

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER



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 January 31, 2018: 57

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



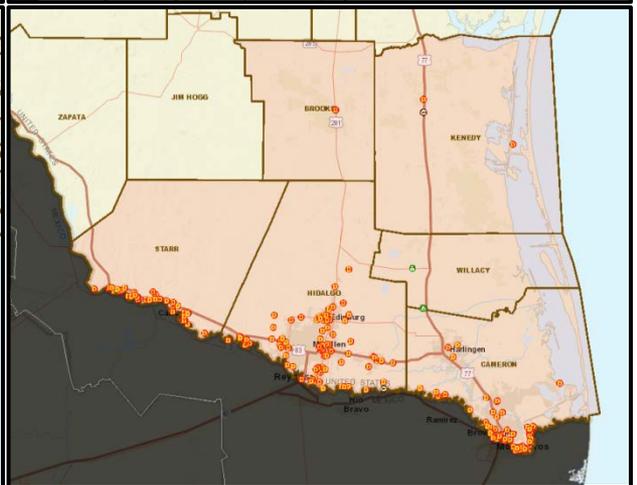
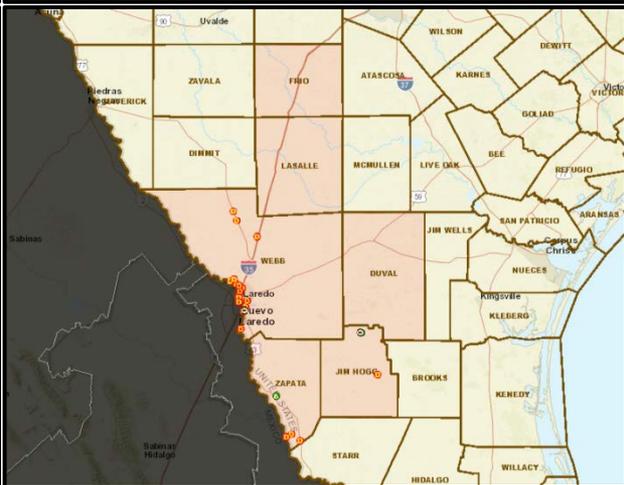
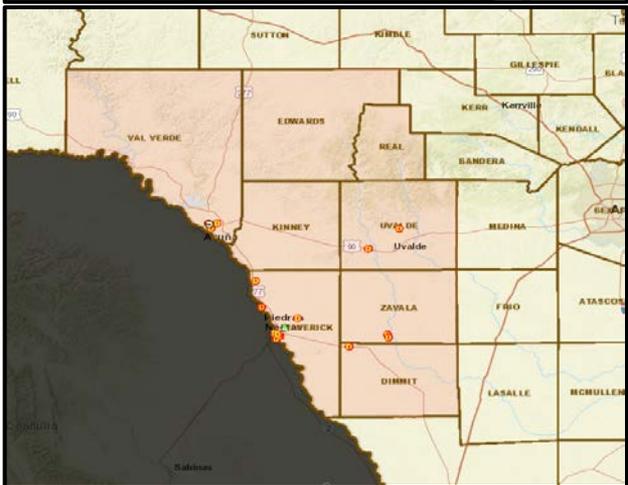
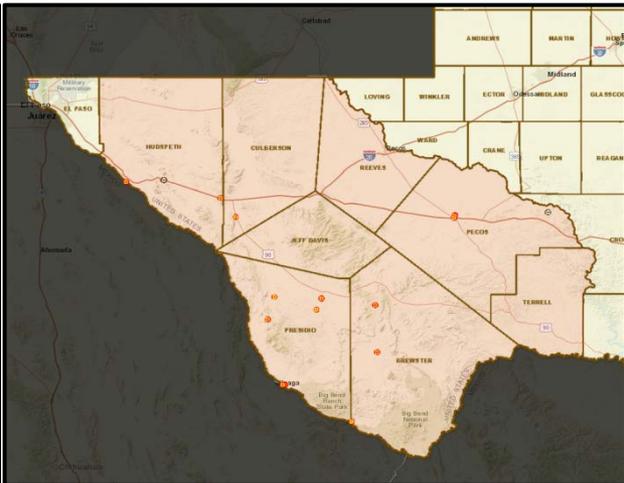
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OPERATION BORDER STAR

JOIC Contact Information	Border Security Ops Ctr (Austin)	El Paso JOIC (El Paso)	Big Bend JOIC (Marfa)	Del Rio Sector (Del Rio)	Laredo Sector (Laredo)	Rio Grande Valley Sector (McAllen)	Coastal Bend Sector (Victoria)
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Seizures – CYTD 2018	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	7,480	3,354	460	21,972	28,277	< 1	61,543
Cocaine (lbs)	148	10	< 1	193	275	2	629
Methamphetamine (lbs)	76	4	206	809	45	--	1,140
Heroin (lbs)	4	26	< 1	28	--	--	58



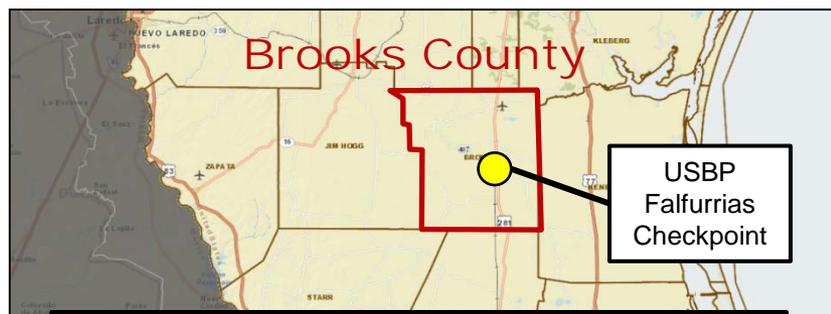
CY 2017 charts for USBP Texas Sector apprehensions and USBP Southwest Border apprehensions are in the revision process.



Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	1,841	576	1,257	2,413	10,473	0	16,560

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	1,111	351	476	718	8,171	0	10,827

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013
Texas Border	31,827	47,192	31,109	58,312	27,827



Human smugglers and IAs can circumvent inland US Border Patrol checkpoints by walking through ranches and farms, but the attempt is dangerous.

From 2009 to the present, human remains have been found in Brooks County 595 times.

MARFA SECTOR



On 09 JAN, Jeff Davis Co SO Deputies recovered skeletal remains that had been found on a ranch south of Fort Davis.

On 17 JAN, Van Horn USBP Agents seized 225.90 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs on a ranch south of Van Horn. The marijuana was found in four burlap backpacks. One additional subject absconded. The subjects and marijuana were referred to El Paso DEA.

On 19 JAN, USBP Agents apprehended twelve IAs on a ranch near a railroad overpass near Marfa. One subject was identified as a human smuggler. Three of the subjects were referred to Alpine HSI, and the remaining nine subjects were processed.

MARFA SECTOR

On 15 JAN, USBP Agents near a ranch in Marfa seized 236.42 lbs of marijuana and apprehended an IA. Three other subjects absconded. The subject and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



On 10 JAN, USBP Agents apprehended an IA human smuggler and an additional seven IAs on a ranch in Allamoore.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 09 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2002 Ford F-250 pickup on US-83 south of Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The pickup drove through a ranch fence near FM 133. A USBP Agent located the vehicle abandoned on the ranch, and identified it as stolen from San Antonio.



On 08 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2003 Ford F-250 pickup on SH-85 west of Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a fence, and the driver bailed out and absconded after the vehicle hit a tree. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 09 JAN, a USBP Agent observed a group of subjects cross the Rio Grande River onto a ranch near US-277 north of Quemado. The Agent apprehended three IAs, and a fourth subject absconded. One of the IAs was identified as an MS-13 gang member and a sex offender. The gang member was arrested, and the other IAs were processed.

On 11 JAN, a THP Trooper assisted USBP Agents with an inspection of a white 2007 Chevrolet Silverado C3500 pickup on US-83 near Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The Trooper found the vehicle after it drove through a ranch fence on FM 1558, east of Asherton. The driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.

On 12 JAN, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on US-57 near La Pryor, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove into a ranch fence and three subjects bailed out and absconded, including the driver. Six IAs were detained and referred to USBP. The vehicle was impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 10 JAN, USBP Agents conducted an inspection on a black 2013 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM 1019 southeast of Big Wells, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle crashed into brush on a ranch, and all of the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. The vehicle had multiple indicators that it was being used for human smuggling. The vehicle was impounded by Dimmit Co SO.



On 10 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2011 Ford F-150 pickup on SH-85 east of Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a ranch fence and onto a dirt road heading toward FM 190. The Deputy found the vehicle in a field after the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which had multiple false LPs and garbage consistent with human smuggling, was reported stolen from Austin. The vehicle was impounded. Later, another Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2015 Hyundai Veloster on FM 190 after observing it drive around barricades. The Deputy suspected that the car was scouting for the pickup. The driver of the car was questioned and released.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 07 JAN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy observed two subjects cross the River onto a ranch near US-277 west of Spofford. A USBP Agent assisted and apprehended two IAs.

On 10 JAN, a USBP Agent observed a group of five subjects cross the Rio Grande River at an orchard in Eagle Pass. When approached, two of the subjects absconded into Mexico, and three subjects entered a black 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe. The Agent stopped the vehicle, apprehended three IA passengers, and identified the driver as the human smuggler. The driver and a juvenile USC passenger were released with the vehicle.

On 17 JAN, a USBP Agent observed two subjects with backpacks in a field near Normandy. DEA Agents and USBP Agents detained two IAs and found a total of 120.60 lbs of marijuana in two feed sacks nearby.

On 18 JAN, a USBP Agent apprehended three IAs in a field near SL-480 in Eagle Pass. The Agent identified a juvenile IA as the human smuggler.

On 23 JAN, a USBP Agent apprehended two IAs on a ranch near El Indio. The Agent identified one of the IAs as the human smuggler. The smuggler was arrested, and the other IA was processed.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 11 JAN, a Zavala Co SO Deputy arrested a subject at a residence for theft of property. The subject was responsible for the theft of multiple ATVs, tractors, and other ranch vehicles that were found in Uvalde Co. The subject had a previous arrest for the theft of two trailers.

On 22 JAN, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a black 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM 133, east of Catarina. The vehicle drove through a fence, and three occupants bailed out. The Agent found the driver hiding in brush, and identified him as the human smuggler. The subject was processed, and the vehicle was impounded.

On 23 JAN, a DPS AVN unit assisted USBP Agents with six subjects on a ranch near US-90, west of Brackettville. The Agents apprehended three IAs after the group divided. The Aircrew guided the Agents to a deer blind, where they found three more IAs. The six IAs were processed.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A Kenedy Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch hunting-camp in northern Kenedy Co regarding human remains that had been found by a group of hunters. The manager took the Deputy to the body, which was transported to the Kenedy Co Medical Examiner.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in central Brooks Co regarding human remains. The remains were transported to the Webb Co Medical Examiner.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a report of human remains in a field along SH 285.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a call regarding skeletal remains at a ranch in southern Brooks Co. The Deputy met with USBP Agents and was escorted to the location.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northwestern Brooks Co regarding a human skull that had been found in a field by hunters. The remains were sent to the Webb Co Medical Examiner's Office.





Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	83	606	382	1,603	597	3,274
Bailouts	0	97	771	643	1,476	557	3,544

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



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