

**OPERATIONS ORDER REPORT**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND**  
**BORDER PROTECTION**

**Op Order Name:** FY 2009 OPSG TX HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
**Op Order Number:** DHS-09-GPD-067-1972 (SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT)  
**BPETS #:** 09-MCAMCA-09-002 V.0  
**Op Dates:** From: September 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009 To: September 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
**Report Date:** August 20, 2009

**Executive Summary:**

The FY 2009 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) initiatives will focus on enhancing law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the land borders of the United States/Mexico border. The FY 2009 OPSG funds will augment Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and sixteen (16) local friendly forces/law enforcement agencies participating with Operation Stonegarden 2009 in the Rio Grande Valley Sector AOR along the U.S./Mexico Border.

Hidalgo County is located in South Texas, and bordered by Cameron County on the east, Brooks County on the north, Starr County on the west, and Mexico on the south. Hidalgo County is the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) largest county in Texas and encompasses 1,596 square miles and shares 78 miles of international border with Mexico. Its elevations range from forty to 200 feet. The center point of the county is at 26°23' north latitude and 98°10' west longitude.

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 the sixteen (16) 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/ law enforcement agencies participating in OPSG 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 AOR border Sectors and within Hidalgo County jurisdictions.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and sixteen (16) 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. Operation Stonegarden 09 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.

Operation Stonegarden 2009 mission will be to gain border control, and will be achieved through improved enforcement, rapid mobility, and intelligence driven resource deployment.

## **I. SITUATION**

### **A. General Situation:**

Operation Stonegarden 2009 will be a multi-agency operation that will help identify, locate, apprehend, prosecute, and remove individuals who pose a threat to public safety and 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 proximity to 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 2009 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 the Border Patrol for appropriate action consistent with current policies and practices.

### **B. Terrain/Weather:**

Hidalgo County, the eight largest counties 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 bush land and some fields used for farming. Many roads lead to the Rio Grande River with most intersecting with FM 1016, U.S. 281 and U. S. Highway 83, the major thoroughfare running through the county. There are numerous farm roads in the county that are used for agriculture and ranching purposes. There are also numerous gas wells and fields within the county.

### **C. Criminal Element:**

There are various narcotics, ammunition/weapons and alien smuggling groups that operate within Hidalgo County. From gathered intelligence, most criminal individuals/organizations operate under a somewhat organized structure.

Some of their smuggling routes have been identified by peace officers of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, sixteen (16) local friendly forces/law enforcement agencies, agents of Immigration Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration and Border Patrol Service.

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 daily to calls pertaining to criminal activities and conduct numerous investigations involving a criminal illegal immigrants and/or criminal organizations.

These criminal activities pose specific problems that affect the citizens 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 cops home invasion within the Hidalgo County and neighboring counties.

The Gulf Cartel is a major criminal organization known to operate within the RGV Sector AOR. This organization employs sophisticated counter-intelligence networks that are 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 Maña street gangs.

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, 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:**

RGV Sector Border Patrol Stations  
RGV Sector Office of Intelligence  
CBP Air & Marine  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
Immigration and Customs Enf. (ICE)  
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office  
Elsa Police Department  
Mercedes Police Department  
Weslaco Police Department  
Progreso Police Department  
Donna Police Department

Alamo Police Department  
San Juan Police Department  
Pharr Police Department  
Alton Police Department  
Hidalgo Police Department  
La Joya Police Department  
Mission Police Department  
Palmview Police Department  
Penitas Police Department  
Sullivan City Police Department  
Weslaco Police Department

## 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 Operation Stonegarden 2009 will be administered by Hidalgo County local government in support of joint operational plans that utilize the HCSO and the fifteen participating friendly forces/law enforcement agency's unique jurisdictional capabilities in conjunction with CBP/Border Patrol.

## III. EXECUTION

### A. Management/Supervisor Intent:

State and Local law enforcement agencies participating in FY 2009 OPSG 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 in the "Specific Responsibilities" section of the FY 2008 Stonegarden Operational Plan.

Furthermore, Operation Stonegarden will utilize a Central Unified Command structure at the Border Intelligence Center (BIC) based at the Rio Grande Valley Sector Office of Intelligence to ensure operational cohesiveness of all agencies involved. The BIC will help optimize enforcement capacities and capabilities by integrating management and technology systems through a one-stop-shop approach. Furthermore, BIC will implement a performance measurement system to establish standards, gather and analyze data, report results, and submit weekly reports in order to develop the Common Operating Picture (COP) for all agencies. BIC will record-running totals, and will ultimately submit an after-action report.

