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Biden's Border Crisis and its Effect on American Communities

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Opening Statement

Good Afternoon Chairman Glenn Grothman, Ranking Member Robert Garcia, and Chairman Andy Biggs; Ranking Member Sheila Jackson Lee and the Honorable members of both subcommittees. On behalf the citizens of Cochise County and the State of Arizona, a Special Welcome to Cochise County.

I have served our border communities for 39 years and prior to that, as a member of our military serving in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Huachuca located within Cochise County. I have always been a genuine believer in my Oath of Office to protect my Country, and now my County as the duly elected Sheriff for the past 11 years. I am the past-President of the Arizona Sheriffs Association, Chair of the National Sheriffs Association Border Security, on the Executive Board for Western States Sheriffs and Southwest Border Sheriffs.

All these associations share 3-Objectives:

Public Safety, National Security and Humanitarian.

In my submitted brief, I have shared with you all an overview of Cochise County and the history of our border. I have personally experienced the good, the bad and the ugly of being a border county. My office has always addressed border-related crimes, smuggling of both illicit drugs, humans, weapons and cash by our Transnational Organizations i.e. Criminal Cartels.

I am proud of our relationships with all our law enforcement partners that serve our communities.

To begin, I want to “Thank” our Customs & Border Patrol Officers and Agents who have worked tirelessly and diligently to protect this great nation. I want to “Thank” our Governors; Ducey and Hobbs and our State Congressional Members for all their support. The men and women of the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office for their dedication and commitment in keeping our communities safe. To all my fellow Sheriffs that stand united for the Rule of Law in the protection of their communities. And, finally, I want to “Thank” my citizens for their patience and support in a time of crisis and disarray.

To best understand my presentation is to understand where we were over 3 years ago. My county was one on the safest border counties based on our collective governmental efforts, messaging and yes, enforcement efforts supported by the Rule of Law.

The direct impact to my county/office:

My citizens and law enforcement address mostly Got-Aways “Fight & Flight” in my County versus those giving up.

100% Camouflaged migrants being illegally smuggled by the Cartels, price tag per UDA begins at \$7000 and up.

These smugglers include juveniles being recruited via social media by the Criminal Cartels.

Border Related Booking (Detention) Costs over the last 18 months is \$5.6 million, absorbed by my local and state taxpayers.

Border-related Crime at an all-time high:

Death/Murder investigations, Aggravated acts against my citizens, Failure to Yields, Search and Rescue/Recovery and yes, assaults against law enforcement officials.

My deputies/law enforcement continue to be placed in life-threatening scenarios as the Cartels shows no regard for my citizens and/or those that wear a badge.

Agents, Troopers, Deputies and Officers are addressing dangerous scenarios/criminals as a direct result of an “Open Border” exploited by these criminal cartels for Violence, Fear and Greed.

In calendar year 2022: 1578 Suspects booked into my jail for border-related crimes
78 were foreign born
Over 600 victims of felony crimes

In calendar year 2023, (just over 5 months)
683 Suspects booked into my jail for border-related crimes
53 were foreign born
*121 Failure to Yields
*180 Smuggler Drivers

Fentanyl continues to poison/kill Americans at an alarming rate leaving families and communities devastated. Arizona efforts by law enforcement are remarkable, but the War on Drugs must be a

priority topic and not deserted by political rhetoric. Arizona fentanyl seizures accounts for 51% of all the fentanyl seized in the country. Last year, 2022 Arizona seized over 60 million Fentanyl pills.

Personal Tragedy I would like to share: a good citizen “Wanda” of my county was driving to her 65th birthday party when she was struck by a 16-year-old smuggler who had 3-UDAs in his vehicle drove through a ran light at deadly speeds cutting her vehicle in half and killing her; only moments later to have her son drive up on the scene.

In closing, my fellow Sheriffs and I have tried to partner with this administration to include the President of the United States with high hopes to share a **Collective Message, Collective Action Plan, Support the Rule of Law, Prioritize our southern border and provide updates reference Community Impacts and Concerns with little to no success.**

By allowing our border security mission and immigration laws to be discretionary, these Criminal Cartels continue to be the true winners, their exploitation of mankind is simply “Modern Day Slavery”; allowing thousands of pounds of illicit drugs into our country that continue to erode the core-values of families, schools and subsequently killing Americans on an average of 290 every day is completely unacceptable at any level. Experiencing migrant deaths without a reasonable process while members of our U.S. Congress and this Administration intentionally avoids reality is gross negligence.

Our voice of reason has been buried during what I call an “Intellectual Avoidance” by this Administration and yes, members of U.S. Congress. Communities have been neglected and abandoned relying on our own local and state resources to address a border that is in crisis mode.

Our southern border, against all public comfort statements out of Washington D.C. is in the worst shape I have ever seen it. When one looks at Public Safety, National Security, and Humanitarian, our southern border is the largest crime scene in the country.

The morale of agents is extremely low and the collective frustration is very high amongst law enforcement at all levels and most important, our citizens.

With the recent cancellation of Title 42, this only serves to complex a border that needs immediate Immigration Reform by U.S. Congress, but most important, needs to be secured.

I am a true-believer that Customs and Border Patrol are the experts of Border Security while Sheriffs and Police Chiefs are the experts of community, together, this is a Recipe of Success for all communities!

I will leave you with this final statement, we all serve the priorities of Americans based on our shared Oaths of Office to keep them Safe, enhance their Quality of Life and Support the Rule of Law absent political affiliation or the concern of reelection; I ask each one of you to reflect on this statement as you make your next decision to vote.

Once again, I thank this committee for the invite and opportunity and now, stand ready to answer any questions by members.

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Introduction

Testimony of Mr. Mark J. Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff, Arizona before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance reference a scheduled hearing on “Biden’s Border Crisis and its Effect on American Communities.” The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cochise College campus located in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Chairmen Glenn Grothman; Ranking Member Robert Garcia; and Chairman Andy Biggs; Ranking Member Sheila Jackson Lee and Distinguished Members of these Committees, thank you for the invitation to speak to you today on this very important subject reference: **Public Safety, National Security, and Humanitarian.**

History of Cochise County

With eighty-three miles of international border within its jurisdiction, Cochise County plays a significant role in combating drug and human trafficking organizations and the associated violent crime which adversely affects Arizona residents and other areas throughout the United States. In 1990 the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) designated Cochise County as

a High Intensity Drug Trafficking area within southern Arizona. This designation is a direct result of overwhelming and sustained levels of illicit drug and human trafficking within Cochise County.

With 6,219 square miles, Cochise County is as large as the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. The estimated population of the county in 2022 is approximately 125,000. The geography of the county consists of seven incorporated cities to include the historical town of Tombstone. Surrounded by vast areas of desolate uninhabited desert and mountainous terrain, the seven cities only represent a combined area of 215 square miles, leaving 6004 square miles of unincorporated area. These desolate areas are routinely exploited for smuggling routes by the drug/human traffickers and pose one of the greatest challenges to local law enforcements effort in establishing border security and interdiction efforts. Cochise County is the 38th largest land mass county in the United States, and is home to the United States Army base, Fort Huachuca. Throughout the history of the county ranching and farming has played a significant part in its legacy.

Unlike other border counties in Arizona, Cochise County is unique in that there are two cities in the Republic of Mexico situated on the international border within the county. The cities of Agua Prieta and Naco, with an estimated population of 80,000 and 10,000 respectively, are well know to U.S. Law Enforcement officials as staging and operational centers for one of Mexico's largest and most notorious drug cartels. The Sinaloa Cartel has long employed the use of local Mexican Drug and Human Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) to carry out the Cartel's illegal distribution and transportation into and throughout the United States.

These international DTOs also utilize their established smuggling routes in Cochise County to transport the Cartels illicit profits such as U.S. currency, firearms, and ammunition into Mexico. A large portion of the profit is used to sustain control over the corridor through the use of violence against law enforcement, rival trafficking organizations, and bribes of government officials.

The Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating in Cochise County are highly sophisticated and innovative in their transportation methods. Aside from the normal use of human backpackers (mules), clandestine tunnels, and vehicles, the trafficking organizations have resorted to the use of ultra light aircraft which cannot be detected by normal radar, cloned vehicles appearing to be law enforcement or other legitimate companies and the use of catapults which hurl bundles of marijuana into the U.S. to awaiting co-conspirators. The organizations utilize sophisticated and technical communications and counter surveillance equipment to counter law enforcements interdiction tactics and strategies. Scouts or observers are strategically placed along smuggling routes to perform counter surveillance on law enforcement and report their observations to those controlling the drug/human smuggling operation so they may avoid and elude law enforcement. The use of cell phones and sophisticated two-way radio encryptions for communications are standard equipment, as are night vision and forward looking infra-red devices.

Violence against innocent citizens, public officials, law enforcement, and rival drug/human trafficking groups in Mexico continues to escalate. Cochise County's law enforcement and private citizen fears of it spilling into the county were realized in 2010 when a longtime Cochise County resident rancher was senselessly murdered while inspecting fences on his ranch. Further complicating the concerns is the potential for foreign terrorist to employ drug/human trafficking organizations to smuggle individuals and or weapons of mass destruction into the United States through Cochise County.

The adverse affects of the drug and human trafficking organizations operating in Cochise County not only have significantly diminished the quality of life of county residents, but also placed unbearable strain upon the budgets and resources of private and government agencies in the county.

Historically speaking, illegal border crossings into the United States are well known in southern Arizona and recognized as a part of everyday life within Cochise County and throughout the southwest border. Many years ago, Cochise County citizens were not overly alarmed when they observed a handful of undocumented aliens travelling through private or public lands in search of jobs. Unfortunately, over time these groups dramatically increased in size and became more reckless, aggressive, and violent, bringing unrest and fear to the citizens living on the border. Examples of this include reckless high-speed pursuits, assaults on citizens, rapes, kidnappings, murders and home invasions to steal one's private and personal possessions. It was apparent the search for the American dream was being over-shadowed by these smugglers, mules, coyotes, bandits, and transnational criminals preying upon our citizens.

Having the true-life experience to live and work as a law enforcement officer/deputy and now Sheriff in Cochise County since 1984, it has been an educational lesson for me reference border security. I have witnessed the escalation of violence by these careless assailants on our citizens raising the question, who actually controls our borders? Cochise County has become known as the gateway to illegal activity for those unlawfully entering the United States.

History: Federal Government's Border Security Plan of the 90s

In the early 1990s, the federal government prepared a plan to address the unsecure, unsafe border. At a press conference in Tucson, Arizona, a Border Patrol spokesman announced their intent to secure the populated areas of the border, specifically San Diego, Yuma and El Paso and the International Ports of Entry. These targeted areas, which I call the "Ps = Ports and Population", would be the federal government's focus points. The second half of their plan was to reroute the illegal activity/disturbances into the rural parts of the southwest border with the thought that these cartel organizations and smuggling groups would be deterred by the rugged and mountainous regions along the border.

Since the release of the plan, many changes have taken place. Specifically, Cochise County initially increased their staffing of Border Patrol agents to a sufficient number for the threat at that time. Over the last few years it has again decreased from a significant force to a scant number within Cochise County to secure and protect the 83 miles of international border. Infrastructure, such as metal fencing, lightning, cameras, sensors, radars, etc. have been installed between both ports and some distance beyond bringing some needed relief to this area and those that live within. Unfortunately, upgrades were halted by President Biden's executive order on his first day of office leaving our border's infrastructure in disarray. Secondary immigration checkpoints were established on routes (roadways) 20 – 40 miles north of the border but due to staffing shortages, remains closed most of the time.

Over the last couple of years, our southern border has drastically changed. Additionally, addressing a health pandemic during a drastic change has negatively impacted our community's Quality of Life. Title 42 was enacted under President Donald Trump and remains today, providing Customs & Border Patrol and my communities some relief. I respect the

decision/debate to cancel Title 42, but sadly with lack of a shared action plan or collective message, the concerns by my fellow Sheriffs, Police Chiefs and our federal partners, promotes great concern. Sheriffs from National, Western and Southwest Associations have tried tirelessly to work with this administration with little to no success. It would be an understatement to say Sheriffs are frustrated.

I have personally experienced our once manageable border become a crisis over the last 24 months supported by the attached statistics and increased criminal activity. The Covid health pandemic placed many restrictions on foreign travel, but the conversation regarding illegal entry at our southern border was neglected by our federal leaders. The health exposure and risk experienced by law enforcement officers, deputies and agents became secondary in public restrictions and concerns. In fact, the intellectual avoidance by this administration to actively engage and support our efforts has been absent. Certain members of U.S. Congress continue to ignore our immigration laws/crisis abandoning communities as they struggle to address these challenges. I would remind my fellow elected leaders, we share the same Oath of Office to protect this great country, not to be driven by personal ideologies, but by and for the People.

The existing border plan has been in place for over 26 years and the following are some thoughts regarding the plan in current time:

- An increase in illegal smuggling/activity between the protected areas (ports)
- Increase in larger groups of undocumented aliens between the protected areas (ports)
- Increase in illegal activity outside the protected areas (ports)
- Fear/Frustration increased in rural Cochise County/Southwest Border
- Ranch and Farmlands damaged due to increased illegal activity
- Property (fencing, livestock, waterlines, etc.) damaged
- Burglaries/Thefts increased in rural Cochise County/Southwest Border
- Social Media has become a venue for smuggling recruitment mainly focused on juveniles
- Violent Crimes increased i.e., Homicides, Assaults, Rapes, Drug and Human Smuggling, etc. in rural Cochise County/Southwest Border
- Transnational Cartels/Smuggling Organizations controlled and set up smuggling routes in rural Cochise County/Southwest Border
- Lack of Border Patrol Agents directly on border
- Secondary checkpoints were established as a secondary deterrent but remain closed the majority of the time due to staff shortages
- Lack of Re-Definition to the plan of the 90s (time erased history)
- Loss of recreational land use due to fear of criminal activity
- Economic decline (Cochise County largest decrease in population)
- Legacy Ranches being sold
- Lack of Federally elected leaders to address unsecure border/fears creating a lack of trust and anger by citizens
- Questionable consequences by federal government by those committing border crimes
- Undue pressure on local law enforcement/Sheriffs to address issues, fear, and consequences for those committing crimes

- Lack of funding for local law enforcement/criminal justice system/corrections in order to address border crimes at the local level due to federal government lack of intervention
- Border Security shall be a Mandate, not a Discretionary program
- Border Security v. Immigration Reform (two different programs not to be blended)
- Lack of Trust and Confidence in our Federal Government

Action-Based Solutions Local-State Government

Local Solutions and Programs are no longer a thought, but a reality for bringing relief to our citizens who consciously choose to live near our borders. No better example of the importance of local law enforcement during a national crisis was the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. First responders from local police and fire were the first on scene to address this horrific threat. Local law enforcement is best suited to best understand community needs and solutions based on the expectations of their citizens. Community policing begins and succeeds at the local level first.

