

COUNTY of HIDALGO



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August 4, 2011

The Honorable Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge
The Honorable Joel Quintanilla, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
The Honorable Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
The Honorable Jose M. Flores, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
The Honorable Joseph Palacios, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

RE: Certification of Revenue

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.0706 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:

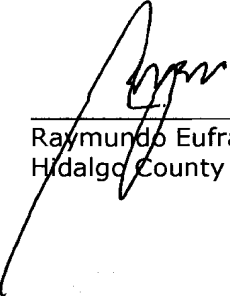
The county auditor shall certify to the commissioners court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I, Ray Eufrazio, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the Texas Department of Public Safety. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$963,209.00

PURPOSE
Award No. 2010-SS-T0-0008
Operation Stone Garden Program (OPSG)

CERTIFIED BY:



Raymundo Eufrazio, CPA
Hidalgo County Auditor

8/5/11

Date

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

ARDO P. RODRIGUEZ, JR. JUDGE, 92 ND D.C.	RODOLFO DELGADO JUDGE, 93 RD D.C.	J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 139 TH D.C.	ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 206 TH D.C.	JUAN R. PARTIDA JUDGE, 275 TH D.C.	MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 332 ND D.C.	NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370 TH D.C. OVERSEER	LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389 TH D.C.	AIDA SALINAS FLORES JUDGE, 398 TH D.C.	ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 430 TH D.C.	JESSE CONTRERAS JUDGE, 449 TH D.C.
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Janie Alvarez

From: Emilia Uriegas [emilia.uriegas@hidalgoso.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:36 AM
To: 'Cynthia E. Careaga'
Cc: 'Janie Alvarez'
Subject: FY2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant
Attachments: OSG2010.PDF

Cynthia:

Our office has been awarded the FY2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant.
(Approval to apply was given on 02/16/10—AI#19888.)

This is set to be placed on CC agenda of 08/09/11. I need the *appropriation and revenue account numbers for the HCSO portion of the grant.*

The award includes 3 constable offices and 14 city PDs. At this time, we will be appropriating the budget for the SO. The others will be done at a later date, especially the cities since an interlocal is required from each one.

Please review the attached. Call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Emilia

AI-27841

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CC REGULAR

Meeting Date: 08/09/2011

Submitted By: Emilia Uriegas, SHERIFF DEPT.

Department: SHERIFF DEPT.

Information

CAPTION

1. Approval to accept the FY2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the amount of \$963,209.00.
2. Approval of Certification of Revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant.
3. Approval to appropriate the budget for the Sheriff's Office portion of the FY2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant in the amount of \$303,583.83.

BACKGROUND

Pending appropriation account number from the County Auditor's Office for submitting the budget form.

On 02/16/10, Commissioners' Court approved applying for the FY2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). (Agenda Item No. 19888.)

Grant Number: 11-MCAMCA-07-001

Grant Period: 08/01/10 to 07/31/13

The grant award is for \$963,209.00 of which \$303,583.83 is for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. The remaining balance of \$659,625.17 is assigned to 3 (three) Hidalgo County constable offices and 14 (fourteen) city police departments within Hidalgo County.

Constable Offices: Precinct 2, 3, and 4

Cities: Alamo, Alton, Donna, Hidalgo, La Joya, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Pharr, San Juan, Sullivan City, and Weslaco.

The individual sub-recipient agreements (interlocals) between Hidalgo County and the cities are to be submitted to Commissioners' Court at a later date.

Appropriations of constable/city budgets will be submitted at a later date.

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR:
FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:

ACCT. #:
MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No local cash match is required.

Expenses relating to Health and Life Insurance assigned to the overtime hours are to be charged to the Sheriff's Office budget (Account No. 1-1100-421-00-280-001-0-XXX).

FISCAL YEAR:
FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:

ACCT. #:
MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Janie Alvarez

From: Mendez, Arturo [Arturo.Mendez@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Janie Alvarez
Subject: RE: Hidalgo County Operation Stonegarden FY2010
Attachments: TX FY10 OPSG conditional approval Hidalgo County 20110726.pdf; Op SG HID Co SO Lupe Trevino.pdf; FY2010 Hidalgo.pdf; HID SO Lupe Trevino waiver.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Here is the information you requested.

Federal Grant Title: **Operation Stone Garden Program (OPSG)**

CFDA # **97.067**

Federal Grant Award Number: **2010-SS-T0-0008**

Date Federal Grant Awarded to TXDPS: **September 23, 2010**

Date Awarded to Hidalgo County: **Pending; Hidalgo County's Revised Op Order was approved by FEMA/DHS on July 26, 2011.**

Federal Granting Agency: **FEMA/DHS** *passed thru Tx Dept of Public Safety*

Total Award Amount: **\$963,209.00, (note: Conditionally approved. An official approval letter for the entire Order will be issued once GPD has obtained the FEMA Administrator's approval to exceed the 50% personnel cap waiver. Attached are the conditional approval letter, proposed Ops Order and supporting justification provided by Hidalgo County.**

Performance Period: August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2012

Thank You,
Arturo O. Mendez
Grant Coordinator
Texas Homeland Security/
State Administrative Agency
Phone: 512-377-0022
Fax: 512-206-3137

From: Janie Alvarez [mailto:juanita.alvarez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:45 AM
To: Mendez, Arturo
Cc: 'Cynthia E. Careaga'; 'Rodolfo Espinoza'
Subject: FW: Hidalgo County Operation Stonegarden FY2010

Arturo,

I left out the CFDA#. The 2009 award has a CFDA# of 97.067. Can you please verify this?