### 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.

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.

Operation Stonegarden 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 the Border Patrol for appropriate action.

**C. Specific Responsibilities:**

All FY 2009 OPSG operational activities will be coordinated between HCSO and 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 during the thirty six months of operation.

<p><b>Objective:</b> Reduce threat of border incursion 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 McAllen Station AOR.</p>	
<p><b>Friendly Forces/Partnerships</b></p>	<p><b>Specific Tasks/Responsibilities</b></p>
<p><b>Hidalgo County Sheriff Office</b></p> <p>Currently participating in <b>OPSG08</b> the HCSO deploys daily, five deputies and one supervisor. These HCSO personnel operate every day of the year, utilizing ten hours work shifts per day.</p> <p>Continuing to support the border security initiatives HCSO will focus on enhancing law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the land borders of the United States/Mexico border by participating in <b>OPSG09</b>. <b>HCSO</b> will augment current personnel deploying two additional deputies, on four days of the week, also operating in ten hours shifts. (49 working weeks = 196 days)</p>	<p>HCSO deputies will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). HCSO deputies will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target areas to help reduce criminal activity associated with narcotics, weapons, US currency, human smuggling.</p> <p>To 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 <b>OPSG09</b> HCSO will provide two (2) additional 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.</p>
<p><b>Mercedes Police Department</b></p>	<p>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 not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). MPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. MPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, Military Highway 281 and border egress routes including FM 491.</p>

Friendly Forces/Partnerships	Specific Tasks/Responsibilities
<b>Weslaco Police Department</b>	To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). WPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). WPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. WPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, and border egress routes including FM 88, FM 1015.
<b>Mission Police Department</b>	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 not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). MPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling by providing uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, Military Highway 281, FM 1016, FM494, TX HWY 107 and roads leading from the Rio Grande River. MPD will also monitor the banks of the Rio Grande River along the Anzaldua's Dam, Chimminey Park Boat Ramp, National Butterfly Park and Bentsen State Park.
<b>Donna Police Department</b>	To increase 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.
Friendly Forces/Partnerships	Specific Tasks/Responsibilities
<b>San Juan Police Department</b>	To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). SJPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). SJPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien

	<p>and drug smuggling.</p> <p>SJPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, and border egress routes including FM 88, FM 1015.</p>
<b>Pharr Police Department</b>	<p>To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (US Expressway 83, US Expressway 281, Military Highway, I Rd. and Jackson Rd.). Pharr PD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). Pharr 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. 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.</p>
<b>Hidalgo Police Department</b>	<p>To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding the Hidalgo POE and border egress routes within the city. We will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). 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, Jackson Road.</p>

<b>Friendly Forces/Partnerships</b>	<b>Specific Tasks/Responsibilities</b>
<b>Elsa Police Department</b>	<p>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 Station of AOR. Utilize Stonegarden funding for overtime, fuel, and mileage in order to increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco BP station critical transit nodes, FM 88 and Hiway 107. Elsa PD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration Law). EPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. EPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol Hiway 107.</p>

	FM 1925 and border egress route FM.
<b>Alamo Police Department</b>	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). APD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). APD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. APD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, North and South Fm 907, Tower Rd., and Cesar Chavez Rd. 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 target areas for sixteen hours a day, 5 days a week.
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<b>Alton Police Department</b>	To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (FM 1015, FM 676, FM 107, and FM 494). APD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). APD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target areas to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. APD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol FM 1015, and border egress routes including FM 676, FM 107 and FM 494. 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. Officers will also be able to relay vital information quickly and accurately to McAllen Station AOR and other law enforcement agencies through the use of laptops installed in police vehicles.
<b>La Joya Police Department</b>	To 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). LJPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). 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. LJPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the 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.