As the Sheriff of Cochise County, I embrace my elected and statutory duty (oath of office to support the United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution) to protect and secure the Freedoms and Liberties of my citizens, with or without the help of our federal law enforcement partners/policy makers. No longer a debate by those that live in the rural parts of the southwest border, the rural parts of the Southwest Border are NOT secure and are vulnerable for ALL types of transnational criminal activity.

Working with limited budgets and staffing, Sheriffs along the southwest border struggle each and every day to find ways to enhance the quality of life/safety for those they serve and bring a general sense of deterrence for those choosing our border as a venue to promote their criminal enterprises. The following bullet points are action-driven solutions implemented in hopes of bringing some relief and sense of security for those living in Cochise County:

- Balanced Community Policing (Education, Prevention, Enforcement)
- Transparency + Time = Community Trust
- Collaborated Efforts by all 3-levels of Government
- Creation of a Southwest Border Security Facility in Cochise County
- Law and Order Partnership between Sheriff and County Attorney
- Safe Street Enforcement Programs
- Private and Public Funding donations/grants to purchase upgraded equipment/communications
- Installation of New Radios/Towers/Consoles/Microwave
- Portable Radios to Citizens/Ranchers/Farmers/Schools
- Interoperability/Intelligence Sharing at all 3-levels
- Regional Application for Law Enforcement
- Financial Interdiction Unit
- Regional Border Team by Sheriff supported by Border Patrol, ICE, U.S. Forest
- Ranch Advisory Team
- Ranch Patrol
- Financial Crime Unit
- Consequence Driven Prosecution (all 3-levels)

- Local Trail-Cameras, Sensors, ATVs, Thermal Vehicle, Off-Road Vehicle, etc..
- Factual Situational Awareness for Media, Elected Officials, America
- Quarterly Law Enforcement Leadership Meetings
- Community Outreach Unit
- Community Meet & Greets within Communities
- Aviation Program (Helicopter & Drone)
- Positive-Interactive Use of Media and Social Media

Recommendations Federal Government

The Federal Government (elected and policy makers) has been slow to react to the voices and concerns of those living on the southwest border. Cochise County and other counties along the border have become VIP attractions, venues for those seeking to make a difference or promising change only to become another community-public safety disappointment.

The following comprehensive recommendations are directly linked to our federal leaders:

- Collective Message between Local, State and Federal
- Shared Action Plan by Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement
- Remove “Politics” and Enforce the “Rule of Law”
- Hire more Immigration and Asylum Hearing Officers for all POEs.
- Enhanced Governances by U.S. Congress on Social Media Companies
- Re-evaluate the plan of the 90s and build upon successes
- Political-Will to make Border Security a Mandated Program
- Immediate need to address the Criminal Cartels (Transnational Organizations)
- Border Security First, Immigration Reform Second
- Maximize Allocated Resources such as Staffing
- Adequately Fund CBP
- Support and Embrace First-line Agents that work the border regions, they have a dangerous job and it’s no secret that their frustration is high based on the unknown complexities reference their assignments, they have great ideas to share
- Secondary Checkpoints only after Primary border interdiction is satisfied by stakeholders
- Quality in Life/Citizens living on border supported by Sheriffs and State Governors regarding improved security/safety
- Funding supplement for Local Law Enforcement/Prosecution/Detention/Criminal Justice in support of border crimes
- Continued Funding and Support for Stone Garden Program
- Empowerment with action to Border Patrol Leadership/PAICs (currently Cochise County has dedicated and solution-driven leaders that work well with local law enforcement)
- Enhanced Funding for Regional Communication and Interoperability with local law enforcement
- Bring Local Law Enforcement to Border Security and Immigration discussions

Summary

Our local efforts have proven to be beneficial in bringing over-due solutions to an unsecure border that has become a discretionary program by those federally elected leaders and policy makers that have been entrusted to protect our freedoms and liberties. As a Sheriff elected by the good people of my county, my biggest fear is another loss of life to one of my citizens and/or law enforcement officers/agents contributed to a border that is NOT secure. One would hope the priority of securing our border doesn't become just about a price tag and/or political posturing, but rather the legal and moral requirement to safeguard all of America, which so many heroic Americans have already paid the ultimate price for.

Today's opportunity to address this group instills fresh hope that our voice does matter and on behalf of the citizens of Cochise County, Arizona and beyond, we hope you won't forget us and will do your Constitutional mandate to bring positive change to an over-due vulnerable situation.

I will leave each one of you with an open invitation to visit Cochise County along with a personal-guided tour and visit with our citizens to hear/see first-hand America's true rural border.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity to share this information with you. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments

- a. Sheriff Mark Dannels' Bio
- b. CCSO Annual Message 2023
- c. CCSO Annual Message 2022
- d. CCSO Border Related Issues in 2022
- e. CCSO Multi-Tier Border Operational Plan
- f. CCSO Detention Statistical Form 2023
- g. CCSO Detention Statistical Form 2022
- h. CCSO State of the Arizona-Sonora Border 2023
- i. National Sheriffs Letter ref Eradication of Drug Cartels February 9, 2023
- j. Western States Sheriffs' Association Letter October 7, 2022
- k. National Sheriffs' Association Letter August 1, 2022
- l. State of Arizona Legislative Proclamation May 25, 2022

- m. Cochise County Board of Supervisors Letter May 20, 2022
- n. State of Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey Letter May 10, 2022
- o. National Sheriffs' Association Letter May 9, 2022
- p. Arizona Sheriffs' Association Letter May 4, 2022
- q. Arizona Sheriffs' Association Resolution 2022-01
- r. National Sheriffs' Association Letter April 19, 2022
- s. Southwest Border Sheriffs' Coalition Letter April 19, 2022
- t. Texas Border Sheriffs' Coalition Letter April 19, 2022
- u. Western States Sheriffs' Association Resolution 22-1 March 3, 2022
- v. Western States Sheriffs' Association Position Paper
- w. Arizona Sheriffs Association Position Paper October 12, 2021
- x. National Sheriffs' Association Letter October 4, 2021
- y. National Sheriffs' Association Letter May 27, 2021

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Sheriff's Annual Message

2023

Another Year has quickly passed, and the lessons and successes are now engrained within our legacy. The legacy of this office is rich with history brought forth by the plethora of talented men and women who have served our mission. That's where I would like to begin with this year's annual message.

In a time where organizations continue to face many challenges, leadership plays an instrumental role in addressing these complex times. Our leaders must understand that in today's workplace, there's not a single answer to motivate our team-members. We must maximize your talents in such a way that it collectively compliments the mission. The validation of our team-members is vital to the overall success of this office.

In this ever-changing workplace terrain, leaders need to think differently about how to motivate their teams. Leaders must be innovative, creative, and forward thinking. Diverting from the traditional ways of leading that have become too predictable and uninspiring are essential.

My cultural expectations begin with my senior leaders with transparent transition down to each one of you. These expectations include the following: Developing You, Leading Change, Navigating different Perspectives, Leading Teams and Career Confidence and Security. Leadership is simple, but never easy! I have great confidence with my leadership teams and will continue to empower and challenge them to adhere to the words within this annual message to promote our community message, mission and most important, you.

My priorities in 2023 are defined based on two words, "**Investment and Reputation.**" I will begin with Investment.

The personal and professional investments you make every day enhances our abilities and opportunities. The countless educational, prevention and enforcement grants and programs, team-member market adjustments, recruitment and retention, state of the art equipment and technology, updated training and our continued community support come from your willingness to do what's legally, morally, and ethically "Right". We will always enforce the Rule of Law based on the facts, absent politics, opinions, social media, and emotions.

Secondly, our earned and respected reputation are integrated into our community culture. A culture that embraces and dictates our behavior supported by our public safety Oath of Office. We are Role Models and when we fail to fulfill this obligation, one must make that difficult decision, "Are able to serve others?" I am so proud of the men and women who without thought and unselfish

commitment place their lives in danger to help their fellow man. You truly are the strength and foundation to all our achievements promoting a continued legacy for this office.

In closing, your health, welfare, and safety are always paramount to me. Sadly, last year proved to be a year of uncertainty and great danger to the men and women of this office. As demonstrated over the last year and beyond, my leadership team and myself will “always” be there in your time of need to ensure you and your family have the support, resources, comfort, and structure to address these life-threatening scenarios. You’ll **never** be left alone!

Please be vigilant out there and Thank You for your Service to this Office and our Citizens!

With Great Pride and Honor,

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Annual Message from the Desk of Sheriff Mark J. Dannels 2022

Our law enforcement profession continues to be under a public microscope of scrutiny by those that possess a personal bias toward those that wear the badge. Unfortunately, political ideologies have infected our profession at all levels too. This general application of distaste directed at those that protect your communities and constitutional rights has created a negative impact on our profession.

Rural policing makes up over 88% of all the policing in America leaving less than 12% of policing for urban communities. My 37-year law enforcement career has been enjoyed in rural communities where the layers of bureaucracy are limited, and neighbors still know you by first name. Rural policing is special to me for all the right reasons. But no one can debate that rural policing faces many challenges. Recruitment and retention supported by compensation parity continues to hinder rural policing. Cochise County is no exception.

Since being elected, I have prioritized our loyal team-members with high hopes we can retain and pay these dedicated members a fair and market-driven compensation package. I commend members of our Board of Supervisors and you for sharing our vision as we have sustained competitive salaries for rural Cochise County. My commitment remains steadfast that we must remain competitive to retain our talented and skilled team-members supported by a vigorous marketing and recruiting program. Recruitment and retention are supported by team-member recognition and reward for their public service. An effort I have instilled with all my leadership team. I am proud to showcase the high caliber of men and women that serve this office's community mission.

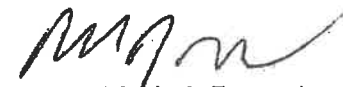
To refresh our office's 3-objectives; Education, Prevention (awareness) and Enforcement. These blended objectives continue to serve our office well with a focus on Education and Prevention. Any community bond requires a shared trust. The ingredients of trust include your Sheriff's Office embracing a culture of community support. Culture equals behavior that is acceptable to our citizens guided by a progressive training and legal update program. Finally, our primary written expectation will always be our "Oath of Office."

The success of any law enforcement agency rests with its community reputation. I accept, we own our decisions, but the community owns our reputation. I take this action very seriously which reflects the positive reputation we possess with you and throughout the state. Once again, I credit our team-members for this earned reputation.

Additional priorities in 2022 will be our aging jail, continued partnerships, innovative programs in securing our border communities, fiscal responsibilities, implementation of a traffic unit to address traffic concerns with a focus on the impaired driver and most important, the continued relationship we share with you. The role of government shall never be governed within, but by those that we govern for.

I look forward to leading your Sheriff's Office in 2022 and conclude by saying this, "If the past has taught us anything, our challenges have become our successes." Thank you again for this tremendous opportunity as we come together to safeguard our home, Cochise County!

Authored with Respect and Honor,



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SITUATION REPORT FOR BORDER RELATED ISSUES IN COCHISE COUNTY. Calendar Year 2022

Border Related Criminal Activity investigated by SABRE and CIT in 2022:

- 1) 66,620 Undocumented Aliens detected on SABRE Cameras.
- 2) Approximately 25,500 Undocumented Aliens physically apprehended (SABRE joint apprehensions).
- 3) 109.74 pounds of methamphetamine.
- 4) Over 1500 smugglers arrive in Cochise County every month to smuggle migrants from the border at a price of over \$2,500 per person.
- 5) Investigated 1,306 human smuggling events.
- 6) Investigated 882 human smugglers.
- 7) Detained 89 juvenile smugglers.
- 8) Arrested 232 smugglers for failure to yield incidents.
- 9) Seized 40 weapons.
- 10) Investigated incidents in which 601 people were feloniously victimized.
- 11) Detained 3049 undocumented aliens (Safe Streets/CIT direct apprehensions).

Detention related statistics.

- 1) 1578 inmates were booked into CCSO Detention in 2022 for a border related crime. Of those, 1500 were United States Citizens.

SABRE Overview:

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$18 million dollars.

The Southern Arizona Border Region Enforcement Team is comprised of CCSO Deputies, United States Border Patrol Agents, and the Arizona National Guard. Nearly 900 cameras have been placed onto smuggling corridors across southern Arizona and New Mexico. 50 of which have been turned over to Fort Huachuca for use.

To ensure the future of the SABRE program, CCSO has been awarded an agreement from AZDEMA for over \$18 million dollars. This funding will fully fund SABRE for a period of five (5) years. This includes six (6) Sworn LEO positions, a (1) Public Information Officer, an (1) Intel Analyst, two (2) IT specialists, four (4) camera maintenance personnel, twenty (20) camera monitors, and (2) camera monitor supervisors.

Criminal Interdiction Team;

AZDEMA Grant Award: 3.7 million dollars.

A six-person team responsible for smuggling and trafficking interdiction throughout the County. This team will be fully funded for a period of four years. This will be done by conducting close patrol of smuggling corridors through a high volume of traffic stops in these areas. They respond to calls for service from USBP and patrol units dealing with illegal trafficking or smuggling whether human or drug related. The unit may also work with United States Customs Enforcement at the Ports of Entry in Cochise County to help support northbound and southbound operations.

Cochise County Aviation Program.

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$9,069,000

This program is funded for a period of five (5) years and will cover all associated costs to fund a helicopter program. This helicopter will be stationed at the Sierra Vista Airport, be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The helicopter will be outfitted with the most technologically advanced cameras and night vision equipment available.

Pursuit Termination Vehicles.

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$1,947,500.00

This program funds the purchase of fifteen (15) Pursuit Termination Vehicles with all associated training and equipment. These vehicles will be customized with special bumpers to help immobilize fleeing vehicles and bring deadly pursuits to a conclusion.

Next Generation Radios.

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$6 million dollars.

This agreement funds the purchase of five hundred (500) next generation radios. These radios will be issued to every first responder (Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS) in Cochise County. This allows for reliable communication between all governmental entities.

SABRE Equipment.

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$1,775,000.

