Recidivist Rate 2013

Recidivist Rate, Effectiveness Rate, and the Successful Unauthorized Entry Rate 2015

Source:

- Congressional Research Services (CRS) representation of information provided by Department of Justice, Fiscal Year 2000 Performance Report and Fiscal Year 2002 Performance Plan, April 2001;

Notes: For FY2015 Successful Unauthorized Entry represents a metric that was under development that year, but not yet reported in the DHS Annual Performance Report for FY2015-FY2017.
Recommended Data Collection and Reporting Plan

Collect All, Assess All

1. Collect and report all border related data
   – Inputs (funding for personnel, equipment, etc.)
   – Activities (ground, air, and marine patrols; tactical operations)
   – Outputs (arrests, seizures, camera installations, and communications)

2. Measure Desired Outcomes
   – Increasing levels of security within the 85 zones along the Texas/Mexico border

3. Assess Impacts (crime, public safety, homeland security)
   – Decreases in smuggling related activities and crime
Current Data Collection and Reporting

*Collect All, Assess All*

The state collects the below border security related data from local, state, and federal agencies:

- Camera Installations
- Camera Coverage
- Camera Detections
- Apprehension Referrals to Border Patrol
- Border Patrol Apprehensions and Turn-backs
- High Threat Criminal Arrests
- Criminal Arrests
- Drug Seizures (amount and location)
  - Cocaine
  - Marijuana
  - Methamphetamine
  - Heroin
- Currency Seizures (amount and location)
- Weapon Seizures (amount and location)
- Tactical Marine Boat Missions
- Tactical Missions
- Fixed Wing Resource Levels and Operations
- Helicopter Resource Levels and Operations
- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Radio Communications Operability and Interoperability
- Trooper Deployments to Border Region
- Special Agent Deployments
- Texas Ranger Deployments
- Cortina Units
- Criminal Enterprise Investigations and Prosecutions
- Public Corruption Investigations and Arrests
- Home Invasions
- Stash Houses
- Pursuits (numbers and locations)
- Bailouts (numbers and locations)
- Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) for the Border Counties, Border Region, and State
- National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for the counties that have adopted it
- Illegal Alien Deaths
- Trooper Recruitment, Training, and Assignments
- Border-related Expenditures
- Information and Intelligence Collection, Production, and Dissemination
- Location of Detection and Interdiction Assets
- Location of Smuggling Trails
Texas Border Security Essentials

- Interdiction Capacity
- Detection Coverage
- Supporting Capabilities
Supporting Capabilities

*Unity and Integration of Effort*

Unified Command Structure
*Local, State and Federal*

Integrated Detection Technologies and Interdiction Assets

Centralized Information and Intelligence Production

Coordinated Government of Mexico Patrol Operations

Radio Communications Operability and Interoperability

Unity and Integration of Effort
Detection Coverage

Redundant and Vertically Stacked
Detection Coverage and Interdiction Capacity
Operating Environment
Advantages to Law Enforcement vs Cartels

**Law Enforcement**
- Presence of Wall or Fencing
- Road infrastructure along the River
- Presence of POE Infrastructure
- Citizen Support

**Cartels**
- Smuggling Peninsulas and Islands
- Federal and State Park and Refuge Areas
- Maritime Inlets
- Close Proximity of Highways to the River
- Close Proximity of Housing to the River
- Smuggling Infrastructure (prevalence of gangs and other criminal networks)
- Fear of Reprisals
- Cartel Countermeasures (caltrops, decoys, pursuits, splashdowns, blocking tactics)
- Cartel Efforts to Corrupt Local, State, and Federal Officers
- Drainage Systems
- Carrizo Cane Density
- Low Water Levels
Texas Border Security Levels

Unsecured

- Limited or no interdiction capacity
- Limited or no detection coverage
- Limited or no supporting capabilities

Minimal Control

- Partial interdiction capacity
- Partial detection coverage
- Partial supporting capabilities

Operational Control

- Effective interdiction capacity
- Effective detection coverage
- Effective supporting capabilities

