

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**September
2017**

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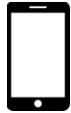
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of September 30, 2017: 50

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



You may use the [Texas DPS iWatch](#) to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity, such as drug smuggling, human smuggling, oil field thefts, and other criminal activity. Every report will be reviewed by analysts. You may also contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972, or through the JOIC contacts listed below.



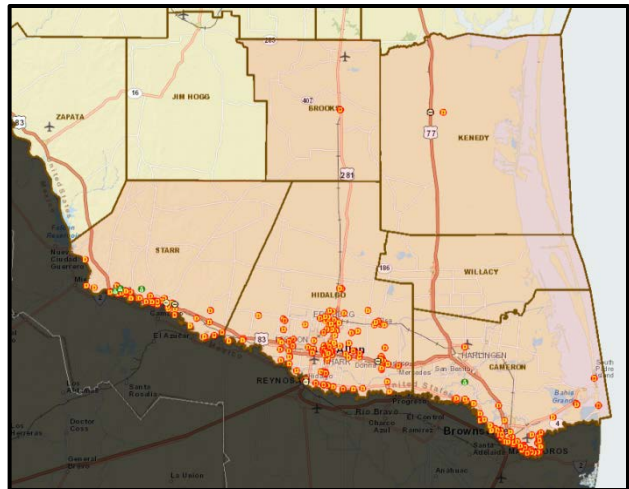
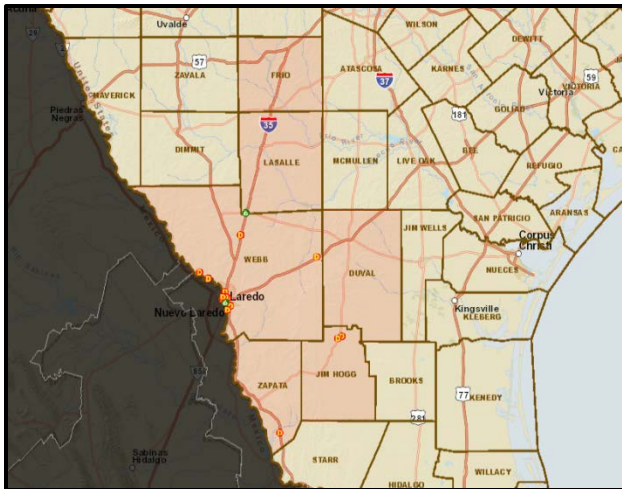
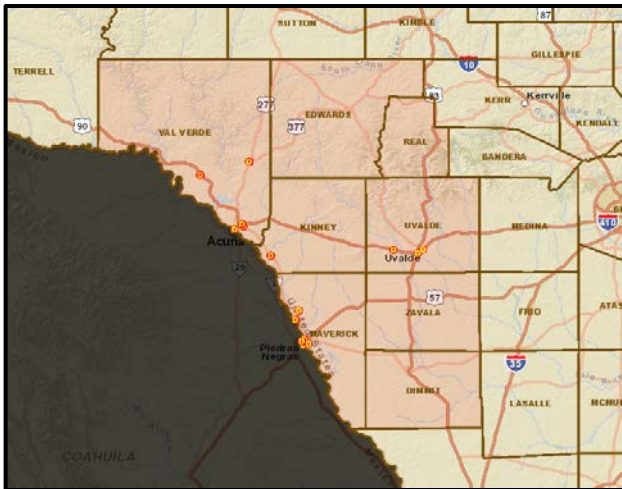
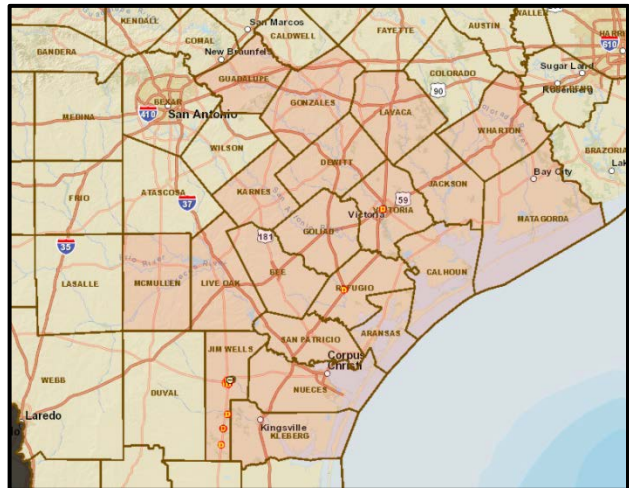
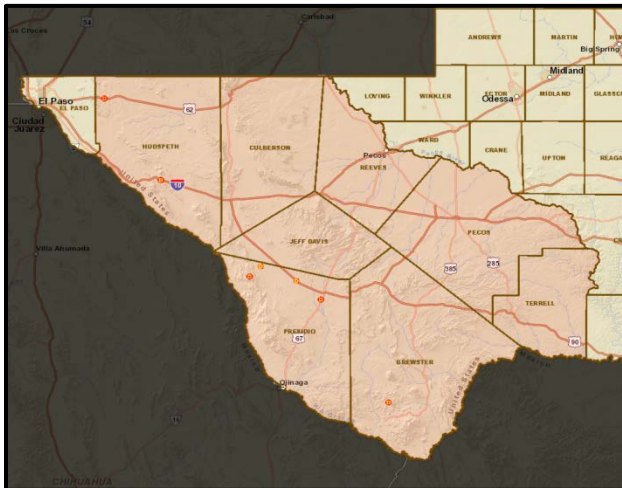
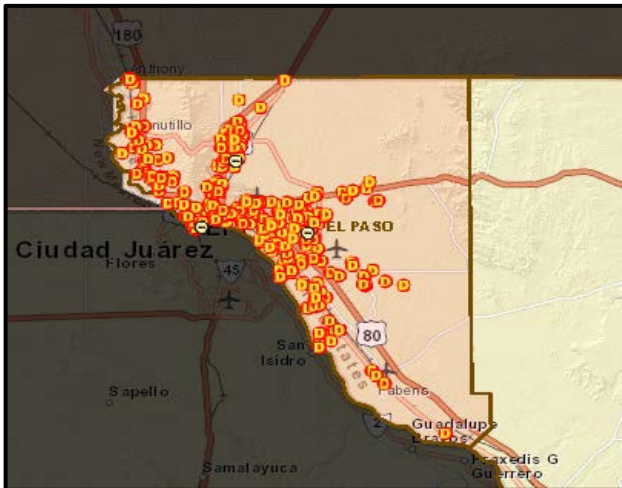
OPERATION BORDER STAR