In 2021 (before the above SABRE grant), we received \$1,775,000 to fund the purchase of buckeye game trail cameras, artificial intelligence software, and four drones.

Incarceration and Prosecution Costs.

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$7,305,000

In 2021, CCSO acquired funding to cover the incarceration and prosecution costs for persons charged with a border related crime. Roughly 40% of inmates incarcerated are in-custody due to border related offense.

Dispatch Equipment.

AZDEMA Grant Award: \$250,000

This award will fund the purchase of two (2) reserve ORNI dispatch consoles to be used as back-up dispatch services should something occur to the primary system.

Cochise County Mental Health Support Team.

Grant from the Legacy Foundation of Southeastern Arizona: \$1.3 million dollars.

This grant funds the Mental Health Support Team for a period of three (3) years. The team is comprised of three (3) licensed behavioral health professionals and one (1) Behavioral Health Technician who respond to members of the community who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Additionally, they take a proactive approach in connecting mentally ill persons with available programs and services.

Opioid Settlement.

Arizona Attorney General's Office grant: \$250,000.

This grant funds the purchase of a community outreach vehicle, overtime for issues dealing with opioids, and money for educating the community about opioids.

Southeast AZ Combined Intelligence and Border Operations Center.

Arizona DPS/Border Strike Force Funds: \$5 million dollars.

Funds the purchase and renovation of a building to enhance law enforcement services concerning the activities of criminal syndicates, drug and human smuggling organizations and transnational threats related to the US/Mexico border with Cochise County.

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Cochise County Sheriff's Office Multi-Tier Border Operational Plan

Of the 15 counties in the State of Arizona, four (4) of those counties are on the international border with Mexico. Cochise County is responsible for 83 miles of that border with federal, state, and local partners. Cochise County Sheriff's Office has developed special units to combat border related crimes/activities emphasizing on local level participation and enforcement.

Southern Arizona Combined Intelligence and Border Operations Center

The center serves as a local hub for intelligence capabilities, enforcement operations, and information sharing of border related activities among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Operation Center is a place for Deputies, Police Officers, State Troopers and Federal Agents to interact and prepare border operations to combat unlawful border crossers and criminal elements. The Operations Center will host the Southern Arizona Region Enforcement Virtual Camera System, Intelligence Gathering for State, Local and Federal Agencies, Criminal Interdiction Safe Street Enforcement Activities, License Plate Readers (LPR) Intelligence, and Human Trafficking Investigations.

The Border Operation Center will allow future expansions with National Sheriff's Association, Western State Sheriffs Association, Southwest Border Sheriff's Association, Major Counties Sheriff's Association, and International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The following is a list of Cochise County Sheriff's Office units utilizing the center:

Southern Arizona Region Enforcement (SABRE)

Criminal Interdiction Team (CIT)

Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

Financial Crimes Unit (FCU)

Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

Human Intelligence and Trafficking Unit

Community Outreach Public Service (COPS)

Southern Arizona Region Enforcement (SABRE)

The Southeast Arizona Border Region Enforcement (SABRE) is a multi-agency task force targeting narcotics and human smuggling operations. SABRE has been very successful using approximately 900 surveillance/camera systems strategically placed along the US/Mexico Border to detect illegal crossing, narcotic smuggling, and identifying open areas which allow illegal activity to come into United States via the southern border. SABRE works closely with other state and federal law enforcement agencies to successfully prepare and investigate cases for appropriate legal action and resolution. Due to changes in border policies, Cochise County is seeing an uncontrollable influx of unlawful border crossers. Calls for service reference Border Patrol assists have increased in the last several months regarding trespassers and suspicious activity.

Current SABRE statistical data for US/Mexico Border Operations is:

Undocumented Aliens – 139,917

Drug Smuggling Mules – 442

Marijuana Seized – 12,040.77 LBS

Meth Seized – 199.02 LBS

Fentanyl – 24.14 LBS

Cocaine – 8.70 LBS

Criminal Interdiction Team (CIT)

CIT is responsible for trafficking interdiction in Cochise County Arizona. This is done by conducting close patrol of known areas (corridors) of trafficking, through interstate and state highway interdiction, and through a high volume of traffic stops in these areas. CIT utilizes social meeting to interdict human and narcotic load drivers and pick up locations. The unit also responds to calls for service where assistance is needed from USBP and or patrol units dealing with illegal trafficking whether human or drug related. The unit also is responsible for assisting with calls, such as burglaries or suspicious activities where suspected Undocumented Aliens may be responsible. The unit also works with United States Customs Enforcement at the Ports of Entry in Cochise County to help support northbound and southbound screenings for any illegal activity.

Current CIT statistical data for US/Mexico Border Operations is:

1,306 Human Smuggling Investigations

89 Juvenile Load Drivers

882 Smugglers turned over to BP

40 Weapons seized

3049 UDA released to BP

138 Arrested for Humans Smuggling

Street and Financial Crimes (SCU and FCU)

In Cochise County, the 83 miles of the international border shared by the U.S. and Mexico has been described as a "smuggling heaven" because it is "one of the most remote areas of the border." The infamous Sinaloa Cartel has historically dominated drug and human smuggling routes from Mexico. These facts have presented unique problems for Cochise County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement. Transnational criminal organizations have an endless supply of local low-level criminal networks to facilitate their day-to-day criminal operations in our community. Now through social media

they have extended the recruitment to the rest of the country, and illegal operations have exploded.

The Cochise County Sheriff's Office responded to this unique problem by combining several high-functioning units and creating the Street Crimes Unit. The Street Crimes Unit conducts unified investigations targeting organized crime. The unit consists of deputies trained in specialized disciplines, such as drug investigations, anti-money laundering investigations, digital forensics, and canines. Through independent investigations and collaborative efforts with Federal, State, and local partners and drug enforcement initiatives, they investigate organized and street-level criminal activity within Cochise County. They are primarily focused on the detection and arrest of couriers and other felony criminal offenders involved in the smuggling or trafficking of humans, illegal drugs, weapons, and currency.

These organized criminal organizations exploit those vulnerable individuals based on "non-consensual" human trafficking. These victims are criminally exploited via sex trade, drugs, labor and gangs all for financial greed to enhance these transnational criminal organizations. We have established a network unit of intelligence and enforcement sharing to identify, protect and secure those held captive by these criminal organizations.

Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

The Cochise County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is tasked with the investigation of felony crimes committed within the county. MCU unit prepares cases for appropriate legal action. MCU is routinely tasked with investigating border-related crimes such as Border Patrol agent-involved shootings, and physical assaults on agents. MCU investigates UDI's claiming allegations of sexual assault by other members of their crossing group or smugglers. They are also commonly tasked with the recovery and investigation of border crossers found deceased in the Arizona desert.

MCU consists of a sergeant, 6 detectives, and a crime scene investigator.

Community Outreach Public Services (COPS)

The Community Outreach and Public Services Unit is committed to fostering and building a partnership between the Sheriff's Office and the community by providing essential programs and services that promote an environment in which members of the community individually and collectively can help prevent crime, build safer communities, and advance the quality of life here in Cochise County.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to forming positive relationships with all organizations within the communities of Cochise County. To help in this effort, one of the first changes made within a month of taking office was the appointment of a Community Services Deputy, which was shortly followed by the development of the Community Outreach and Public Services Unit. This unit is responsible for serving as a liaison between the Sheriff's Office and community organizations.

COPS services include, receive and coordinate requests for activities from area organizations and schools; communicate with district supervisory personnel on the requirement and need for additional equipment/personnel; maintain active communication with schools and organizations to assess needs and services the Sheriff's Office can provide; provide information on upcoming activities to the Public Information Officer(s) so that local news organizations can be notified; obtain or create educational materials to fulfill the needs of the requesting public; attend public meetings to assess needs of the citizens and educate them on Sheriff's Office organization and procedures; attend Community and School Events; and School Safety and Crime Prevention (Threat Assessments and Active Shooter Presentations).

Cochise County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the most visible to the public, and has more deputies assigned to it than any other division.

To effectively provide service to the 6,215 square miles that comprise Cochise County, the Sheriff's Office has six dedicated substations and one satellite substation with three regional patrol districts. The six dedicated substations are located as follows:

- o Region 1: Sierra Vista, Bisbee
- o Region 2: Benson, Willcox, with the one satellite substation located in Bowie
- o Region 3: Douglas, Elfrida

Each area, or region, is supervised by a lieutenant and one or more sergeants. The number of personnel assigned to each area is dependent upon such factors as the number of calls for service that originate from the area and the size of the service population. Region 1 has the most deputies assigned to it as that area contains a population approximately equal to half the total population of the county. Region 1 is also the only region that has a dedicated 24 hours a day, seven days a week operation. The other regions often go to an "on call" status during the early morning hours. Due to the "on call" requirement, deputies are required to reside within a 30-minute drive of their station of assignment.

Conclusion

The collective law enforcement efforts and measures to secure our southern border and protect our Cochise County citizens and the State of Arizona has proven to be both efficient and effective. This operational model based on **Public Safety, National Security and Humanitarian** continues to be a deterrent and consequence driven imitative to hold those accountable for violating our laws and most important, the Rule of Law.

The expansion of this model partnered with our nation's Sheriffs and fellow law enforcement agencies and associations and those elected to protect Americans serves to illustrate by action highlighting the importance of our Oath of Office.

These programs have been made possible through government and private grants/donations allowing this office to fund; equipment, vehicles, overtime, personnel to include employee related expenses, aircraft, detention costs, technology and miscellaneous expenses that would prevent most organizations from pursuing these innovative measures.

This office and I stand able and ready to assist any law enforcement organization and community/state to enhance our operational capabilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know, (520) 432-9505 office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark J. Dannels

Sheriff Mark J. Dannels
Cochise County, AZ.

COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (2023)

RELEASES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
BISBEE	235	235	277	268	335	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1450
SIERRA VISTA	58	50	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
WILLCOX	12	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18

CONTRABAND FOUND AT BOOKING

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
BISBEE	0	3	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
SIERRA VISTA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WILLCOX	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

COMBATIVE OR RESISTANT ARRESTEES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
BISBEE	2	3	15	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
SIERRA VISTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILLCOX	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

JUVENILES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
(14) YEARS OF AGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(15) YEARS OF AGE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
(16) YEARS OF AGE	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
(17) YEARS OF AGE	4	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13

2021 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS

Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	
Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	
Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	\$354,786.80
Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	\$476,498.20
TOTAL	\$831,285.00

2023 BORDER CRIMES AVERAGE DAYS INCARCERATED

QUARTER 1	26,00184502
QUARTER 2	
QUARTER 3	
QUARTER 4	

2023 BORDER CRIMES TRANSPORTS

QUARTER 1	0
QUARTER 2	
QUARTER 3	
QUARTER 4	
TOTAL	0

2022 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS

Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	\$656,927.49
Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	\$880,283.26
Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	\$1,239,426.80
Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	\$1,532,437.56
TOTAL	\$4,309,075.11

2023 BORDER CRIMES TOTAL DAYS

QUARTER 1	14093
QUARTER 2	
QUARTER 3	
QUARTER 4	
TOTAL	14093

2023

TOTAL FEL. BOOKINGS	1000
TOTAL MIS. BOOKINGS	849
BORDER FEL. BOOKINGS	621
BORDER MIS. BOOKINGS	49
ARS 13-2323	180
TOTAL BOOKINGS	1671

2023 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS

Q1 - January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023	\$1,337,462.63
Q2 - April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023	
Q3 - July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023	
Q4 - October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	\$1,337,462.63

COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (2022)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
FAILURE TO YIELD													
BISBEE	7	7	15	10	18	6	27	12	10	14	17	10	153
SIERRA VISTA	1	1	0	6	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	21
WILCOX	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
TOTALS	8	8	16	17	20	7	29	14	12	16	20	13	180
ARS-2323													
BISBEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	51	41	20	117
SIERRA VISTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	4	15
WILCOX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	7
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	60	49	25	139
BORDER CRIMES													
BISBEE	65	42	72	73	24	94	115	125	101	145	109	82	1047
SIERRA VISTA	9	12	33	26	24	16	19	13	12	19	20	20	223
WILCOX	0	1	13	12	9	10	12	0	0	12	10	5	84
TOTALS	74	55	118	111	57	120	146	138	113	176	139	107	1354
NON-US CITIZENS													
BISBEE	4	4	9	5	7	5	6	5	4	10	6	1	66
SIERRA VISTA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	5
WILCOX	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	7
TOTALS	4	5	10	6	8	5	7	6	5	13	7	2	78
BOOKINGS													
BISBEE	147	114	206	182	252	246	244	266	224	257	221	187	2546
SIERRA VISTA	80	74	80	77	74	60	49	32	43	41	33	51	694
WILCOX	0	11	52	38	44	42	53	0	0	32	18	17	307
TOTALS	227	199	338	297	370	348	346	298	267	330	272	255	3547
FELONY BOOKINGS													
BISBEE	87	67	130	112	150	144	157	153	127	176	153	114	1570
SIERRA VISTA	58	30	90	33	41	30	21	18	29	23	22	30	425
WILCOX	0	3	31	19	23	17	29	0	0	16	12	8	158
TOTALS	145	100	251	164	214	191	207	171	156	215	187	152	2153
MISDEMEANOR BOOKINGS													
BISBEE	83	53	98	92	121	129	115	150	127	118	101	104	1291
SIERRA VISTA	27	79	40	44	34	30	34	17	15	23	14	25	382
WILCOX	0	10	25	28	26	25	31	0	0	21	7	10	183
TOTALS	110	142	163	164	181	184	180	167	142	162	122	139	1856
BORDER FELONY BOOKINGS													
BISBEE	53	40	64	64	90	84	109	102	85	126	100	73	990
SIERRA VISTA	8	11	28	19	21	12	12	11	12	17	18	18	187
WILCOX	0	1	12	11	10	7	10	0	0	12	10	3	76
TOTALS	61	52	104	94	121	103	131	113	97	155	128	94	1253
BORDER MISDEMEANOR BOOKINGS													
BISBEE	23	5	13	17	28	29	33	46	37	15	5	9	260
SIERRA VISTA	2	1	5	8	3	4	9	2	1	3	2	2	42
WILCOX	0	1	3	5	4	3	3	0	0	1	1	2	23
TOTALS	25	7	21	30	35	36	45	48	38	19	8	13	325

COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (2022)

RELEASES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BISBEE	174	133	248	207	234	266	247	270	253	263	263	212
SIERRA VISTA	56	65	64	56	44	47	35	24	25	30	21	35
WILLCOX	0	6	29	23	25	25	32	0	0	13	9	5
TOTAL	230	204	341	286	303	338	314	294	278	296	293	252