Regards,

Janie Alvarez

From: Cynthia E. Careaga [cynthia.careaga@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 10:24 AM
To: 'Janie Alvarez'
Subject: FW: 2010 Operation Stonegarden Operations Order conditional approval

FYI

From: Paynter, Bill [mailto:Bill.Paynter@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 10:18 AM
To: Cynthia E. Careaga
Cc: rodolfo.espinoza@hidalgoso.org; Mendez, Arturo
Subject: FW: 2010 Operation Stonegarden Operations Order conditional approval

Dear Cynthia:

On July 26,2011, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants Proprogram Directorate (GPD) issued a "conditional" approval for the award amount of \$963,209.00 to Hidalgo County and its participating jurisdictions for the 2010 Operation Stonegarden grant year.

What does a Conditional Approval mean?:

Pending approval of the Personnel Cap Waiver by the FEMA Administrator, Hidalgo County is authorized to spend up to, and must not exceed, 50% of its FY2010 Operation Stonegarden allocation of \$963,209.00.

Note:
Please be advised that, based on the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management's Operation Stonegarden Grant Program guidelines and special conditions associated with this grant program, the above described Operations Order has been conditionally approved. Purchases from the FY2010 OPSG program to include operational overtime/fringe benefits, mileage, per diem and fuel expenses, have been received, reviewed and approved by the FERMA/DHS program office. A subsequent approval letter will be issued for this Operations Order upon receipt of the FEMA Administrator's approval.

Per the PRICE ACT, the State is reminded not to exceed 50% of the total fiscal year OPSG grant award for personnel costs (including overtime and fringe benefits). A request to exceed the 50% salary cap must be submitted on official letterhead to FEMA GPD and CBP/BP prior to incurring the additional costs.

* To clarify, Hidalgo County can begin spending 2010 Operation Stonegarden on all categories approved in the operations order, but must limit spending on Overtime and Fringe benefits to 50% of the award until such time as waiver is approved by DHS.

So, although Hidalgo County (and its participating jurisdictions) total Overtime and Fringe benefits total \$494,075.42 in the Operations Order, Hidalgo County cannot exceed \$481,604.50 in spending on salary and fringe benefits until the Personnel Salary Cap waiver is approved by DHS.

Thank you,

Bill Paynter
Grant Coordinator
Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Homeland Security
State Administrative Agency

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Grant 50% 494,075.42+
personnel 481,604.50-
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excess 12,470.92*+
waiver needed



FEMA

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July 26, 2011 ✓

SCFDA
597.067

Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), Preparedness Grants Division (PGD), Program Office FY 2010 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Operations Order **Conditional** Approval for the State of Texas, Operations Order:

Op Order Name: FY2010 OPSG TX- Hidalgo County
Op Order Number: 11-MCAMCA-07-001 Version 0
Op Order Dates: 8/1/2010 to: 7/31/2013
Op Order Total: \$963,209.00 ✓

To Operation Stonegarden Program Coordinators,

Pending approval of the Personnel Cap Waiver by the FEMA Administrator, the State of Texas is authorized to spend up to, and must not exceed, 50% of the Hidalgo County FY2010 Operation Stonegarden allocation identified above. A subsequent approval letter will be issued for this Operations Order upon receipt of the FEMA Administrator's approval.

Please be advised that, based on the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management's Operation Stonegarden Grant Program guidelines and special conditions associated with this grant program, the above described Operations Order has been **conditionally approved**. Purchases from the FY2010 OPSG program to include operational overtime/fringe benefits, mileage, per diem and fuel expenses, have been received, reviewed and approved by this program office. The Order has been cleared under the Environmental and Historic Preservation Program (EHP) guidelines as being categorically excluded from further EHP review and is approved by the GPD/PGD Program Office. For additional information on EHP please follow the resource links below.

IB 345: <https://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/info345.pdf>

Final PEA: https://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/gpd_final_pea_2010.pdf

Final FONSI: <https://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/fonsi.pdf>

As expressed in grant guidance, construction, construction type activities, lethal or less than lethal forces, including but not limited to: weapons, guns, ammo, stun guns, and tasers are prohibited/non-allowable. Prohibited items/activities will not be reimbursed by DHS/FEMA. Failure to comply could jeopardize current and future grant reimbursement and funding consideration.

* Per the PRICE ACT, the State is reminded not to exceed 50% of the total fiscal year OPSG grant award for personnel costs (including overtime and fringe benefits). A request to exceed the 50% salary cap must be submitted on official letterhead to FEMA GPD and CBP/BP prior to incurring the additional costs.

waiver needed

Note: Per FEMA/Customs Border Protection (CBP)/Border Patrol (BP) programmatic guidance and oversight for aircraft, watercraft, vehicles and purchases of single equipment items and/or equipment systems greater than \$100,000; grantees are not authorized to purchase any of the above listed until:

1. A separate, signed request on letterhead for a waiver to purchase said equipment has been submitted and approved by FEMA GPD and CBP/BP. The waiver should detail the need, operational relevance and how the equipment will enhance law enforcement efforts to increase border security for the requesting agency.
2. And/or a signed "justification letter" on letterhead for vehicle(s) and/or equipment/system(s) over \$100,000 has been submitted and approved by FEMA GPD and CBP/BP. The justification should detail how this equipment will enhance law enforcement efforts to increase border security for the requesting agency.
3. All waivers and justifications will be subject to review and final approval by FEMA GPD and CBP/BP. The State Administrative Agency will be notified of such approval or denial via email by the FEMA Program Analyst.
4. Failure to provide comprehensive waivers and justifications in a timely manner could delay the approval process and/or jeopardize current and future grant reimbursements and funding consideration.

