

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of May 31, 2017: 44

The Ranch Crime index comprises rancher input of criminal traffic patterns occurring outside of main highways and roadways, and across ranch properties.



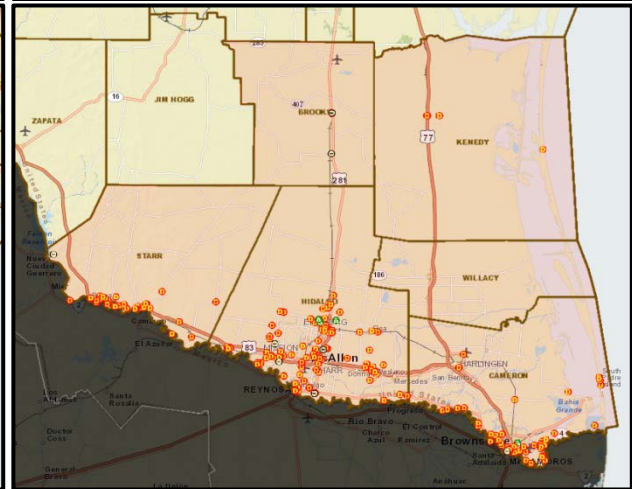
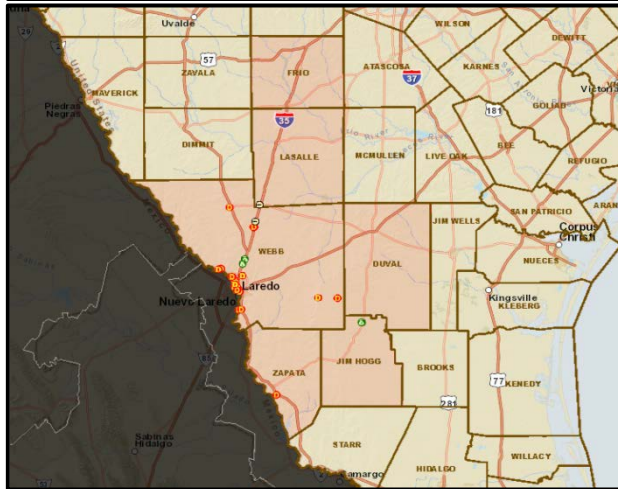
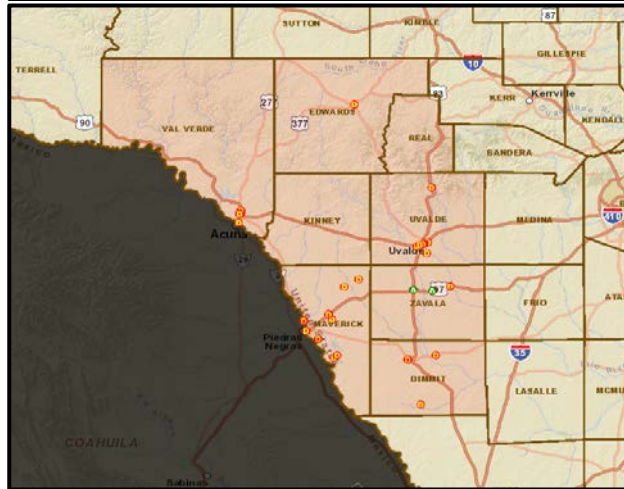
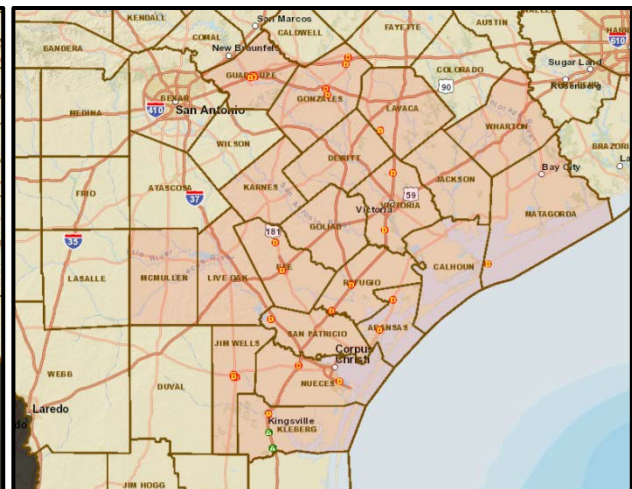
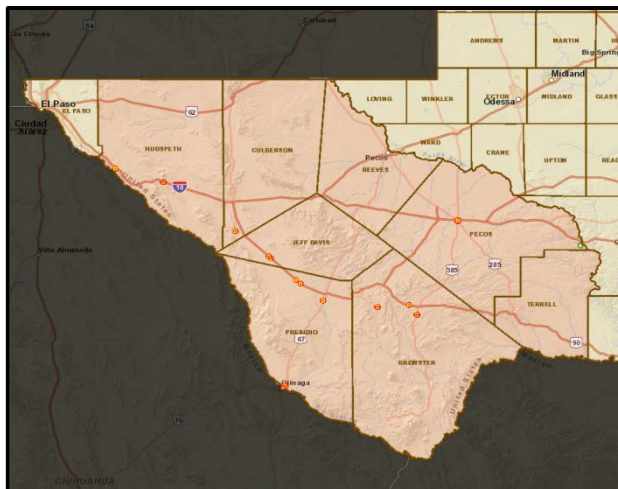
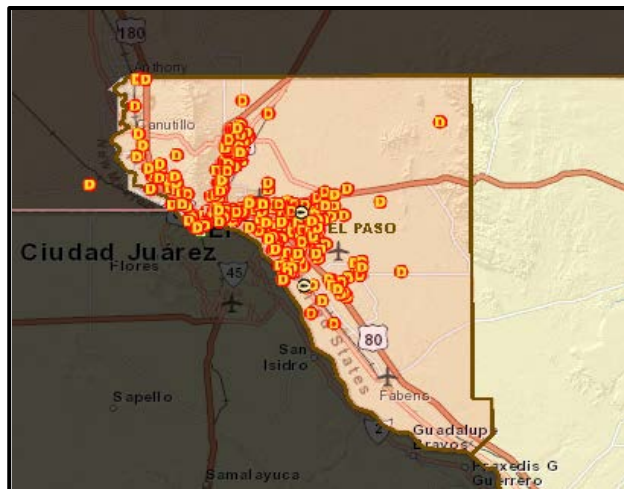
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OPERATION BORDER STAR

