

Sheriff Urbino Martinez QFR Responses

The Honorable Rick Allen

- 1) Can you tell us what percentage of your force, and those in the surrounding areas, have to be sent to the border that would otherwise be policing our communities?
- Thank you for the additional question. Brooks County is 70 miles and one county north of the Texas/Mexico border. It also has a U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint on I69 W. Corridor. Brooks County Sheriff's Office cannot afford to send officers to the border. We do however spend approximately 80% of our time policing our county's public roads and private ranch lands for transnational criminal organizations who smuggle humans and drugs through the county to cities beyond. The surrounding counties face the same challenges that we do.