It is mandatory that all participating agencies (especially County and Tribal stakeholders) closely monitor, review and track expenditures of OPSG funds under individual Operations Orders issued. Under no circumstances is it allowable to estimate, obligate, and/or encumber beyond the actual grant award.

The spirit and intent of the Operation Stonegarden program is to build and strengthen coordination between State, local and Tribal law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with lead operational oversight provided by U.S. Customs Border Protection Border Patrol and Sector Headquarters. All Operations should be border centric and intelligence driven, with the goal of reducing or eliminating threat, risk and vulnerability along our Nation's borders.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact your Program Analyst at:

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**U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection
Operations Order Report**

Op Order Name: FY2010 OPSG TX- Hidalgo County
Op Order Number: 11-MCAMCA-07-001 Version 0
Op Dates: From: 8/1/2010 to: 7/31/2013
Report Date: 7/1/2011

Executive Summary

The 2010 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG 10) initiatives will focus on enhancing law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the land borders of the United States/Mexico border. The FY OPSG 2010 funds will augment Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and seventeen (17) local friendly forces/law enforcement agencies participating with Operation Stonegarden 10 in the Rio Grande Valley, Hidalgo County, Texas along the U.S./Mexico Border.

If awarded, this grant will provide funding (i.e., operational overtime costs, fringe benefits, equipment, fuel and maintenance costs etc.) to designate localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between the HCSO and seventeen (17) local friendly forces/law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to reduce border related crimes and assist in securing Hidalgo County and the United States land borders (refer to budget details narrative). Together, these friendly forces and law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG 10 will enforce local and state laws within each agency's jurisdiction and will not enforce immigration laws on behalf of Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol.

Consequently, border security detection and surveillance capabilities will improve and result in augmenting and supporting existing law enforcement resources in order to better deter, detect, disrupt and solve border-centric crimes in area of responsibility (AOR) of border Sectors and within Hidalgo County jurisdictions.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and seventeen (17) local law enforcement agencies (friendly forces) will participate in this multi-agency operation, to identify, locate, apprehend, prosecute, and remove any and all individuals who pose a threat to public safety and security. OPSG 10 will establish a tiered law enforcement effort in Hidalgo County jurisdiction and the Rio Grande Valley Sector AOR through appropriate overtime funding associated with enhanced law enforcement activities from the participating agencies.

Border control and will be achieved through improved enforcement, rapid mobility, and intelligence driven resource deployment.

I. SITUATION

A. General Situation:

OPSG 10 will be a multi-agency operation that will help identify, locate, apprehend, prosecute, and remove individuals who pose a threat to public safety and border security. Stonegarden operational activities will emphasize those measures that increase border security in direct coordination with CBP/Border Patrol.

State and local law enforcement personnel will provide enhanced enforcement by increasing patrol presence in the proximity of the border and/or routes of egress leading from the border.

State and local agencies will utilize their unique investigatory and prosecutorial areas of expertise in operations targeting criminal illegal immigrants, document fraud, and intelligence development. This operational concept does not result in a change or extension of Federal authority to state or local law enforcement agencies to enforce Federal immigration laws.

It is anticipated however, that increased enforcement activities under Operation Stonegarden 10 will significantly impact the ability of criminal organizations to operate within Hidalgo County, and the Texas Rio Grande Valley area and reduce the threat of border incursions.

If Federal immigration violations are encountered, state and local agencies may refer those violations to Border Patrol for appropriate action consistent with current policies and practices.

B. Terrain/Weather:

Hidalgo County, the eight largest county in the state of Texas, consists of 1600 square miles and shares approximately 78 miles of international border with the Republic of Mexico and is separated by the Rio Grande River. The terrain consists of numerous urban areas (consisting of twenty towns/cities), heavily populated rural areas, some heavy brush land and some fields used for farming. Many roads lead to the Rio Grande River with most intersecting FM 1016, U.S. 281 and U. S. Highway 83, the major thoroughfares running through the county.

There are numerous farm roads in the county that are used for agriculture and ranching purposes, along with numerous gas wells and fields within the county.

C. Criminal Element:

There are various narcotics, ammunition/weapons and alien smuggling groups identified as the Gulf Cartel that operate within Hidalgo County, RGV Sector AOR. From gathered intelligence, most criminal individuals/organizations operate under an organized structure

employing sophisticated counter-intelligence networks that are embedded within the urbanized communities along the US/Mexico international boundaries.