CONTRABAND FOUND AT BOOKING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BISBEE	0	0	0	6	3	5	1	5	2	1	4	3
SIERRA VISTA	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
WILLCOX	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	0	7	6	6	2	5	2	3	4	4

COMBATIVE OR RESISTANT ARRESTEES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BISBEE	0	0	0	4	7	10	2	5	2	3	5	4
SIERRA VISTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILLCOX	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	1	6	8	10	4	5	2	3	5	5

JUVENILES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
(14) YEARS OF AGE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(15) YEARS OF AGE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
(16) YEARS OF AGE	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
(17) YEARS OF AGE	4	0	2	2	2	0	4	2	2	3	1	3
TOTAL	5	0	4	4	3	2	5	2	2	3	2	3

2021 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS	Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
2021 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS	\$656,927.49	\$880,283.26	\$1,239,426.80	\$1,528,003.60
TOTAL	\$656,927.49	\$880,283.26	\$1,239,426.80	\$1,528,003.60

2022 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS	Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
2022 BORDER CRIMES INCARCERATION COSTS	\$831,285.00	\$476,498.20	\$354,786.80	\$54,304,641.15
TOTAL	\$831,285.00	\$476,498.20	\$354,786.80	\$54,304,641.15

2022 BORDER CRIMES AVERAGE DAYS INCARCERATED	Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
2022 BORDER CRIMES AVERAGE DAYS INCARCERATED	21.77288136	19.34459459	24.994	29.19168174
TOTAL	21.77288136	19.34459459	24.994	29.19168174

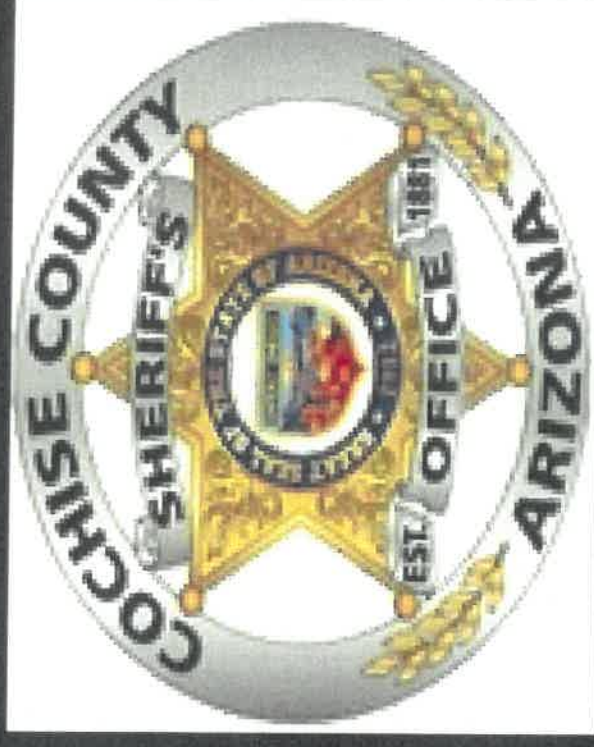
2022 BORDER CRIMES TOTAL DAYS	Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
2022 BORDER CRIMES TOTAL DAYS	6423	8589	12497	16143
TOTAL	6423	8589	12497	16143

2022 BORDER CRIMES TRANSPORTS	Q1 - January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022	Q2 - April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022	Q3 - July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022	Q4 - October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
2022 BORDER CRIMES TRANSPORTS	212	252	379	0
TOTAL	212	252	379	0

2022 BORDER CRIMES BOOKINGS	TOTAL FEL. BOOKINGS	TOTAL MIS. BOOKINGS	BORDER MIS. BOOKINGS	ARS 13-2323	TOTAL BOOKINGS
2022 BORDER CRIMES BOOKINGS	2153	1856	1253	325	139
TOTAL	2153	1856	1253	325	3547

State of the Arizona-Sonora
Border.

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Cochise County:
Ground Zero for
America's Border Crisis.

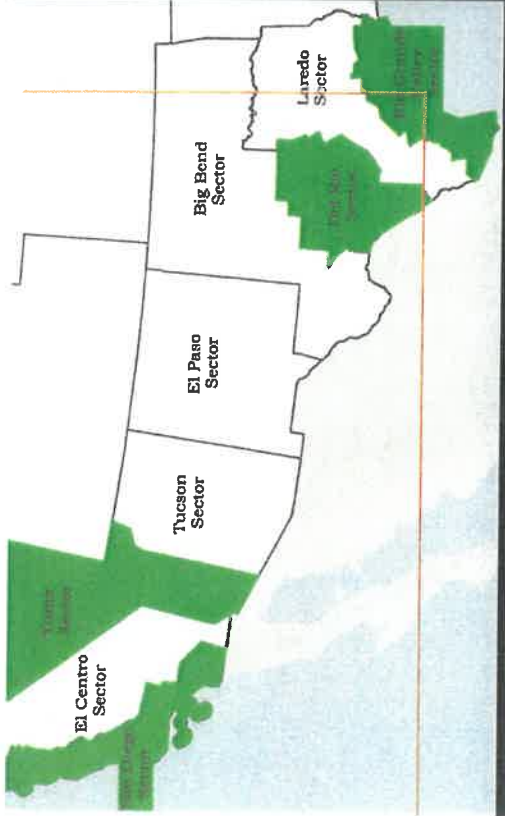




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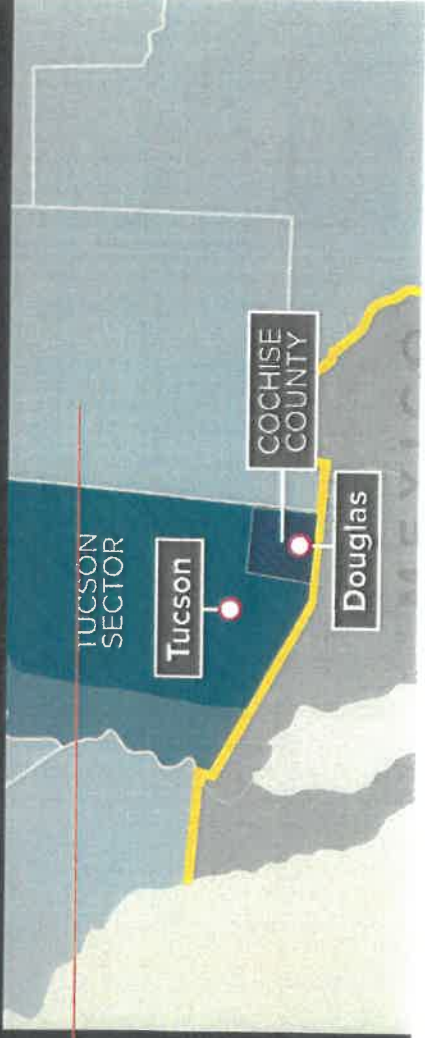
Arizona: Currently, the fentanyl capital of the Nation.

- An estimated 136,724,650 fentanyl pills were seized in the United States in 2022.
- Over 50% (68,362,323) of all fentanyl seized in 2022, was seized in Arizona.
- Of the 68,362,323 pills seized in Arizona, 46.74% (31,954,213) were seized within Cochise County or within 20 miles of Cochise County. This equates to **23.37% of all fentanyl seized** in the United States was seized within Cochise County or within 20 miles of Cochise County.



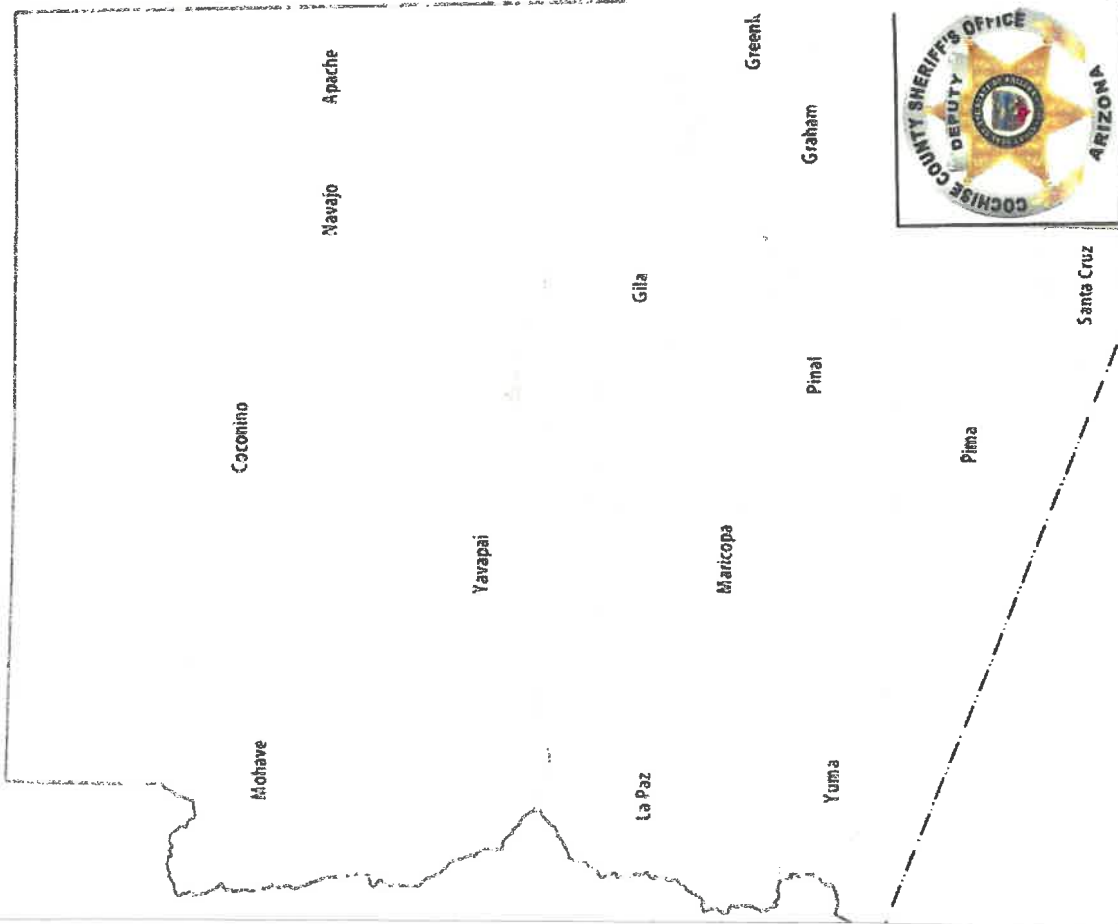
Arizona; leading the way in between-port entries.

- In 2022, of the 561,553 migrants who were apprehended while illegally entering the United States between ports of entry, 44.87% or 251,954 migrants were apprehended within the Tucson Sector.



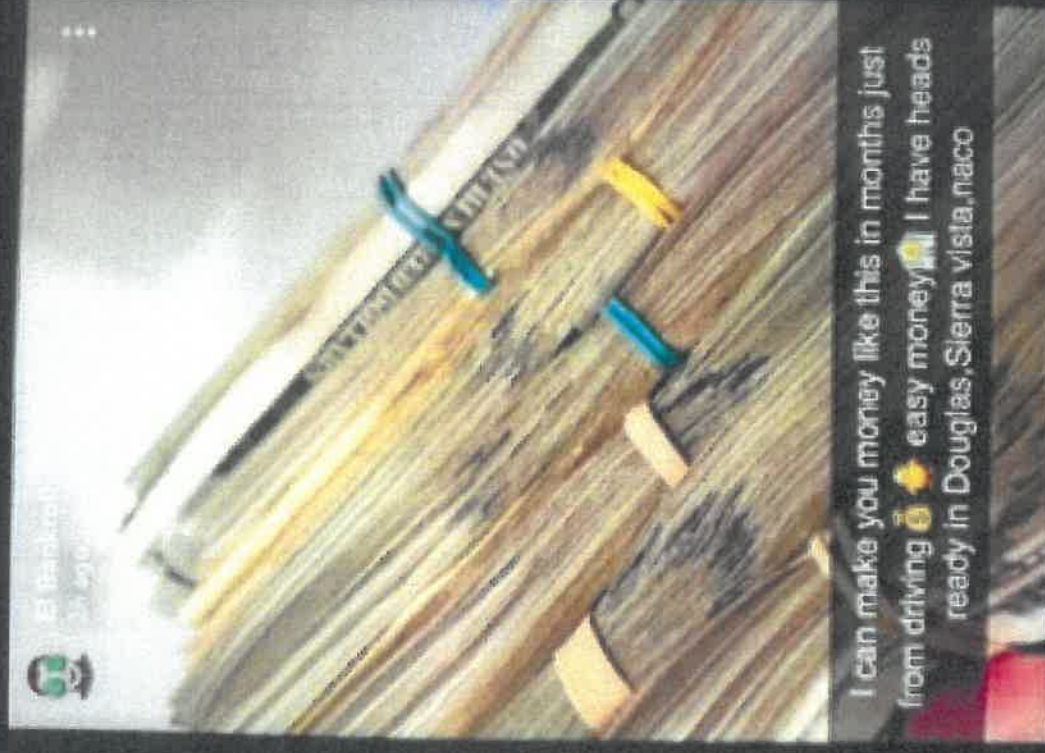
Cochise County:

- Is the 38th largest county in the United States.
- Encompasses 6300 square miles.
- Shares 83 miles of border fence with Sonora Mexico.
- Has a population of 126,000.
- C.C.S.O. has 99 Sworn Deputy Positions.