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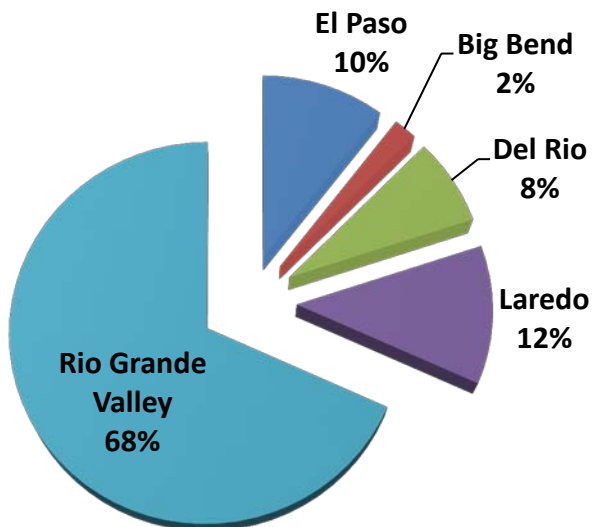


Seizures – CYTD 2017	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	65,920	30,637	6,955	116,365	251,566	887	472,330
Cocaine (lbs)	1,004	30	119	3,223	4,927	179	9,482
Methamphetamine (lbs)	752	221	319	3,183	3,827	< 1	8,303
Heroin (lbs)	117	21	88	398	251	< 1	876