Some of their smuggling routes have been identified by peace officers of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, and seventeen (17) local friendly forces/law enforcement agencies, agents of Immigration Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration and Border Patrol. Hidalgo County has seen an increase in criminal activity involving illegal immigrants. The residents and public officials of this county have expressed the need for increased protection along the Texas/Mexico border. The HCSO responds to daily calls pertaining to criminal activities and conduct numerous investigations involving criminal illegal immigrants and/or criminal organizations.

These criminal activities pose a specific problem that affects the citizenry of Hidalgo County. These specific criminal individuals/organizations are responsible for a vast amount of crimes such as murders, kidnappings, extortions, sexual assaults, burglaries, robberies and auto thefts. Such criminal activities have escalated and given birth to the more violent pseudo cop home invasion within Hidalgo County and neighboring counties.

The Gulf Cartel is a major criminal organization known to operate within the RGV Sector AOR. This organization employs a sophisticated counter-intelligence network that is embedded within the communities along both sides of the Rio Grande River. This organization, due to tremendous pressure applied by Border Patrol enforcement activities, has taken into their ranks members of the Los Zetas and La Mafia drug trafficking organizations...

The government of Mexico in an effort to curb the violence related to the smuggling of narcotics has deployed military troops to the RGV border area. Mexican Army enforcement actions on Gulf Cartel drug stash houses could lead to instability in the Reynosa and Matamoros area. The encounter of known or suspected Gulf Cartel members within the RGV AOR is a possibility and an officer safety concern.

D. Friendly Forces:

II. MISSION

Department of Homeland Security, CBP/Border Patrol and state, local enforcement agencies operating in the Texas, Rio Grande Valley will collaborate to raise border security by increasing law enforcement presence along the border, intelligence/information sharing, and communication. Grant funding via OPSG 10 will be administered by Hidalgo County local government in support of joint operational plans that utilize the HCSO and eighteen participating friendly forces/law enforcement agency's unique jurisdictional capabilities in conjunction with CBP/Border Patrol.

These enforcement activities will be available 24 hours a day 7, days per week by utilizing the manpower and assets listed in the operations order.

III. EXECUTION

A. Management/Supervisor Intent:

State and Local law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG 10 will enforce local/state laws within their jurisdiction and will not enforce immigration laws on behalf of CBP/Border Patrol. Each participating agency will conduct enforcement activities that have a nexus and contribute to border security as described, specified and document in the "Specific Responsibilities" section within the OPSG 10 Operational Plan.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and the seventeen (17) participating friendly forces intend to maintain a high law enforcement presence in cooperation with CBP/Border Patrol and utilize the Central Unified Command structure at the Border Intelligence Center (BIC) based at the RGV Sector Office of Intelligence to ensure operational cohesiveness of all agencies involved.

B. General Concept:

The Department of Homeland Security is funding the operational cost of Operation Stonegarden through the State of Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and seventeen (17) participating law enforcement agencies will conduct operations in RGV Sector border zones along the international border with Mexico and in depth to identify criminal organizations, avenues of approach, routes of egress, and methods of transportation into the interior of the United States.

OPSG 10 does not authorize extension of Federal authority to state or local law enforcement agencies to enforce Federal immigration laws. However, when Federal immigration violations are encountered, state and local agencies may refer those violations to Border Patrol for appropriate action.

C. Specific Responsibilities:

HIDALGO SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND IDENTIFIED FRIENDLY FORCE MENTIONED IN SECTION D OF THIS OPERATIONAL PLAN

All OPSG 10 operational activities will be coordinated between CBP/Border Patrol, HCSO and seventeen (17) participating Friendly Forces (law enforcement agencies) involved in the Hidalgo County strategy. The project objectives and tasks will address the critical need to achieve a safe and secure border along the RGV Sector and throughout Hidalgo County jurisdiction, by having daily coordination, collaboration and communications with the CBP/Border Patrol (BP) Sector.

Objective 1: Reduce threat of border incursions and exercise risk management in relation to anti-smuggling efforts by increasing law enforcement presence and special operations on routes of border egress in the Weslaco and McAllen Stations AOR. Utilizing Operation Stonegarden 10 funding for overtime, fuel, equipment, vehicles and mileage in order to increase law enforcement presence/patrol activities in the area surrounding Weslaco and McAllen Stations (AOR) critical transit nodes as identified via intelligence, arrest of aliens, seizure of narcotics and weapons contraband.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and seventeen (17) friendly forces as identified in Section D will enforce all state laws, and local ordinances against violators within the perspective jurisdiction areas in efforts to reduce criminal activities associated with the criminal minded illegal immigrants and drug smuggling organizations (DTOs). HCSO along with participating friendly forces as identified in Section D of this operational plan WILL NOT enforce Title 8 (US Immigration Laws).

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO):

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, Highway 281, and Military Highway 281). During OPSG10 HCSO will provide six (6) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol US Expressway 83, Highway 281, Military Highway 1016, FM 492, Loop 374, FM 886, FM 2221, FM 107, FM 1925 and corridors between the Border Patrol checkpoints and border egress routes including, FM 907, FM 2812, FM 681, FM, 1015, FM 491, FM 88, FM 493 FM 186, FM 1017 and FM 490.

Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 2:

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, Highway 281, and Military Highway 281). During OPSG10 HCSO will provide two (2) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol US Expressway 83, Highway 281, Military Highway 1016, FM 492, Loop 374, FM 886, FM 2221, FM 107, FM 1925 and corridors between the Border Patrol checkpoints and border egress routes including, FM 907, FM 2812, FM 681, FM, 1015, FM 491, FM 88, FM 493 FM 186, FM 1017 and FM 490.

Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 3:

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, Highway 281, and Military Highway 281). During OPSG10 HCSO will provide 5 (five) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol US Expressway 83, Highway 281, Military Highway 1016, FM 492, Loop 374, FM 886, FM 2221, FM 107, FM 1925 and corridors between the Border Patrol checkpoints and border egress routes including, FM 907, FM 2812, FM 681, FM, 1015, FM 491, FM 88, FM 493 FM 186, FM 1017 and FM 490.

Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4:

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, Highway 281, and Military Highway 281). During OPSG10 HCSO will provide ten (10) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol US Expressway 83, Highway 281, Military Highway 1016, FM 492, Loop 374, FM 886, FM 2221, FM 107, FM 1925 and corridors between the Border Patrol checkpoints and border egress routes including, FM 907, FM 2812, FM 681, FM, 1015, FM 491, FM 88, FM 493 FM 186, FM 1017 and FM 490.

Alamo Police Department:

Utilize Stone Garden funding for overtime, fuel, and mileage in order to increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 907). Alamo PD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. Alamo PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, North and South Fm 907, Tower Rd., and Cesar Chavez Rd.

Alton Police Department:

To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding McAllen Station's Critical Transit Nodes (Conway and 5 Mile Line). Alton PD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target areas to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. Alton PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol 5 Mile Line and Conway.

Donna Police Department:

Engaged in heighten law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 493). DPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). DPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. DPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, and FM 493.

Hidalgo Police Department:

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding the Hidalgo POE and border egress routes within the city. HPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. HPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles (i.e. patrol units, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, etc.) to actively patrol border egress routes in Spur 115, SH336, US Military 281, McColl Road and Jackson Road.

La Joya Police Department

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the La Joya area Expressway 83, FM 2221, FM 2521, Santos Ramirez Ave., El Charco Ranch Area, Tierra Blanca Subdivision, Garza Ave., and Military Rd, all known to be high, drug and human trafficking areas. LJPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling.

Mercedes Police Department:

Mercedes Police Department's mission is to increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Border Patrol Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, and Military Highway 281). MPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, Military Highway 281 and border egress routes including FM 491.

Mission Police Department:

Mission Police will enforce state laws and local ordinances against violators in the identified areas to reduce criminal activity associated with alien, drug and weapon smuggling, by providing uniformed officers in marked vehicles and actively patrolling Expressway 83, Military Highway 281, FM 1016, FM 494, TX Hwy 107, and roads leading to and from the Rio Grande River. MPD will monitor the banks of Rio Grande River along the Anzaldua's Dam, Chimney Park boat ramp, National Butterfly Park and Bentsen State Park.

Palmhurst Police Department:

Palmhurst PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the border egress routes covering West and East on Expressway 83. The Stonegarden Operations will continue on South Military Road to the banks of the Rio Grande River at Los Ebanos Road and other assigned routes such as 3 Mile Line.

Palmview Police Department:

Palmview PD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. (Rio Grande River) to major highway transportation corridors (83 Hwy) leading from East on Showers Road to Inspiration Road. Also, Weslaco Stations Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, South Military Road, FM1015, and FM 88).

Penitas Police Department:

Penitas PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, FM 1427, Loop 374, and border egress routes near the Rio Grande River.

Pharr Police Department:

Pharr PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the US Expressway 83, US Expressway 281, and border egress routes including Military Highway, Jackson Rd. and I Rd.

San Juan Police Department:

SJPD will provide a uniformed officer in marked vehicle to actively patrol the Expressway 83, North and South FM 1426, South Stewart Road, Military Hwy 281, Cesar Chavez Road and "I" road. Officers and police vehicles assigned to this operation will concentrate in the above mentioned target areas with the goal of enforcing state laws such as, but not limited to, intercepting illegal drugs and other anti-smuggling efforts. Scheduling of shifts will fluctuate, but will consist of officers working areas for four hours a day, 2 days a week, for 20 weeks.

Sullivan City Police Department:

Sullivan PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the border egress routes covering West and East on Expressway 83. We will continue on South Military Road near the banks of the Rio Grande River, FM 886, Pinto Road, and Guadalupe Flores Road.

Weslaco Police Department:

WPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol Expressway 83, and border egress routes including FM 88, FM 1015.

D. Coordinating Instructions:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and seventeen (17) local Friendly Forces/Law Enforcement Agencies and the CBP Rio Grande Valley Sector Stations will coordinate Stonegarden-related enforcement activities within their respective AORs. The RGV Sector Office of Intelligence will coordinate the establishment of performance measures and the collection, analysis and dissemination of intelligence with state and local counterparts.

An operational plan for each agency/operation described in Part C. above will be generated and approved by the Chief Patrol Agent, Rio Grande Valley Sector and OBP prior to implementation. Each respective law enforcement agency will perform the same duties as normally accomplished by their respective agencies. Agencies will, however, be required to work all federally funded overtime in geographical locations at, near or adjacent to the international border in direct coordination with Customs and Border Protection personnel from the respective Border Patrol Station. Intelligence entities of the United States Border Patrol will coordinate intelligence analysis with the appropriate law enforcement agencies via the Border Intelligence Center (BIC).