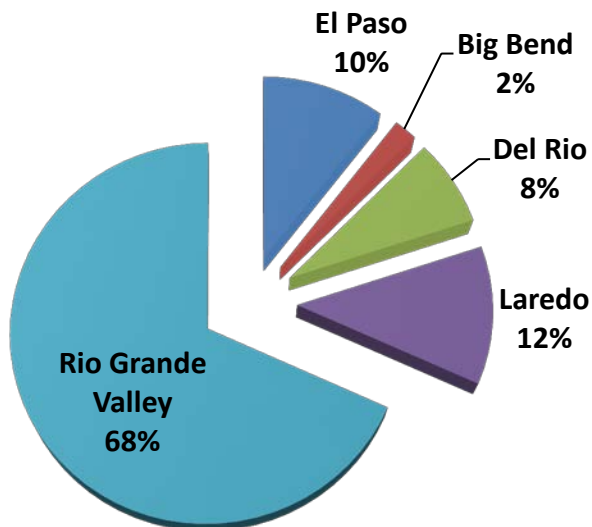
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Calendar Year To Date – 2017	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL	2014 ONDCP Adjusted Value (Approximate)
Marijuana (lbs)	44,444	19,806	5,239	58,524	147,740	878	276,630	\$1.7 Billion
Cocaine (lbs)	603	25	91	2,126	3,004	101	5,950	\$366 Million
Methamphetamine (lbs)	306	208	170	868	2,304	< 1	3,856	\$336 Million
Heroin (lbs)	70	19	24	340	167	< 1	619	\$80 Million