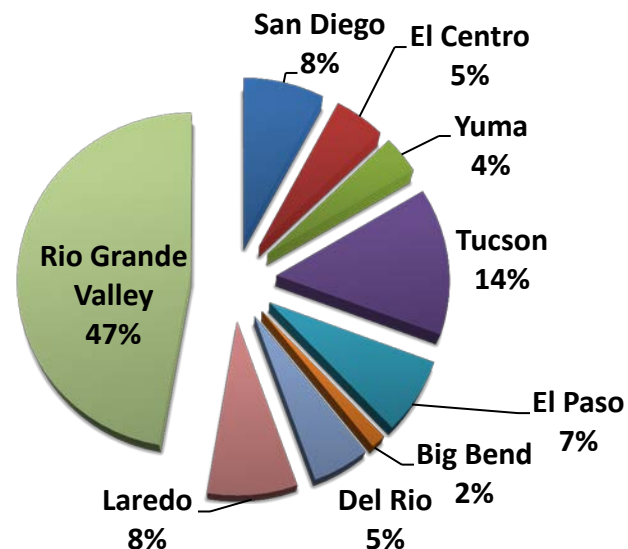




Texas Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



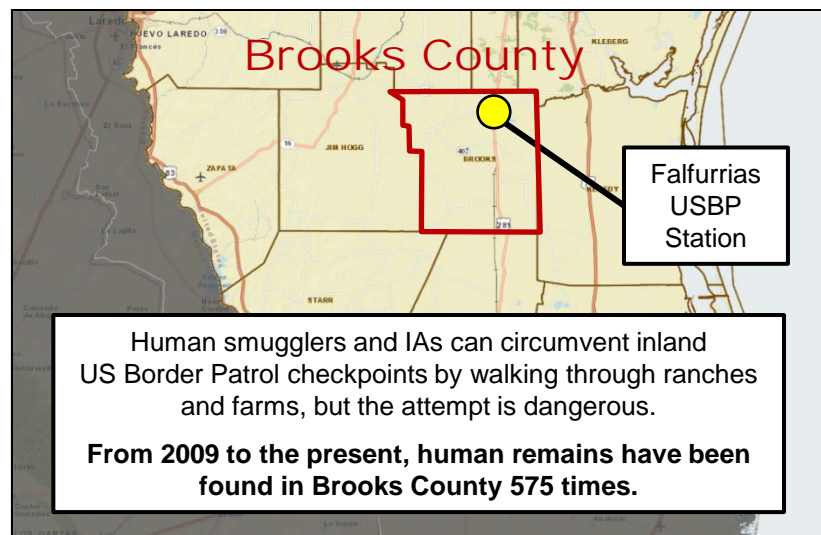
Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	13,377	3,377	7,737	16,730	66,336	0	107,557

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	7,018	1,739	3,217	4,690	47,761	0	64,425

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

In two incidents, USBP Agents apprehended a total of 15 IAs on ranches in the southern Hudspeth County area.

Terrell Co SO Deputies reported the burglary of two habitations at a ranch headquarters east of Dryden. Three doors were kicked in, a window lock was broken, and a window screen was damaged. A trailer on the property was also burglarized, the front door was pried open, and a pair of binoculars was reported stolen. Investigation is pending by Terrell Co SO.

USBP Agents apprehended eight IAs on a ranch south of Allamore.

USBP Agents, acting on a 911 call to Culberson Co SO, rescued two IAs in distress southwest of Allamore. The subjects were suffering from body aches and stomach pain, and stated that they had been drinking out of water tanks to stay hydrated. The subjects were transported to the Culberson Co Hospital in Van Horn.

MARFA SECTOR

Sanderson USBP Agents apprehended six IAs on a ranch in southern Pecos County.

USBP Agents apprehended six IAs on a ranch southeast of Shafter.

Brewster Co SO Deputies detained two IAs on a ranch in northern Brewster County. The subjects were referred to Alpine USBP.

Marfa USBP Agents seized a small amount of marijuana and apprehended 14 IAs, 13 of whom were Guatemalan, on a ranch in northern Presidio County. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

A Terrell Co SO Deputy responded to a break-in at a ranch north of Dryden. The front door had been broken in, the kitchen cabinets had been rummaged through, and one of the beds appeared to have been slept in. No other damage to the property was observed.

In two incidents, Presidio Co SO Deputies detained a total of six IAs on a farm north of Marfa. The subjects were referred to Marfa USBP Agents. A TSCRA Special Ranger assisted with one of the incidents. All of the subjects were referred to Marfa USBP.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 14 SEP, a USBP Agent detained a subject on a ranch on US-277, north of Quemado. The subject, who was identified as an IA and a Mexican Mafia gang member, was arrested.

On 20 SEP, USBP Agents observed a white 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup near a ranch on FM 186, southwest of Carrizo Springs. The driver crashed through a fence onto the ranch, bailed out, and absconded. The vehicle was found abandoned, and the ranch hand reported that a burglary of the main lodge had occurred during the night.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 01 SEP, USBP Laredo Agents near a ranch in Laredo found 350.20 lbs of abandoned marijuana in brush. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.