IV. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

A. Cost Estimates/Funding Issues:

1. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

Four (4) Patrol Deputies will work a combined total of 4000 overtime hours at \$32.30 per hour, one (1) supervisor working 1000 overtime hours at \$39.08, benefits calculated at 19.69% during the duration of SG10. HCSO will purchase two 2011 Ford Expedition fully equipped with emergency lighting, dual band communication radios, computer w/mounts, prisoners cage, graphics, in car camera, to enhance patrol objectives while engaged in OPSG.

2. Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 2

One Deputy Constable will work 102 overtime hours at \$32.28 per hour, one supervisor working 96 overtime hours at \$34.82, benefits calculated at 17.75% during the duration of OPSG.

3. Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 3

Three (3) Deputy Constables will work a combined total of 144 overtime hours at \$32.30 per hour, one supervisor working 96 overtime hours at \$33.19, benefits calculated at 22.31%. HC PCT 3 estimates accumulating 9839 miles which engaged in OPSG.

4. Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4

One Deputy Constable will work 208 overtime hours at \$32.28 per hour, one supervisor 208 hours O/T at \$33.15 total combined hours 416, benefits calculated at 22.31%. It is estimated that these two Constables will log approximately 6448 miles while participating in OPSG.

5. Alamo Police Department

One Patrol Officers will work a combined total of 750 overtime hours at \$30 per hour, plus benefits at a rate of 28%. It is estimated the officer will log 6000 miles while participating in OPSG. In addition APD is requesting reimbursement for vehicle maintenance, for oil changes, tires, lubricant etc.

6. Alton Police Department

One Patrol Officers will work 220 overtime hours at hourly rate of \$21.37, plus benefits at a rate of 16.19% while participating in OPSG. In addition, Alton PD intends to purchase two Vision mobile recording systems and two in-car laptops to equip current OPSG purchased patrol units.

7. Donna Police Department

Four Patrol Officers will work a combined total of 700 overtime hours at \$25 per hour, plus benefits at a rate of 11.78% while participating in OPSG. Donna PD is requesting reimbursement for vehicle maintenance, and fuel consumption. In addition DPD will purchase one Contraband Detector Kit and two day/night vision binoculars which will be utilized to conduct covert operation during OPSG.

8. Hidalgo Police Department

Two Patrol Officers will work a combined total of 592 overtime hours at \$30.57 per hour, plus benefits at a rate of 18.76% while participating in OPSG. Hidalgo PD intends to purchase tire replacement for patrol units utilized for OPSG, two mobile data computers. It is estimated that these officers will log 7400 miles while participating in OPSG.

9. La Joya Police Department

La Joya PD intends to utilize their awarded funding to purchase one Polaris Ranger Crew all terrain vehicle, which will be utilized to conduct surveillance patrol in the rugged terrain while participating in OPSG.

10. Mercedes Police Department

Two Officers will work a combined total of 136 overtime hours. One patrol officer at \$26.68 and a supervisor at \$29.94 per hour, plus benefits at a rate of 27.9% while participating in OPSG. In addition Mercedes PD intends to purchase one DPS surplus, which will be equipped with MPD graphics and emergency lighting. A thermal image vision system will be purchase to enhance patrol capabilities which conducted covert ops during the participation of OPSG. It is estimated that these two officers will log 680 miles during the engagement of OPSG.

11. Mission Police Department

Two Patrol Officers will work a combined total of 840 overtime hours at \$33.80 per hour, plus benefits at a rate of 23.28% while participating in OPSG. Mission PD intends to purchase two fully equipped patrol units that will be utilized to patrol along the banks of the Rio Grande River and identified DTO routes within the jurisdiction, plus it is estimated that these patrol office will log 7560 enhanced patrol miles while participating in OPSG.

12. Palmhurst Police Department

Palmhurst PD intends to purchase four ticket writers computerized system which will be utilized to conduct enhance and security patrol during the participation of OPSG. City of Palmhurst will exercise the IN_KIND option to secure the equipment and invest the difference in price.

13. Palmview Police Department

Seven (7) Patrol Officers will work a combined total of 1750 overtime hours at \$35 per hour while participating in enhance patrol to meet the objectives outlined in OPSG.

14. Penitas Police Department

Penitas PD intends to purchase one DVM 500 plus Mobile digital recording system plus installation fee to improve their patrol unit while engaged in enhance patrol during their participation of OPSG.

15. Pharr Police Department

One officer will work 1248 overtime hours at \$33 per hour, benefits calculated at 25.61% during SG10. Pharr PD intends to purchase two 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe's patrol ready, fully equipped with emergency lighting, communication radio, computer w/mounts, modem, shotgun rack and prisoners cage to enhance interdiction operations.

16. San Juan Police Department

One officer will work 323 overtime hours at \$30 per hour, benefits calculated at 21.10% during the duration of OPSG. San Juan PD intends to purchase one 2011 Chevrolet 4x4 Truck, patrol ready fully equipped with emergency lighting, communication radio, computer w/mounts, modem, shotgun rack and prisoners cage to enhance interdiction operations.

17. Sullivan City Police Department

In addition, Sullivan City PD intends to purchase one 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, with the limited funding awarded. Sullivan City will be exercising the IN-KIND option and cover the difference with city funding. The vehicle will not be fully equipped however SCPD

will equip said vehicle which will be utilized to engage in enhance patrol function while participating in OPSG.