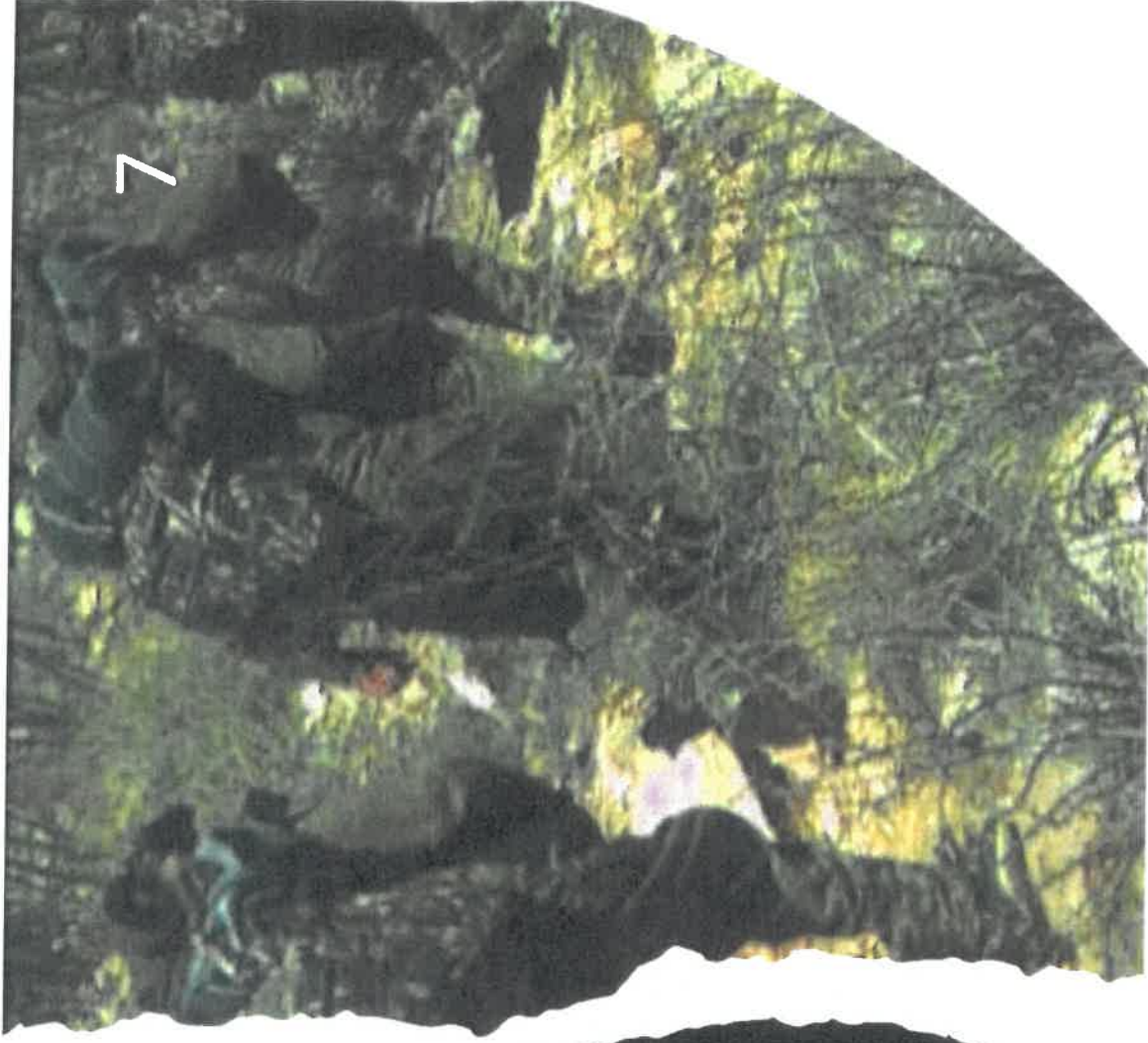
In 2022, C.C.S.O.:

- Has experienced 40% increase in operational tempo as a direct result of the border crisis.
- Booked 1578 people into the C.C.S.O. Jail for border related felonious offenses; 1500 were U.S. Citizens.
- Detained **3049** undocumented aliens.
- Investigated 601 border related crimes where people were feloniously victimized.



Also, in 2022, C.C.S.O.:

- Detected 66,620 undocumented aliens on S.A.B.R.E. digital cameras.
- Of those 66,620, coordinated the physical apprehension of 25,500.
- Investigated 1,306 human smuggling events.
- Investigated smuggling incidents where 882 smugglers were prosecuted.



Report by Scripps National News

Teens are promised a quick
cash for Human Smuggling.



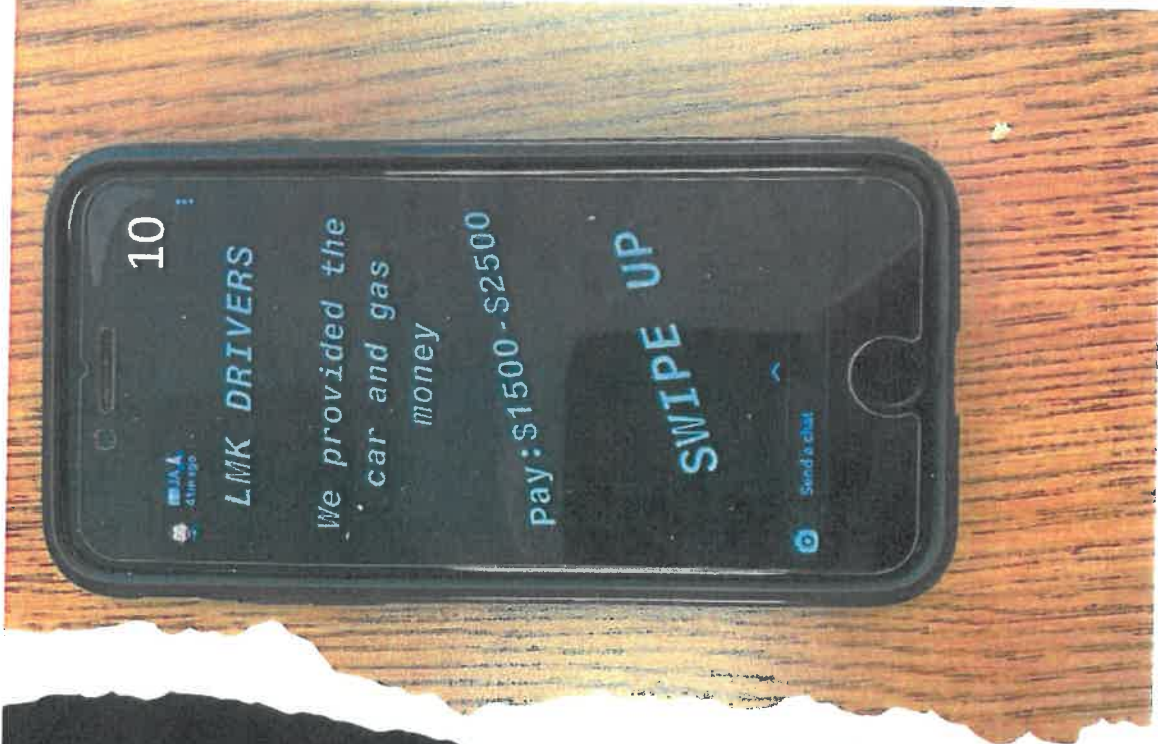
Border Crisis: Multi-Phased Problem.

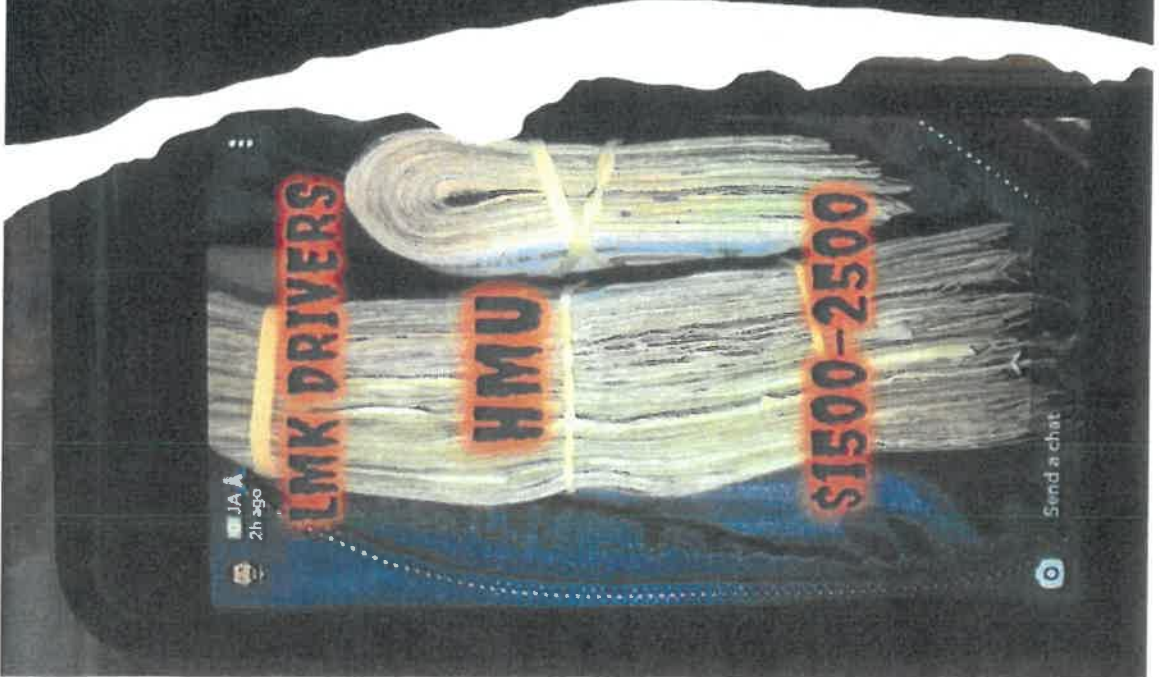
- Migrants cross the border into Cochise County in head-to-toe camouflage. S.A.B.R.E. Cameras deployed detect 10-15 migrants per hour seven days a week.
- Methods of entry include crawling over the 31-foot border wall or traversing rough mountainous terrain where no wall exists.
- Migrants then use cellular telephones to communicate with facilitators using social media platforms to arrange transport.



The Recruitment:

- Facilitators use social media platforms to recruit smugglers as young as 12 years old.
- Nearly 1500 smugglers come into Cochise County a month to smuggle migrants from Cochise County.

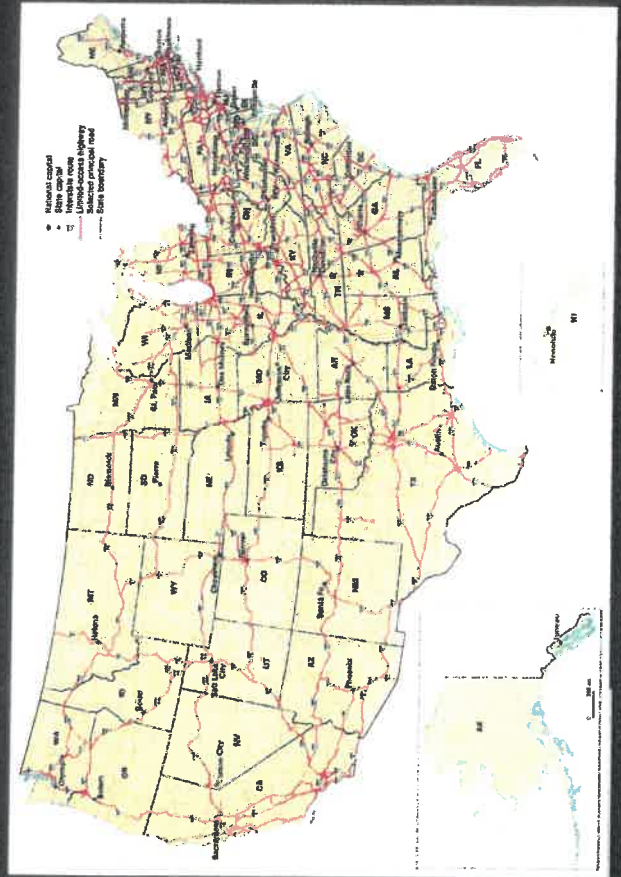




THE PICK-UP



D.T.O.s use I-10, I-40, and U.S. 60 to smuggle contraband east of Arizona.



THE PURSUITS:

- Smugglers are incentivized to flee from law enforcement at all costs.
- Cochise County Law Enforcement are involved in an estimated 2 to 10 failure to yield incidents per day.
- In 2022, CCSO arrested 232 people for failure to yield.



The Border Crisis: Death and Destruction

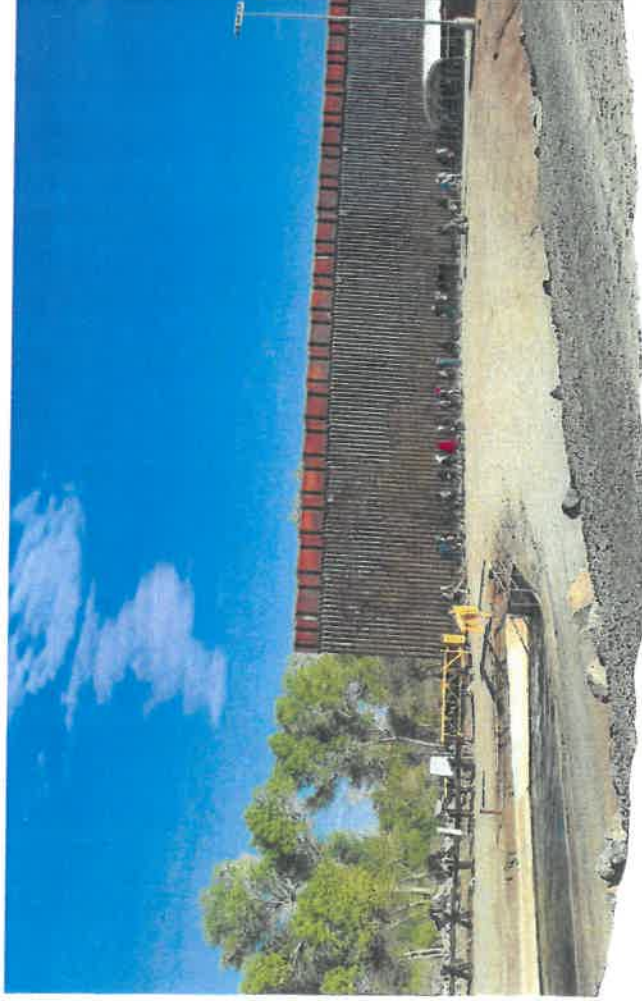
- 9 people died between October 30, 2021, and December 31, 2022, from smuggling related traffic collisions.
- Between March 01, 2022, and December 31, 2022, 601 people were feloniously victimized from smuggling related pursuits.





Not Nameless Victims:
Wanda Sitoski

- 16-year-old smuggler, Felix Mendez came to Cochise County to exploit human beings. Failed to stop for Law enforcement even after pursuit was terminated.
- Felix continued traveling in excess of 80 mph in 55 mph zone without being perused.
- Ran red light at over 80 mph, split Wanda's car in half, killing her in a fiery inferno.