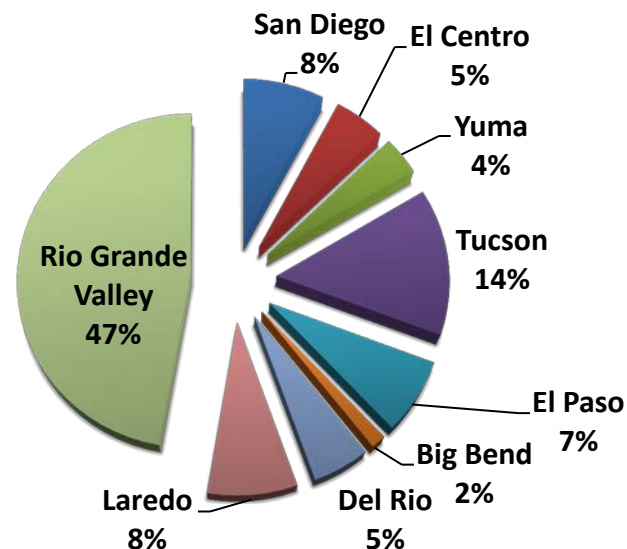




Texas Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



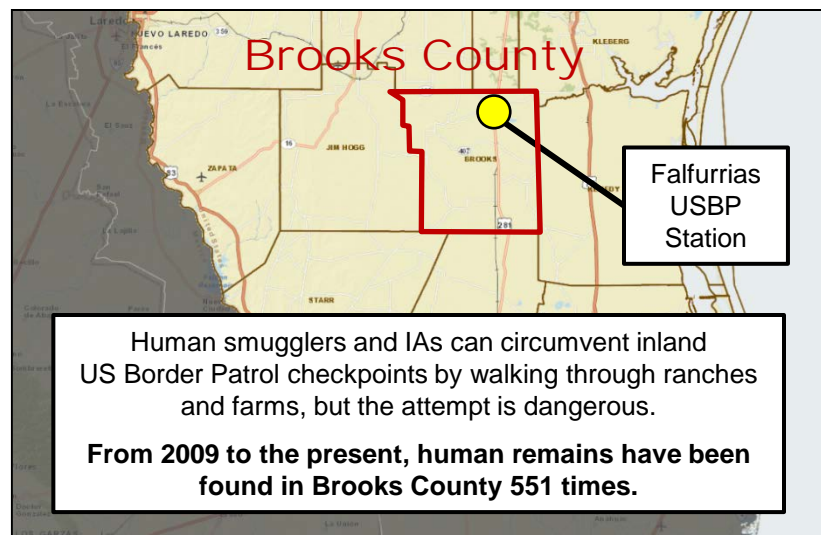
Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	7,663	1,647	4,414	8,467	37,247	0	59,438

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	3,991	744	1,682	2,194	26,968	0	35,579

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY- 014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Texas Border	47,192	31,109	58,312	27,827	15,485



MARFA SECTOR

USBP Agents seized 106.78 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs near a ranch northwest of Marfa. The subjects and the marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.

USBP Agents apprehended 10 IAs on a ranch 15 miles southeast of Sierra Blanca.

Van Horn USBP Agents seized 320.40 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs near a ranch south of Van Horn. The IAs and the marijuana were referred to El Paso DEA.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 08 MAY, a USBP Agent conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Nissan Armada in Brackettville. The driver sped away and crashed through a fence, and the occupants bailed out. Agents apprehended three IAs, one of whom was a juvenile.

On 15 May, USBP Agents found two duffel bags containing a total of 74.97 lbs of marijuana on a ranch southeast of Eagle Pass. An Agent searched the area and apprehended three IAs. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.

On 15 May, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a red 2005 Ford Explorer on US-57, when two subjects bailed out and absconded onto a ranch west of Batesville. The Agent and a Zavala Co SO Deputy detained the female driver and an IA. The driver was identified as the alien smuggler and was arrested. USBP deferred prosecution on the driver, who was released with the vehicle.