Substantial Control

- Overlapping and continuous interdiction capacity
- Overlapping and continuous detection coverage
- Effective supporting capabilities
### Texas Border Security Levels

#### Unsecured

- **Interdiction Capacity**
  - Infrequent marine patrols
  - Interdiction response time > 30 minutes
  - Infrequent ground tactical operations
  - Aircraft Alert > 60 (On target greater than 60 minutes)
  - Effectiveness Rate < 70%

- **Detection Coverage**
  - Limited sensor coverage of primary trails
  - Infrequent air coverage of Rio Grande
  - Infrequent ground and air surveillance of trails
  - Minimal efforts to detect new trails
  - No Aerostat/Tower Rio Grande coverage

- **Supporting Capabilities**
  - No operations center
  - Unreliable communications operability
  - No Unified Command Structure
  - No intelligence and investigative operations targeting smuggling infrastructure

#### Minimal Control

- **Interdiction Capacity**
  - **Periodic** marine patrols
  - Interdiction response time < 30 minutes
  - **Periodic** ground tactical operations
  - Aircraft Alert 60 (On target within 60 minutes)
  - Effectiveness Rate ≥ 70%

- **Supporting Capabilities**
  - Operations center established, not 24/7
  - Reliable intra-agency communications; challenges with interoperability
  - **Periodic** use of a Unified Command Structure
  - **Infrequent** intelligence and investigative operations targeting smuggling infrastructure

#### Operational Control

- **Interdiction Capacity**
  - **Routine** marine patrols
  - Interdiction response time < 15 minutes
  - **Routine** ground tactical operations
  - Aircraft Alert 30 (On target within 30 minutes)
  - Effectiveness Rate ≥ 80%

- **Supporting Capabilities**
  - 24/7 operations center established
  - Reliable interoperable communications
  - **Routine** use of a Unified Command Structure
  - **Periodic** intelligence and investigative operations targeting smuggling infrastructure

#### Substantial Control

- **Interdiction Capacity**
  - **Day and Night** marine patrols
  - Interdiction response time < 10 minutes
  - **Day and Night** ground tactical operations
  - **Day and Night** aircraft patrols
  - Effectiveness Rate ≥ 90%

- **Detection Coverage**
  - Redundant* camera and other sensor coverage of all primary and secondary trails
  - **Routine** air coverage of Rio Grande
  - **Routine** ground and air surveillance of trails
  - Daily air coverage and around the clock air response capability
  - Trail detection operations conducted semi-weekly
  - **Day and Night** Aerostat/Tower Rio Grande coverage ≥ 75%

- **Supporting Capabilities**
  - 24/7 operations center established, including partner agency liaisons and real-time video feeds, GOM coordination
  - Reliable Officer to Officer radio communications
  - **Day and Night** use of a Unified Command Structure
  - **Routine** intelligence and investigative operations targeting smuggling infrastructure
  - **Day and Night** Information and Intelligence Production

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Operation Secure Texas

Webb County
2014: 65,995 lbs
2015: 73,227 lbs
% Diff: 11.0%

Zapata County
2014: 3,865 lbs
2015: 4,559 lbs
% Diff: 18.0%

Jim Hogg County
2014: 13,576 lbs
2015: 1,285 lbs
% Diff: -90.5%

Starr County
2014: 164,122 lbs
2015: 120,183 lbs
% Diff: -26.8%

Brooks County
2014: 52,365 lbs
2015: 20,548 lbs
% Diff: -60.8%

Willacy County
2014: 69 lbs
2015: 589 lbs
% Diff: 749%

Hidalgo County
2014: 80,550 lbs
2015: 57,235 lbs
% Diff: -28.9%

Kenedy County
2014: 9,092 lbs
2015: 2,445 lbs
% Diff: -73.1%

Cameron County
2014: 25,909 lbs
2015: 32,513 lbs
% Diff: 25.5%

Source: National Seizure System Data Provided by El Paso Intelligence Center
## Value of Drugs Seized

### Jan 2014 - Apr 2016

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Source: Operation BorderStar

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Illegal Alien Apprehensions by Sector

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Number of Incidents

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