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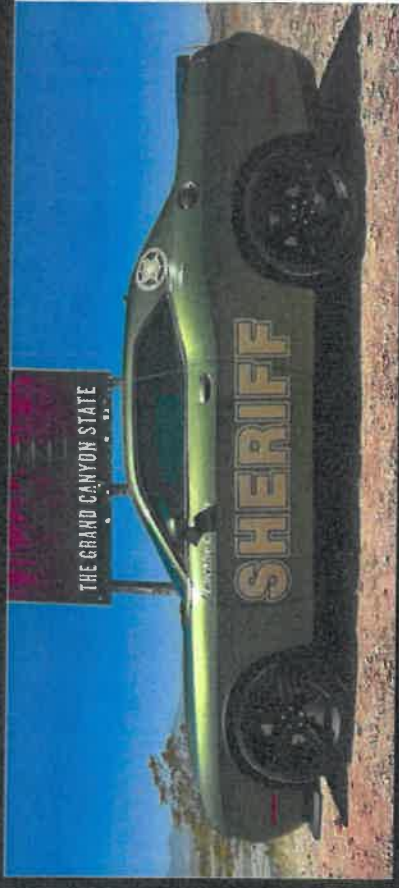
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The Border Crisis: Crisis varies by region.

- Top left, YUMA, Arizona.
- Bottom right, Cochise County, Arizona.

What is C.C.S.O. Doing in response?

- Created and Implemented S.A.B.R.E.
- Created and Implemented C.I.T.
- Received funding for GERONIMO.
- Received funding for Border Operations Center.
- Received 1.9 Million dollars to purchase 15 Pursuit Termination Vehicles.
- Received 7.3 million dollars to offset incarceration costs of suspects booked into CCSO Custody for having committed a violation of Arizona Law with a border nexus.





COCHSIE COUNTY

S.A.B.R.E

- In 2017, CCSO created the Southeastern Arizona Border Regional Enforcement Team.
- Program has extended to 1200 Buckeye Game Trail Cameras from throughout smuggling corridors in Arizona and New Mexico.
- Innovative technology to transfer images directly into border operations center.



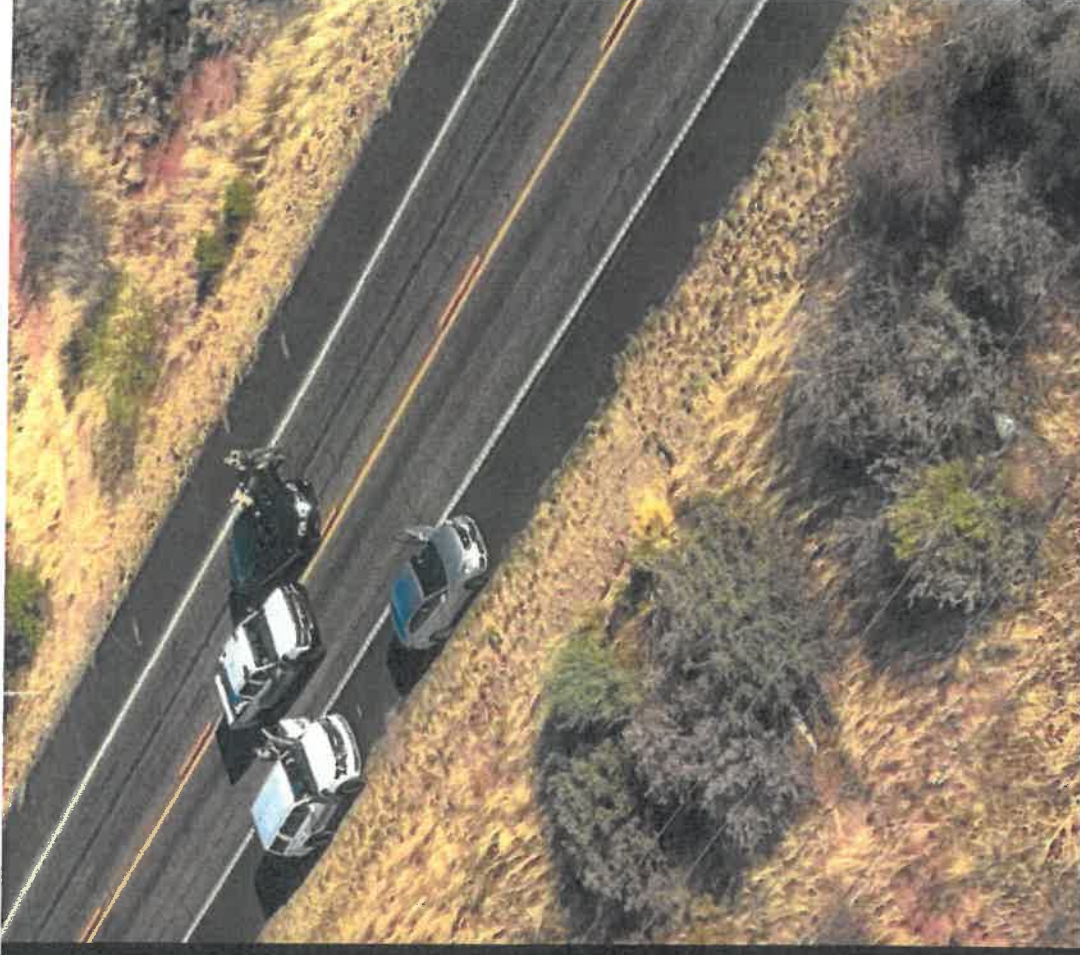
S.A.B.R.E.

- Comprised of 34 positions.
- Grant funded for five years.
- Provides intelligence, digital surveillance assets, and personnel to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona, New Mexico, and beyond.



C.C.S.O. Criminal Interdiction Team.

- Five full time Interdiction Deputies.
 - One Sergeant.
 - 100 % grant funded for four years.
 - Provides investigative support to all law enforcement agencies in Cochise County.
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COCHISE COUNTY BORDER OPERATIONS CENTER.

- Received funding to purchase 5-million-dollar building at zero cost to Cochise County taxpayer.
- Provides collaborative workshop where Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies work together to tackle the Border Crisis.





GERONIMO

- Received funding to provide Law Enforcement Helicopter 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Fully funded for a period of five years.
- Aircraft available to all first responders in Cochise County.

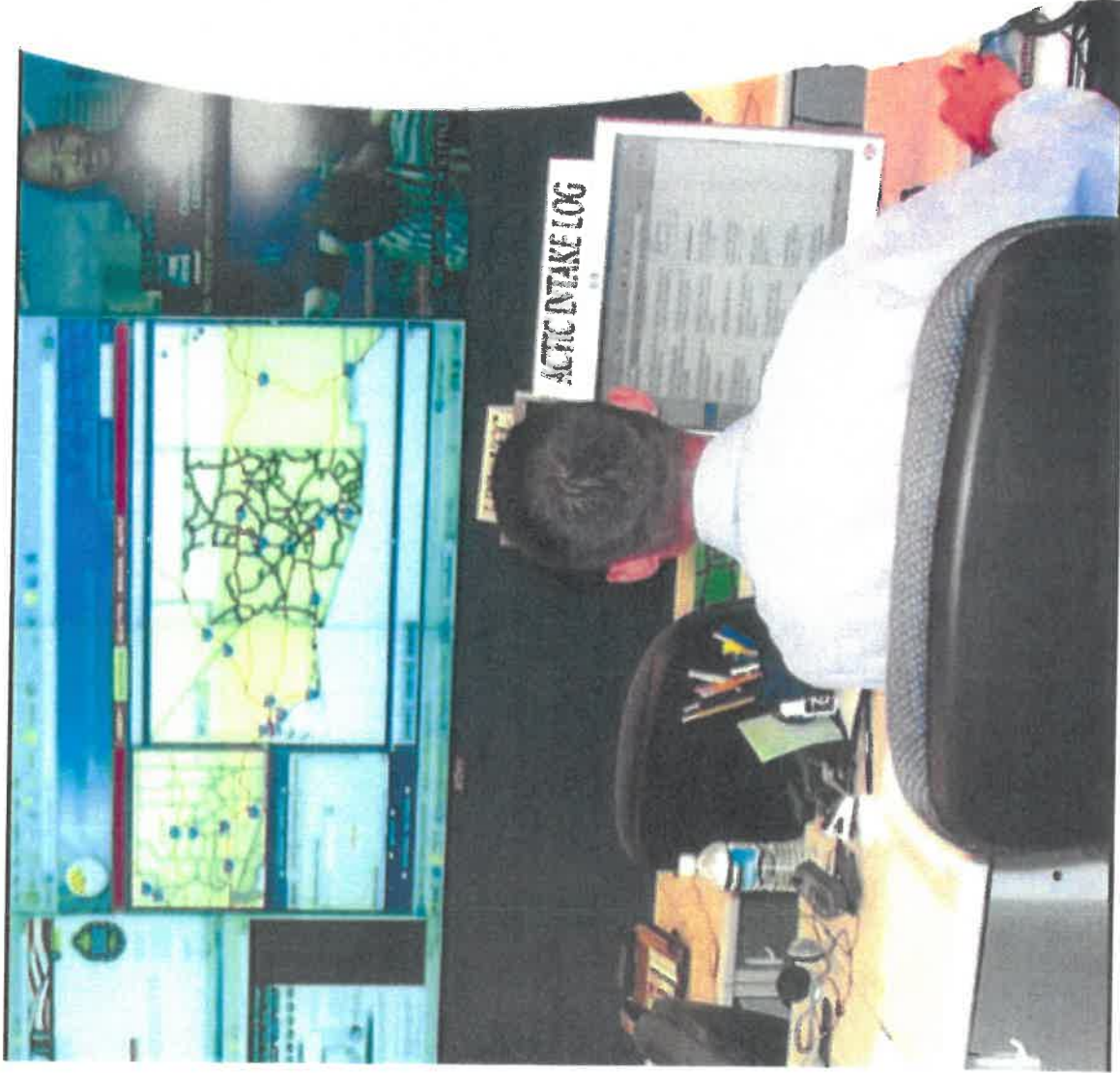


Pursuit Termination Vehicles

- Received funding to purchase 15 ¾-ton, 4x4, Four Door, Short Bed Trucks outfitted with customized bumpers and suspension.
- Available to all Cochise County Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Funding included robust defensive driving program for all Cochise County Law Enforcement Agencies.

Current projects.

- Acquire funding to increase amount of SABRE support and Buckeye cameras to New Mexico Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Acquire funding to create a robust multi-state intelligence sharing network.
- Acquire investigative tools needed to process the thousands of smugglers' cellular telephones seized by Cochise County Law Enforcement.





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 9, 2023

Nation's Sheriffs Call for the Eradication of Drug Cartels, Starting with the Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation Cartels

The American Sheriff Alliance implores for action to stop the flow of illicit narcotics into the United States by Mexican Cartels

(Washington, DC) - The American Sheriff Alliance met in Washington, DC, last week to discuss the continued rise in overdose deaths and violence plaguing their jurisdictions in all areas of the country. These troubling patterns can all be traced to two main drivers of illicit narcotics into the United States - the Mexican Sinaloa and the Jalisco New Generation Cartels, both Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) which are headquartered south of the United States border with Mexico.

On September 11, 2001, terrorists killed 2,977 innocent people and our nation was outraged. America's response included declaring a war on terrorism and bringing justice to the victims of this unthinkable tragedy by holding terrorists and terrorist countries accountable.

Last year, on December 14, 2022, the White House issued a statement regarding the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) release of provisional drug overdose death data for the 12-month period ending in August 2022. Over 107,000 overdose deaths were recorded in this one-year period, with most attributed to illicit synthetic drugs like fentanyl and methamphetamine, often in combination with other drugs, including cocaine and heroin. Despite the incredible number of deaths, which can be directly attributed to the trafficking of illegal narcotics into the United States by the Mexican Cartels there has been little call to action or change in foreign policy to address this alarming issue. This crisis has caused 35 more times the amount of death to American citizens in a one-year period than was inflicted upon the U.S. on September 11th by Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden.

The Mexican drug cartels, as well-documented in the successful prosecution of Joaquín Archivaldo Guzmán Loera, also known as El Chapo, operate sophisticated crime operations fueled by fear, terror, intimidation, extortion, and murder. These criminal organizations are directly responsible for the increases in deaths, human trafficking, sex trafficking, and unprecedented violence occurring in cities and counties across our nation. These cartels and their operatives are operating with disastrous effects not just on our southern border, but their influence can also be felt across our northern border and maritime borders as they seek to exploit all avenues to deliver lethal narcotics and violent criminals into our communities.

Sheriff Greg Champagne, of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and President of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) stated, "We can no longer allow these murderers to terrorize our communities. We need every American to join us in demanding our government focus on this crisis and take whatever actions are necessary to eliminate these criminal networks and operations."

"This is not a partisan issue. This is a life-and-death issue," said Sheriff Bill Brown, of Santa Barbara County, California, and Vice President of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA). "Two criminal organizations, the Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation cartels, operate in Mexico with near impunity, producing and trafficking fentanyl and other deadly drugs that are killing more than 100,000 Americans every year. America's sheriffs are calling for meaningful change in our nation's

foreign policy. The federal government must put greater pressure on the Mexican government to take aggressive action to disrupt and destroy these unlawful cartels. The current situation is intolerable and cannot stand.”

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin, of Grand County, Colorado, and President of the Western States Sheriffs’ Association (WSSA) said, “These cartels are operating in every part of our nation. It’s not an urban, suburban, or rural issue. These massive, well-financed criminal enterprises kill, enslave, and destroy families and communities. We need the people of the United States to demand , that our government commit the necessary resources to eliminate these organizations here and abroad as they did following the horrific events of 9/11.

“This is not an immigration issue; this is a public safety and public health issue. It’s not just the violence and drugs, it’s the sexual assaults, human trafficking, enslavement, and fear and terror that are destroying neighborhoods here in the United States,” stated Sheriff Eddie Guerra, of Hidalgo County, Texas, and Chairman of the Southwestern Border Sheriffs’ Coalition (SWBSC). “We are asking every person who knows someone who has died or family who has suffered at the hands of these criminal organizations, to make their voices heard with their federal, state, and local elected officials who have the power to create the necessary change.”

Sheriff Eusevio Salinas, of Zavala County, Texas, and Chairman of the Texas Border Sheriffs’ Coalition (TBSC) said, “Americans can save lives by calling upon the President of the United States, U.S. Senators, and representatives in Congress and demanding immediate, comprehensive action to identify and destroy these criminal operations, wherever they may exist. Until our elected officials stand up to fight this epidemic sweeping the nation, we will continue to set records related to the number of our loved ones we continue to lose each year at the hand of these violent cartels.”