18. Weslaco Police Department

Two Officers and one supervisor will work a combined total of 832 overtime hours at the rate \$36.02 plus benefits at a rate of 21.41% while participating in OPSG. In addition, Weslaco PD intends to purchase one Chevrolet Tahoe's fully equipped patrol units, emergency lighting, communication radios, radar, in-car camera system, laptop with mounts, which allow agency to effective engage in highway interdiction.

A 2. Cost Estimates/Funding Request (3 Year) FY 2010/13

A. Operational Overtime

Admin/Logistics Budget Request	Narrative Justification		Federal
Overtime: HCSO Deputies	4000 hrs	@ \$32.28	\$129,120.00
Overtime: HCSO Supervisor	1000 hrs	@ \$39.06	\$39,060.00
Overtime: HC PCT 2 Deputy	102 hrs	@ \$32.28	\$3,292.56
Overtime: HC PCT 2 Supervisor	96 hrs	@\$34.82	\$3,342.24
Overtime: HC PCT 3 Deputies	288 hrs	@\$32.28	\$9,296.64
Overtime: HC PCT 3 Supervisor	96 hrs	@\$33.19	\$3,182.40
Overtime: HC PCT 4 Deputies	208 hrs	@\$32.28	\$6,714.24
Overtime: HC PCT 4 Supervisor	208 hrs	@\$33.15	\$6,895.20
Overtime: Alamo PD	750 hrs	@\$30.00	\$22,500.00
Overtime: Alton PD	220 hrs	@\$21.37	\$4,701.14
Overtime: Donna PD	700 hrs	@\$25.00	\$17,500.00
Overtime: Hidalgo PD	592hrs	@\$30.57	\$18,097.44
Overtime: Mercedes PD Officer	204 hrs	@\$26.68	\$5,442.92
Overtime: Mercedes PD Supervisor	204 hrs	@\$29.94	\$6,107.76
Overtime: Mission PD	840 hrs	@\$33.80	\$28,392.00
Overtime: Palmview PD	1750 hrs	@\$35.00	\$27,902.93
Overtime: Pharr PD	1248 hrs	@\$33.00	\$41,184.00
Overtime: San Juan PD	323 hrs	@\$30.00	\$9,690.00
Overtime: Weslaco PD Officer	832 hrs	@\$36.02	\$29,968.64

Total Combined Overtime: \$412,390.11

Fringe Benefits (FICA, Retirement, Unemployment Comp, W/C)

HCSO	19.69%	\$33,114.64
HC PCT 2	17.75%	\$1177.68
HC PCT 3	21.49%	\$2691.73
HC PCT 4	21.49%	\$2924.67
Alamo PD	28%	\$6,300.00
Alton PD	16.19	\$761.15
Donna PD	11.78%	\$2061.50
Hidalgo PD	18.76	\$3305.08
Mercedes PD	24.7%	\$2853.02

Mission PD	23.28%	\$6609.66
Pharr PD	25.61%	\$10,547.22
San Juan PD	21.10%	\$2,044.59
Weslaco PD	24.341%	\$7,294.37

Total Combined Fringe Benefits: \$81,685.31

Equipment, Maintenance and Fuel

Vehicle Maintenance

Alamo PD	Oil change, brakes, fuel/air filters, lubricants	\$1,623.51
Donna	Oil change	\$960.00
Hidalgo PD	Replacement of tires (two sets)	\$800.00

Total Combined Maintenance: \$3,383.5

Equipment Maintenance \$0.00

New/Replacement Equipment: (note: fully equipped patrol unit's will include, emergency lighting, comm. radio, graphics, prisoners partition, computer system, camera system, shotgun mounts).

HCSO	2- Ford Expedition fully equipped @ \$51,144.60 ea.	\$102,289.63
Alton PD	2- In-Car laptops @3007.23	\$9,047.23
Donna PD	2 Day/Night vision <u>binoculars @ \$350.00</u>	\$700.00
Donna PD	1 K910b Buster Contraband detector	\$6,101.16
Hidalgo PD	2- Mobile Data in-car <u>computers @ \$5446.17</u>	\$10,892.34
La Joya PD	1 Polaris All Terrain 4x4 vehicle	\$14,509.52
Mercedes PD	1 Ford Crown Victoria (DPS surplus) patrol unit	\$20,280.00
Mission PD	2 2011 Fully Equipped patrol <u>units @ 50,846.53</u>	\$101,693.06
Palmhurst PD	4 - Automated Violation Data Entry System	\$8,928.94
Penitas PD	1- DVM 500 plus Mobile digital recording system	\$5,580.59
Pharr PD	2 - 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe's, fully equipped units	\$79,970.50
San Juan PD	1 - 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe fully equipped unit	\$38,490.68
Sullivan City PD	1 - 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe fully equipped units (Exercising IN-KIND option & covering difference)	\$7,812.82
Weslaco PD	1 - 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe fully equipped units	\$36,400.71