On 01 SEP, Webb Co SO Deputies were dispatched to a ranch near Laredo to recover a 2016 GMC 3500 pickup that had been involved in a pursuit and bailout with USBP. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

On 19 SEP, USBP Cotulla Agents conducted a stolen records check on a Ford F-250 pickup on IH-35. The vehicle came back as stolen, and the Agents observed that it was following a second vehicle. The Agents conducted a traffic stop, but the vehicle failed to yield. Eight occupants were seen bailing out. The lead vehicle continued on IH-35 until it turned off the road into a ranch, where its occupants also bailed out. Both vehicles were seized by Frio Co SO.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY



A Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a hunting camp in central Brooks County regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was met by a USBP Agent and led the Agent to the body. The Agent reported that there had been a 911 call stating that there had been two lost subjects, and that one of them had died.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a pasture on a ranch in central Brooks County regarding human remains. The Deputy made contact with the USBP Agents who had found the body and was escorted to the location. A cell phone and wallet with identification were found on the body.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A Kenedy Co SO Deputy observed several subjects in west Kenedy County run across a highway, then turn back and climb over a fence into a ranch when approached. One female subject stopped and surrendered. She was detained and referred to USBP Agents.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northern Brooks Co regarding skeletal remains. The remains were collected and taken to a funeral home.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northwest Brooks Co regarding a deceased person. The Deputy and a USBP Agent were taken to the location of the female body, which had been found with a cell phone, currency, and personal items.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	76	567	351	1,523	585	3,105
Bailouts	0	89	722	543	1,411	529	3,294

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



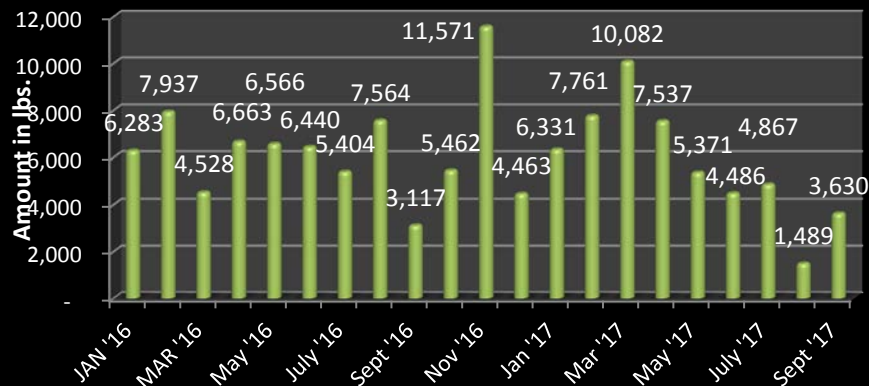


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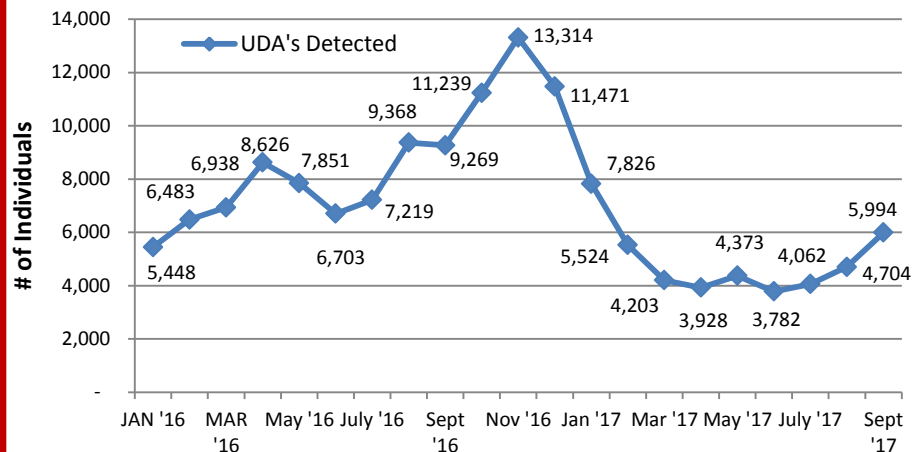
Statistical Summary – SEP 2017



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Drawbridge Stats



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – SEP 2017

Detections	319,835
Marijuana Seized	417,616 lbs (>208 tons)
Cocaine Seized	227 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	15 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	27

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2017

Detections	44,501
Narcotics Seized	51,920 lbs (>25 tons)

Note: Figures are based on initial reporting and are subject to change.



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