The American Sheriff Alliance is imploring the public to demand their elected officials use every available sanction and accountability tools at their disposal in combating the atrocities committed against our country and its citizens by the Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation Cartels. Without such action, these dangerous cartels will continue to destroy the very fabric of our families and communities.

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The American Sheriff Alliance consists of sheriffs, leadership, and chief law enforcement officers from the National Sheriffs’ Association, Major County Sheriffs of America, the Western State Sheriffs’ Association, the Southwestern Border Sheriffs’ Coalition, and the Texas Border Sheriff’s Coalition. This alliance was formed to advocate for policy change and reform in order to keep our nation’s citizens safe as well as support the men and women who protect and serve the United States of America.



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October 7, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington D.C. 20500

Re: Western States Sheriffs' Association (WSSA) support of Southwestern Border Sheriffs' Coalition and Arizona Sheriffs' Association expressed No Confidence in Chris Magnus as CBP Commissioner

Dear President Biden,

The Western States Sheriffs Association represents the Sheriffs across 17 states west of the Mississippi River. Our association works closely with the Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California border Sheriffs as well as all of the Sheriffs in the State of Arizona.

The WSSA is aware of the communications sent to you, by the Arizona Sheriffs and the Southwest Border Sheriffs, expressing No Confidence in Chris Magnus in his role as Commissioner of the Customs and Border Patrol.

We as an association concur with both the Arizona Sheriffs as well as the Southwest Border Sheriffs in stating that Commissioner Magnus has failed to build the necessary relationships to effectively curb the influx of illegal immigrants and illicit drugs that are crossing our southern border. State and local law enforcement are carrying the burden of the crisis at the border. The border counties are feeling the weight of the legal ramifications in their local criminal justice systems while simultaneously addressing the humanitarian crisis as well.

We stand in agreement with both organizations that Commissioner Magnus does not see these issues as a priority and also lacks the experience to effectively address the problems that have arisen due to the absence of the enforcement of the rule of law.

With Border security being a primary core mission of the CBP, it has become evident that the lack of effort being put forth by the CBP, under the direction of Commissioner Magnus, to achieve the mission is a disservice to the local communities, law enforcement and the safety and security of the American people.

We stand together with our member Sheriffs in Arizona and across the Southwest Border in expressing no confidence in Commissioner Magnus and agree he is not fit to lead the CBP.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin
Grand County, Colorado
President, WSSA



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director and CEO

August 1, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), Major County Sheriffs of America, Western States Sheriffs' Association, and the Southwest and Texas Border Sheriffs Coalitions, I wish to invite you to join our leadership Summit on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 through Thursday, September 15, 2022 in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

The Summit will be a closed meeting where the leaders of these respective groups will convene to discuss the myriad of issues crucial to our nation's public safety. Given the gravity and breadth of issues confronting our members, we would be honored to have you join any portion of the frank, but off-the-record, discussions.

For decades you have seen the challenges law enforcement faces on a daily basis. I know you will find this an excellent opportunity to talk directly with these 50 leaders about your vision for protecting their communities and your efforts to better fund local law enforcement.

The Office of Sheriff is an important and unique tradition in America's law enforcement history. As you know, Sheriffs, with few exceptions, are elected officials who serve as the chief law enforcement officer in their respective jurisdictions. Our members represent 100% of the U.S. population and manage 87% of the nation's jails. The 3,080 sheriffs serve demographically and geographically diverse communities; however, the challenges they face collectively are becoming issues of paramount concern to the nation.

Please note, this event would require all security costs be assumed by The Secret Service and the White House.

I thank you for your consideration of this invitation and, in advance, for your prompt reply. Finally, for more information and logistical details about the conference, your staff can contact NSA's Director of Government Affairs, Loren Hoekstra, at (703) 946-0578 or lhoekstra@sheriffs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan F. Thompson".

Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director and CEO

State of Arizona



Legislative Proclamation

DENOUNCING THE CURRENT CRISIS WITH RESPECT TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Whereas, the United States-Mexico border consists of 1,954 miles of varied terrain, including deserts, rugged mountainous areas, forests and coastal areas; and

Whereas, officially established in 1924 by an act of Congress in response to increasing illegal immigration, the United States Border Patrol has primary responsibility for securing the border between ports of entry; and Whereas, Border Patrol agents patrol international land borders and waterways to detect and prevent the illegal trafficking of people, narcotics, and contraband into the United States; and

Whereas, on March 7, 2022, the Western States Sheriffs' Association unanimously passed Resolution 22-1, which outlines the alarming issues facing our nation due to the unchecked illegal immigration crises at our southern border; and

Whereas, the southern border of the United States is currently experiencing an unprecedented number of people attempting to enter the country illegally, with the past fiscal year seeing a 379% increase of border encounters as compared to the previous fiscal year. These 1.7 million individuals represent 164 countries, including countries with suspected terrorist ties, and 63% of them are from countries other than Mexico; and

Whereas, there has likewise been a major increase in apprehensions, expulsions and "gotaways" on the southwest border, with one million encounters and 300,000 getaways between October 1, 2021, and April 11, 2022; and

Whereas, in the past fiscal year, the number of illegal drugs seized has skyrocketed, including 10,000 pounds of fentanyl, 180,000 pounds of methamphetamine, 86,000 pounds of cocaine, 5,000 pounds of heroin and 311,000 pounds of marijuana. Likewise, criminal activity has soared, with law enforcement documenting 60 homicides, 1,178 assaults, 2,138 drug-related or drug trafficking arrests, 825 burglaries, 1,629 DUIs, 336 weapons arrests and 488 sexual assaults; and

Whereas, in a new effort to boost their operations, criminal cartels are using social media platforms as a recruiting tool for human smuggling. Drivers are lured by social media posts promising payment of \$1,500 to \$2,000 for every migrant a person can transport by vehicle to Tucson or Phoenix. Known as "load-car drivers," these individuals are mainly young people, some as young as fourteen years old, who are enticed to pick up undocumented migrants at the border and ferry them to their destinations in exchange for money. Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has called on four social media giants to better monitor their platforms and ban these recruitment posts on their sites; and

Whereas, for individuals who are smuggled into the United States by Mexican and South American cartels, their arrival marks the beginning of years of drug distribution, modern-day slavery, and sex trafficking to pay back the criminal cartels to which they are indebted; and

Whereas, an estimated 8% of the 1.7 million encounters last fiscal year were unaccompanied minors; and

Whereas, tragically, the prior year saw 162 migrant deaths in Southern Arizona; and

Whereas, an uncontrolled border is a security and humanitarian crisis, and the increased violence and the smuggling of illegal drugs, weapons and human beings poses a direct threat to our communities and innocent Americans; and

Whereas, the current administration has halted construction of a southern border wall, and there are numerous unfinished sections in Arizona; and

Whereas, this administration is not working collaboratively or in good faith with local law enforcement agencies and other state leaders to address the serious issues related to the border; and

Whereas, in April 2021, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey declared a state of emergency at Arizona's southern border; and

Whereas, in February 2022, Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich issued a legal opinion determining that the current crisis at Arizona's southern border with the violence and lawlessness of cartels and gangs legally qualifies as an "invasion" under the United States Constitution.

Therefore, Representative Gail Griffin and the following members of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona denounce the continued breach of our nation's southern border and support safe communities, immediate, decisive action to secure the border and alleviate the security and humanitarian crises associated with illegal immigration.

Dated this 25th day of May 2022



Gail Griffin

Representative Gail Griffin

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Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers

Ben Toma

Majority Leader Ben Toma

Leo Biasucci

Majority Whip Leo Biasucci

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Speaker Pro Tempore Travis Grantham

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Supervisor
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May 20, 2022

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mark Kelly
United States Senate
Dirksen Senate Office Suite B40B
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Sinema and Kelly:

As Chairman of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors and Supervisor for Cochise County District 2, I am writing to express my support for the "Public Health and Border Security Act of 2022". District 2 in Cochise County encompasses both the Douglas (Port Code 2601) and Naco (Port Code 2603) Ports of Entry. I also serve on the Arizona Border Counties Coalition.

With the lifting of Title 42 on May 23, 2022, I fear that federal enforcement agencies and border communities like Cochise County will be overwhelmed by what is anticipated to be a significant increase of migrants attempting to cross into the United States.

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data, the Tucson sector, which includes Cochise County, had 191,232 encounters with individuals from dozens of countries in FY 2021. This volume is already causing significant stress on the limited resources that are currently available to support enforcement activities and provide humanitarian relief for those seeking to cross into our country.

Border communities, non-profit organizations, and the principal enforcement and federal support agencies, which include CBP and the Department of Health and Human Services, need additional resources. I applaud CBP personnel on the ground for doing the best with what they have, but that is not the way to protect our border, our communities or our nation. There needs to be a firm commitment to providing the necessary resources so that the response is up to the task. This is critical for the safety of the enforcement personnel as well as the welfare of all migrants.

For Cochise County, it is essential that trade and tourism continue without interruption. I fear that starting on May 23rd, CBP will be forced to pull staffing and resources out of day-to-day operations at the ports of entry, including Douglas and Naco, in order to respond to the anticipated influx of migrants at the border. At a time when we are finally seeing our border crossing volumes return to pre-pandemic levels, the potential economic loss to border communities is unacceptable.

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It is imperative that decision makers in Washington, D.C. consider the impact of their decisions on the border and those of us who have to live with the consequences. I am grateful for your continued advocacy for the interests of our county and the border region.

Sincerely,



Ann English
Chairman, Cochise County Board of Supervisors



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 10, 2022

Parag Agrawal
Chief Executive Officer
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Shou Zi Chew
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Culver City, CA 90230

Evan Spiegel
Chief Executive Officer
Snap, Inc.
2772 Donald Douglas Loop North
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Mark Zuckerberg
Chief Executive Officer
Meta Platforms, Inc.
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Mr. Agrawal, Mr. Chew, Mr. Spiegel, and Mr. Zuckerberg:

It's no secret that our southern border is a mess. As a result of misguided policies and a lack of action by the federal government, a humanitarian crisis and public safety crisis has developed. Last month, an average of 7,800 migrants were apprehended at the Southwest Border each day. Fentanyl is pouring across the border and filling Arizona communities' bloodstreams. Fentanyl overdoses have replaced car accidents as the leading cause of death for people 19 and younger in Pima County. And in 2021, when overdose deaths hit a record high, fentanyl was involved in more than 77% of adolescent overdose deaths. Human trafficking and drug trafficking is rampant — with cartels preying on those seeking refuge for a better life, and facilitating the flow of drugs into American communities. **And — these criminals are using your companies' social media platforms to make it happen.**

Law enforcement at the state, local, and federal levels have seen social media recruiting by the cartels and traffickers increase since 2019, and skyrocket during 2021 and 2022¹. Our law enforcement authorities have tracked countless social media posts and messages which glamorize the money and lifestyle attainable by smuggling. Messages are exchanged between the account operator who posted the content and the interested viewers who engage with the content. Apprehended smugglers share how they get recruited through enticing social media content in interviews with authorities. These are also visible to the public viewer. Offers of \$1,500 - \$2,000 are being made for young people to travel from Phoenix to the border to assist in human trafficking.

¹ Examples of this activity can be found in the attached article from the Sierra Vista Herald. Additional information may be obtained from Arizona law enforcement agencies working on these criminal investigations.

May 10, 2022

Parag Agrawal, Shou Zi Chew, Evan Spiegel, Mark Zuckerberg

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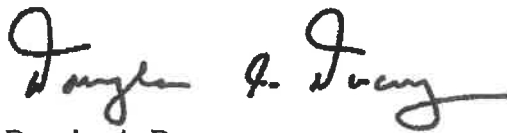
The state has directed a great deal of resources towards this problem - declaring an emergency, deploying the national guard, increasing police interdiction and partnering with other states to help with sharing of information. **But we need your help.**

Kids are being lured with the promise of quick cash to aid the cartels in their smuggling operations, break traffic laws to evade police, endanger themselves, passengers, and innocent occupants of other cars and ultimately jeopardize their future all because they responded to an ad on social media. Your companies have established reporting mechanisms for criminal behavior, but we need stronger action to prevent this activity that is drawing our young people into a life of crime. Inaction only enables cartels to victimize countless youth and families. **This crisis presents a real opportunity for you and your companies to take action and make a difference.**

Just as your companies work to protect youth from obscenity and violence on your social media platforms, it's time to protect them from criminal solicitation as well. In screening these ads, your companies can increase the safety of our communities while also protecting these kids from enticement into activity that will ultimately result in their involvement with the judicial system and all the consequences that come with that.

I urge you to stop letting your social media platform be used as a tool for criminal activity, and I welcome your partnership to address this issue. **It's time for the entire social media industry to put a stop to this activity and prevent the exploitation of our youth.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas A. Ducey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

Attachment



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

VERNON P. STANFORTH
President

JONATHAN F. THOMPSON
Executive Director and CEO

May 9, 2022

The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: The National Sheriffs' Association Supports the *American Governors' Border Strike Force*

Dear Governor Ducey:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), we write to applaud you for your leadership, and the 26 Governors across the United States, in establishing the *American Governor's Border Strike Force*. Border Sheriffs are on the front-lines of the deteriorating border situation, and all across America, Sheriffs are also well aware of how the dire situation on the border is impacting interior communities nationwide.

The border crisis is a national security crisis, a humanitarian crisis, and a public health crisis as it fuels an increase in crime, including human trafficking; the spread of Covid-19; and out-of-control opioid, fentanyl, and other illicit drug deaths in every state.

Accordingly, it is our hope that the *American Governors' Border Strike Force* will generate the leverage needed to target the cartels, both operationally and financially. We believe the *Strike Force* can do this by: increasing collaboration amongst all levels of government; improving intelligence gathering and investing in analysis; targeting human smugglers and traffickers; and stopping the flow of illicit drugs across the border and into America's local communities.

In closing, we thank you for working collaboratively with local law enforcement to secure this country's southern border; and, be assured, the National Sheriffs' Association supports the *American Governors' Border Strike Force* as this country's Sheriffs stand ready to enforce the Rule of Law in safeguarding our communities, our counties, our states, and our nation.