DEL RIO SECTOR

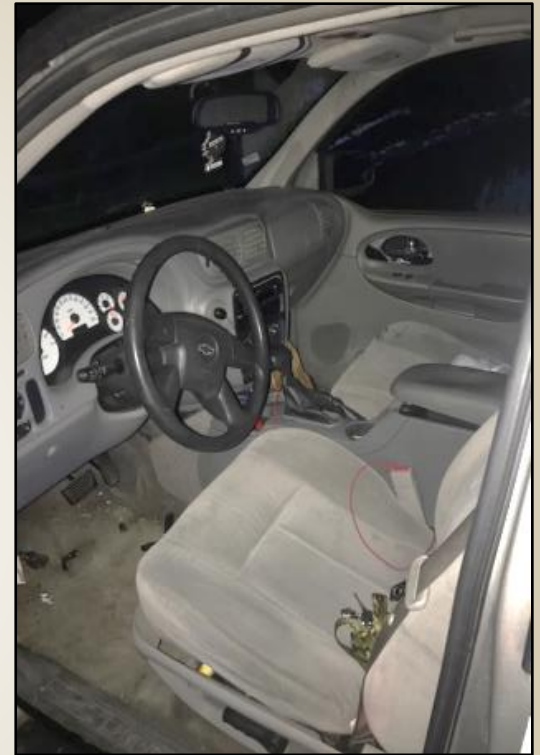
On 13 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a red 2001 Ford F-150 pickup on US-57 west of Batesville. The vehicle crashed through a ranch fence. The driver bailed out and absconded.



On 12 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2011 Ford F-150 pickup on US-83 south of La Pryor, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a ranch fence, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Houston.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 21 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy assisting USBP conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer on US-83 south of La Pryor, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed into brush on a ranch, and several subjects absconded. The Agents impounded the vehicle.



On 29 MAY, USBP Agents discovered an abandoned duffel bag on a ranch north of El Indio. The duffel bag contained 12.30 lbs of marijuana and was referred to DEA.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 20 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2016 Ford F-150 pickup on FM 133 near Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove into oncoming traffic and the Deputy lost contact with the vehicle. On 21 MAY, a USBP Agent found the Ford abandoned on a ranch west of Big Wells. The vehicle had multiple license plates and a false company logo. The Ford was reported stolen out of San Antonio.



On 25 MAY, USBP Agents observed a black 2012 Ford F-150 pickup on SH-85 near Carrizo Springs. The vehicle immediately accelerated and crashed through a fence onto a ranch. The vehicle was later located abandoned. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Austin. The following morning, two subjects were observed walking near the Nueces River Bridge in Carrizo Springs. The Agents responded and apprehended the two IAs who were involved in the bailout. One of the IAs was identified as the driver, and was arrested by the Dimmit Co SO for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 09 MAY, USBP Laredo Agents responded to an abandoned 2017 Ford F-250 pickup on a ranch near Catarina. The vehicle's front and rear license plates were different, and it had been stolen from San Antonio.

On 30 MAY, USBP Hebbronville Agents responded to a smuggling attempt at a ranch near Bruni. The Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2011 Ford F-150 pickup, and the driver bailed out. The Agents seized 612 lbs of marijuana and the subject was apprehended. The marijuana, vehicle, and driver were turned over to DEA and FBI.



LAREDO SECTOR

On 22 MAY, USBP Laredo Agents found an abandoned 2001 Oldsmobile Bravada near a ranch community in the Laredo area. The subjects were observed absconding into Mexico. A search revealed 292.22 lbs of marijuana. A subject was arrested, and the vehicle was seized.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A La Joya PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Ford Expedition, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed into a fence and the driver was arrested, along with four IAs, who were referred to USBP.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy assisted by USBP Agents responded to a ranch in northern Brooks County regarding a deceased person whose body had been discovered by the ranch foreman. The deceased male subject was clothed, and had an ID from El Salvador and a cell phone.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 15 MAY, a Matagorda Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through two fences. When it stopped, 15 subjects bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was confirmed stolen from Houston.





Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY 2014-Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	75	541	314	1,455	570	2,958
Bailouts	0	88	695	455	1,348	519	3,105

** Totals include all incidents reported by the JOICs, not merely those that are ranch-related*





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