Total Equipment: \$442,697.18

Fuel/Mileage

Reimbursement for Mileage

HC PCT 3	9839 miles @.50	\$4,919.34
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HC PCT 4	6448 miles @.50	\$3,556.00
Alamo PD	6000 miles @ .50	\$3,060.00
Donna PD	750 gallons @ \$3.75 per gal.	\$2,812.50
Hidalgo PD	7400 miles @ .50	\$3,737.00
Mercedes PD	2064 miles @ .50	\$1,032.05
Mission PD	7872 miles @ .50	\$3,936.00
Total Mileage:		<u>\$23,052.89</u> —

HIDALGO COUNTY TOTAL COMBINED PROPOSED BUDGET: \$963,209.00

Cost Estimates:

General Cost:	\$1.00
OT Cost:	0
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Total Cost:	\$1.00

B. Travel:

None

C. Lodging:

None

D. Reception of Detailed Personnel:

None

E. Uniform and Equipment:

None

F. Special Equipment:

None

G. Alien Processing:

Alien Processing will be coordinated with McAllen, Weslaco and Rio Grande City Border Patrol Stations.

H. Medical:

Medical emergencies will be addressed by local protocols.

I. Detention/Transportation:

Alien detention/ transportation will be coordinated with McAllen, Weslaco and Rio Grande City Border Patrol Stations.

J. Vehicles:

None

V. COMMAND/CONTROL/COMMUNICATION

A. Chain of Command:

Chain of Command: Participating agencies will maintain their individual chains of command as dictated by internal policies and guidelines. Operations Orders for specific Stonegarden enforcement efforts will be approved by the Chief Patrol Agent, Rio Grande Valley Sector, followed by Office of Border Patrol and FEMA prior to funding.

1.	Border Patrol	CPA Rosendo Hinojosa	956-289-4800
2.	HCSO	Sheriff Guadalupe "Lupe" Trevino	956-383-8114
3.	HC PCT 2	Constable Gilbert Alaniz	956-783-4664
4.	HC PCT 3	Constable Larry Gallardo	956-581-6800
5.	HC PCT 4	Constable Eddie Guerra	956-383-8560
6.	Alamo P.D.	Chief Arturo Espinoza	956-787-1454
7.	Alton P.D.	Chief Enrique Sotelo	956-432-0700
8.	Donna P.D.	Chief Ramiro De Leon	956-464-4481
9.	Hidalgo P.D.	Chief Vernon Rosser	956-843-2737
10.	La Joya	Acting Chief Julian Gutierrez	956-585-4855
11.	Mercedes P.D.	Chief Olga Maldonado	956-565-3102
12.	Mission P.D.	Chief Leo Longoria	956-584-5000
13.	Palmhurst P.D.	Chief Michael Vela	956-519-3800
14.	Palmview P.D.	Chief Chris R. Barrera	956-581-7416
15.	Penitas P.D.	Chief Roel Bermea	956-583-0050
16.	Pharr P.D.	Chief Ruben Villescascas	956-787-8546
17.	San Juan P.D.	Chief Juan Gonzalez	956-787-9904
18.	Sullivan City P.D.	Chief Carlos Lucio	956-485-92-8
19.	Weslaco P.D.	Chief Juan Sifuentes	956-968-8591

B. Unit Command:

RGV Sector OPSG Chain of Command
RGV Sector Headquarters

CPA Rosendo Hinojosa
ACPA Mario Villarreal
956-289-4800
McAllen Border Patrol Station (Hidalgo County)

PAIC Thomas W. Slowinski
APAIC Eugene Montes, Jr.
956-217-3800

Weslaco Border Patrol Station (Hidalgo County)

PAIC Ryan J. Scudder
APAIC Henry Leo
956-647-8800

C. Communication Details:

In accordance with existing communications policy for each agency and station's area of operations.

D. Map Coordinates:

Notes:

	Longitude	Latitude
Degrees : Minutes : Seconds	0 : 0 : 0	0 : 0 : 0
Decimal	0	0

Location Zone:

ANNEX

A. Administration Annex:

The RGV Sector Stations will serve as the Hub for all apprehensions occurring in the Hidalgo County (Sheriff Office) and participating friendly forces/police department during Stonegarden Operations.

We will coordinate all apprehensions of illegal aliens in partnership with the Rio Grande Valley Sector, U.S. Customs and Border Protection as outlined in the National Border Patrol Strategy to achieve border security and border protection enhancement efforts

along the U.S./Mexico border. Also all undocumented alien apprehensions, smuggling cases, and contraband will be transported to the appropriate RGV Border Patrol Station or DEA Office for processing.

B. Execution Annex:

If funded the Hidalgo County Sheriff Office and seventeen (17) participating friendly forces/police department will execute a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure and document the commitment on the part of each agency to work in partnership with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection in implementing the following three major objectives:

- 1) To achieve greater capability in preventing, protecting against, and responding to border security issues,
- 2) To increase coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the Rio Grande Valley, and
- 3) To continue and support the operational mandate border security and border protection enhancement efforts along the U.S./Mexico border

C. Communication Annex:

None.

Media Action Plan:

RGV Sector has the lead on all Public Affairs activities. Each participating agency must coordinate all public affairs activities with the RGV Sector Public Affairs Office. All Border Patrol inquiries will be directed to the RGV Sector Public Affairs Office (956) 289-4990.

Legal Review:

All matters will be referred to the CBP Counsel.

Risks:

No risks have been associated with this Op Order.

Photos:

No photos have been associated with this Op Order.