Sincerely,

Vernon P. Stanforth
President

Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director & CEO



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THE ARIZONA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION IS THE ONE UNITED CREDIBLE VOICE REPRESENTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE COUNTIES OF ARIZONA

May 4, 2022

The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Arizona Sheriffs Support American Governor's Border Strike Force

Dear Governor Ducey:

On behalf of the Arizona Sheriff's Association, we write to applaud the creation of the 26-state American Governor's Border Strike Force. As Arizona's elected law enforcement leaders across the state, we continue to see the border situation deteriorate and it is having real impacts on all of our communities.

The American Governor's Border Strike Force can hopefully generate the leverage needed to target the cartels both operationally and financially by increasing collaboration amongst all levels of government, improving intelligence gathering, investing in analysis, targeting human smugglers, and stopping the flow of illicit drugs into communities all across the nation.

The border crisis is a clear national security concern, humanitarian crisis, public health crisis, and it's fueling the drug epidemic in every state. Thank you for your leadership in bringing 26 states to the table to address this nationwide issue and working collaboratively with local law enforcement to secure our southern border.

We stand ready to enforce the rule of law in Arizona and remain committed to protecting our counties, state, and nation.

Sincerely,

Mark Dannels
President Arizona Sheriff's Association
Cochise County Sheriff

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Vice-President Arizona Sheriff's Association
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RESOLUTION 2022 - 01 ARIZONA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION EXPRESSES NO CONFIDENCE IN VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS

WHEREAS; the Arizona Sheriffs Association (ASA) is an organization comprised of elected county sheriffs who have sworn to maintain the public trust through open, honest, and ethical administration of their respective offices and exercising integrity and professionalism in the use of their constitutional powers and authority; and

WHEREAS; Arizona's Sheriffs work together with our federal partners to secure our communities and country amidst the ongoing crisis at the border. Over the past 12 months we have witnessed the continued breach of the border by illegal immigrants who seek to find refuge in the United States. Many are hoping to reach our homeland in search of a life of freedom. Yet, many will come here with a debt owed to the transnational criminal cartels of Mexico and South America. For some, reaching the United States marks the beginning of years of drug distribution, modern-day slavery, and sex trafficking to pay back the criminal cartels for the privilege of being smuggled into the United States; and

WHEREAS; this is not a new phenomenon. This has been occurring for decades. This is the reason our dedicated officers and agents from Customs and Border Patrol and our nation's Sheriffs are coming together to share a common mission to secure our borders and communities. A collective effort to deter the northward flow of illegal immigrants and drugs continues to be a priority for these law enforcement professionals. Over the last year, the problem at our southern border has continued to get worse with an increase in illicit smuggling and criminal violence challenging every community within our nation; and

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WHEREAS; Vice President, Kamala Harris was appointed and sworn into her position under oath to protect the rule of law and Americans. As our nation's Vice President, she is responsible for carrying out those public safety responsibilities delegated to the United States. Since her appointment, we have seen her policies enacted that only serve to dismantle the security of our country and the enforcement efforts of the hard-working federal officers assigned to an extremely difficult task; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; after witnessing this disaster over the past year and listening to the continued rhetoric and intellectual dishonesty from Vice President Harris, the Arizona Sheriff's Association, must emphatically state our position of having no confidence in the ability of Vice President Kamala Harris, and her leadership within the office of Vice President, to affect any positive outcome on this matter.

FURTHERMORE; we call on President Joe Biden to take the appropriate steps to remove Vice President Kamala Harris from her leadership position and appoint a new leader who can recognize, respect, and enforce the rule of law for the safety and security of our nation along its borders. We demand, and America deserves, a leader who will work collectively with our nation's Sheriffs and the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to regain control of our nation's southern border. Finally, a decision to make this change must come immediately. If there is a legitimate "matter of national security" for this nation, at this time, this is it. Arizona's Sheriffs, and specifically our border Sheriffs, stand united and ready to work with our federal administration to restore security and safety on our nation's southern border.

Signed the 29th day of April 2022

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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

April 19, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
322 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs Association and the Border Sheriffs of this Nation, we write today to lend our voice to keeping Title 42 authority for Customs and Border officers intact. Title 42 is a public health authority used by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to protect against the spread of communicable disease. The CDC is affirmatively seeking to rescind this policy on May 23, 2022. Title 42 is the only policy provision left since January 2022 that helps to stop the unhealthy (no COVID testing) border crossings by millions of illegal entrants to our Country.

We simply have no border left in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas or Southern California. The Administration since day one, phased out remain in Mexico (overturned by courts), reversed asylum restrictions, implemented 100 day pause on deportations and stopped building the barrier which defines our border. Now, the Administration is ending one of our most effective health measures, Title 42, which seeks to return illegal immigrants to their home country during this pandemic. Today, there are thousands of immigrants in the jungles of the Darien gap headed to the US border. We simply don't know their health status and implore you to keep Title 42 as the last policy we have to keep Americans safe from COVID and a host of other communicable diseases carried by these immigrants.

We have already reached the million-illegal immigrant mark in just 6 short months. This letter addresses Title 42 so we won't speak about the amount of fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, ghost guns, ammunition and other deadly substances flowing across our border at this very moment.

We the undersigned Sheriffs call for the Congress to keep Title 42 and help save American lives.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan F. Thompson".

Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director/CEO

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April 19, 2022

Whereas, the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition represents Sheriffs from 4 states whose counties are within 25 miles of the Southern Border or contain a permanent federal checkpoint,

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BORDER SHERIFF'S COALITION AT THE BUSINESS MEETING IN EL PASO, TEXAS ON APRIL 12, 2022

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Resolution 22-1

Border Security Committee Resolution

Submitted by Committee Chair Sheriff Mark J. Dannels

Unanimous Vote of Support by Committee Membership on 03/07/2022

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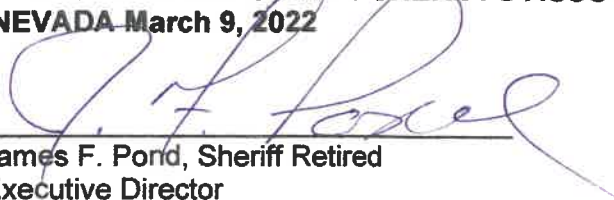
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Position Paper

No Confidence in DHS Secretary Mayorkas

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Today we are witnessing a complete and total breakdown of efforts of the past several years. Over a million illegal crossings already this year. Hundreds of thousands of illegal Immigrants who we know for sure entered this country illegally and were never intercepted by law enforcement. What is significantly concerning is the fact that these are individuals from over 160+ different countries and some of those are from special interest countries with terrorist ties. The Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas was appointed and sworn into his position to follow the rule of law in securing our nation. Secretary Mayorkas is the head of the Department of Homeland Security and tasked with carrying out those public safety responsibilities delegated to the United States. Since his appointment we have seen his policies enacted that are personal and political ideologies that continue to dismantle the security of our country and the enforcement efforts of the hard-working federal officers assigned to an extremely difficult task.

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After witnessing this disaster over the past several months and listening to the continued rhetoric and Intellectual dishonesty from Secretary Mayorkas, The Western States Sheriffs' Association, and its membership must emphatically state our position of having **NO** confidence in the ability of the Secretary Mayorkas, and his leadership within the Department of Homeland Security, to affect any positive outcome on this matter.

We call on President Biden to take the appropriate steps to remove Secretary Mayorkas from his leadership position and appoint a new leader at the Department of Homeland Security who recognizes, respects and will enforce the rule of law for the safety and security of our nation along with the southern and northern borders. We demand a new leader who will work, together with our nation's Sheriffs and the U.S. Border Patrol, to regain control of our nation's southern border.

A decision to make this change must come immediately. If there is a legitimate "matter of National Security" for this nation, at this time, this is certainly one. America's western Sheriffs, and specifically our southwest border Sheriffs, stand ready to work with our federal enforcement partners and the administration to restore security and safety on our nation's southern border.



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October 12, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Arizona Sheriffs Concerns with Magnus Nomination as CBP Director

Dear Senator Sinema:

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is a critical law enforcement agency performing several crucial roles for the safety of our country and it requires superior leadership. As a border state, Arizona's Sheriffs understand firsthand the crisis that currently exists on the border. The dire circumstances are at a pinnacle both for the communities we are sworn to protect and for our officers. Unfortunately, at this time we cannot support the nomination of Chief Christopher Magnus to lead U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

We certainly don't discount Chief Magnus' years of service; however we don't see any federal experience on his résumé and that is a crucial factor when selecting someone to lead the country's largest federal law enforcement agency. In addition, during his time with the Tucson Police Department, while he formally opposed efforts to make Tucson a "sanctuary city", at the same time he often bypassed working with federal immigration authorities. This caused a rift with the Border Patrol union – many of the same men and women who will potentially be under his command should he be confirmed.

More recently, Chief Magnus rejected the Operation Stonegarden federal grant funds. These funds are geared towards border security and can be used for equipment and overtime expenses, among other things. For years this federal money had assisted local government in removing countless guns and drugs off of the streets and providing the overtime necessary for officers to patrol high-crime areas.

Arizona's Sheriffs are not alone in having concerns with Chief Magnus' nomination. Our partners at the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) have also expressed opposition to his nomination following an interview between Chief Magnus and NSA leadership.

For the reasons noted above, the Arizona Sheriffs' Association does not support the nomination of Chief Christopher Magnus as Director of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. We respectfully ask that you vote against this nominee and if there are questions about our position, we welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue further.

Respectfully,

Mark Dannels
President
Cochise County Sheriff



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

October 4, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is proud to represent the more than 3,080 men and woman around the country who have been elected to serve as Sheriff of their county. With these men and women in mind, NSA writes to you regarding the nomination of Mr. Chris Magnus to lead the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Unfortunately, it is after much deliberation that NSA must oppose this nomination.

NSA leadership had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Magnus and, while we appreciate his years of service as a law enforcement officer, he lacks the experience to be equipped to lead nation's largest federal law enforcement agency, which is charged with securing the nation's borders.

The situation at the nation's southern border is more dire than ever and our communities there are in a crisis. Despite Mr. Magnus's time as the Chief of Police in Tuscon, Arizona, he has shown inadequate interest and concern about the flood of crime surging into that state. He has declined numerous invitations by Sheriffs to visit the border.

NSA has supported many of the Administration's nominees but regrets that this one has met with our opposition. Should there be any questions regarding our position on this nomination, we would welcome the opportunity to further discuss it with the Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan F. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director and CEO
National Sheriffs' Association



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

JONATHAN F. THOMPSON
Executive Director and CEO

May 27, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the nation's 3,080 plus sheriffs requesting an appointment with you and staff to discuss the ever-increasing demands along our southern border.

Yesterday alone more than 530 persons crossed into Del Rio, Texas illegally, putting a burden on the local sheriff and his community, preventing them from doing their assigned duties of protecting, patrolling, and responding to local needs.

So far this fiscal year has recorded more than 200,000 individuals who have avoided local law enforcement and border patrol arrests, an average of 1,100 "get-aways" per day. 60,000 were in the Tucson Sector alone, making it the highest in the nation. In addition, April 2021 recorded 18,000 unaccompanied minors, the highest total ever. It is clear that the situation in these local communities is at or beyond the breaking point insofar that the Border Patrol has no resources or ability to respond to the surge without violating existing policies.

Our members are sworn to uphold the constitutions and laws of their states. However, unless cross-sworn with federal agencies they have no ability to support the CBP in apprehending and registering those crossing illegally into their communities. At this point they are merely watching (not detaining, arresting or preventing exit) without force border crossers who actively request asylum from our deputy Sheriffs. It is these deputies that are the front line law enforcement officers for these towns and communities along the border. Fortunately our relationships with the Border Patrol are close. However, we have become the de-facto holding agents for them until an authorized federal agent arrives and takes custody of these persons.

This situation has escalated to the point where our border communities are facing significant increases in crime and exorbitant costs to assist the federal government. Between overtime, shortfalls of deputies and officers, health risks, and now an apparently orchestrated effort to cross in locations where shortfalls of manpower of both the Border Patrol and local law enforcement is causing massive problems.

Crime along the border resulting from illegal border incursions is staggering. One example, from the New York Times, reports the death of nine-year-old girl drowned while trying to cross the Rio Grande into Texas with her family. At the same time we are seeing increasing brazen behaviors by Coyotes, dropping

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individuals in the desert or from border fences. Directly related is the level of opioids and other illegal substances that continue to pour across the border – exacerbating an already epidemic plague in the nation’s interior.

Equally troubling is the rise in violence against women – indentured servitude, prostitution, and human trafficking violence are increasing on the border. In March, USBP brought a 13-year-old girl to the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office. She said she was raped two days earlier while walking through Mexico after leaving El Salvador. Law enforcement finds Plan B abortion pills near the border – a terrible sign of what young people go through as they walk to the border.

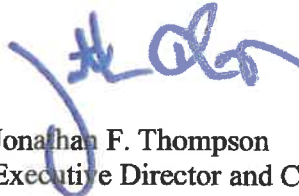
At the Del Rio USBP sector, arrests of migrants with sex offense records are up more than 2,500%. This region of the border, relatively quiet for the past decade, has become a major crossing point this year. We need a focused enforcement and federal prosecution strategy to target every high-crossing region. We remain troubled that more immigration judges are not available along the border and able to make decisions in hours and days not months and years.

Adding further concern are confirmed COVID cases of those crossing the border, or in detention facilities. For example, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Aurora, Colorado had a coronavirus outbreak that hit 94 individuals transported to the facility in April and May. It appears a lack of testing and vaccines has caused unneeded cases of the virus moving to the interior of the country. Yet when asked about COVID testing the Border Patrol says “suspected COVID-19 cases are referred to local health systems for appropriate testing, diagnosis, and treatment,” leaving local governments to take on the added responsibility of care-giver for federal wards.

Your administration has prided itself upon seeking a laudable solution “at the source” of this border problem. However, that solution is years in the making and our communities, Sheriffs, and law enforcement are overwhelmed now. They need your help and commitment.

We request a meeting with you and Secretary Myorkas to discuss identifying a new approach to minimizing this dangerous and emergent problem. Our president, Sheriff Vernon Stanforth, the NSA’s Border Security Committee chair Sheriff Mark Dannels, NSA’s Government Affairs chair Sheriff Jim Skinner, and myself stand ready to meet at your earliest convenience to identify a mutually agreeable path forward.

Respectfully,



Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director and CEO

cc: Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Sheriff Vernon Stanforth, NSA President
Sheriff Mark Dannels, Chair, NSA Border Security Committee
Sheriff Jim Skinner, Chair, NSA Government Affairs Committee