<b>Friendly Forces/Partnerships</b>	<b>Specific Tasks/Responsibilities</b>
<b>Penitas Police Department</b>	To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). PNPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). PNPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. PNPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, and border egress routes including FM 88, FM 1015.
<b>Palmview Police Department</b>	To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). PPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). PPD will

	<p>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).</p>
<p><b>Palmhurst Police Department</b></p>	<p>To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). Palmhurst PD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration Law). Palmhurst 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. Palmhurst PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the border egress routes covering the West to 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 FM 88, FM 1015.</p>

<b>Friendly Forces/Partnerships</b>	<b>Specific Tasks/Responsibilities</b>
<p><b>Progreso Police Department</b></p>	<p>To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Progreso/Nuevo Progreso International Bridge and Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). PPD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration law). WPD will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. PPD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Expressway 83, and border egress routes including FM 88, FM 1015 North and</p>

	South bound.
<b>Sullivan City Police Department</b>	To increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, and FM 88). Sullivan PD will not enforce Title 8 (US Immigration Law). Sullivan 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. Sullivan PD will provide uniformed officers in marked vehicles to actively patrol the border egress routes covering the West to East on Expressway 83. We will continue on South Military Road to the banks of the Rio Grande River at Los Ebanos Road and other assigned routes such as FM 88, FM 1015.

**D. Coordinating Instructions:**

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and sixteen 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. BUDGET**

Within the Operations Order, included are budgets and operative spending plans in one year. The HCSO and 16 local Friendly Forces/Law Enforcement agencies budgets have been consolidated as instructed by F.E.M.A. operation plan guidelines.

These annual operations are practical and able to be completed within the 36 month period of performance, beginning no sooner than the official approval date of the final Operations Order and embedded budget.

**A.1 Cost Estimates/Funding Requests OPSG 09 (Year 1): FY 2009/10**

<b>Administration/Logistics/Budget Request</b>		<b>Narrative Justification (Computation of Items)</b>	<b>Federal Request</b>
<b>Operational Overtime</b> Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office & 16 Local Law Enforcement Agencies (Friendly Forces)		Combine estimated projection of all 17 participating L.E.A., average hourly rate \$25.80 x working 13,628.21 man hours per year	\$351,562.13
<b>Fringe Benefits for Peace Officers</b> Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office & 16 Local Friendly Forces (L.E.A.)		Combine estimated projection of all 17 L.E.A., working a combined 13,628.21 hours yearly @ an average hourly rate of 25.80 x average 14.21 % fringe benefits depending on agency's rate	\$49,433.77
<b>Travel</b>		N/A	
<b>Lodging</b>		N/A	
<b>Reception of Detailed Personnel</b>		N/A	
<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>		Flashlights lighting replacement accessories, specialized batteries,	\$592.63
<b>Special Equipment:</b> HCSO and 16 Friendly Forces (LEA)		12 fully equipped law enforcement vehicles, 2 ATVs, tactical body armor, tech equip, computers, Comm. System, thermal imaging system, P25 comm. System, LP readers, portable radios	\$470,422.80
<b>Alien Processing</b>			-
<b>Medical</b>			-
<b>Detention/Transportation</b>			-
<b>Vehicles:</b> Combined mileage and fuel averaged by HCSO and 16 Friendly Forces (LEA)	Vehicle Maintenance	Oils & Lubes, brakes, minor vehicles repairs, tires, etc., & minor accessories	\$4,550.94
	Fuel/Mileage Cost	Combine estimated mileage of all 17 L.E.A., 960,977 combined mileage @ .55 and/or .58 per mile, and fuel cost accumulated by smaller participating local Friendly Forces, with lesser jurisdiction.	\$10,997.78
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$887,560.00</b>

**A.1 Cost Estimates/Funding Requests OPSG 09 Supplement (Year 1): FY 2009/10**

Administration/Logistics/Budget Request		Narrative Justification (Computation of Items)	Federal Request
<b>Operational Overtime</b> Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office & 16 Local Law Enforcement Agencies (Friendly Forces)		Combine estimated projection of all 17 participating L.E.A., average hourly rate \$25.70 x working 8585 man hours per year	\$169,804.04
<b>Fringe Benefits for Peace Officers</b> Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office & 16 Local Friendly Forces (L.E.A.)		Combine estimated projection of all 17 L.E.A., working a combined 8585 hours yearly @ an average hourly rate of 25.80 x average 14 % fringe benefits depending on agency's rate	\$20,903.13
<b>Travel</b>		N/A	
<b>Lodging</b>		N/A	
<b>Reception of Detailed Personnel</b>		N/A	
<b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>		Flashlights lighting replacement accessories, specialized batteries,	\$1550
<b>Special Equipment:</b> HCSO and 16 Friendly Forces (LEA)		12 fully equipped law enforcement vehicles, 2 ATVs, tactical body armor, tech equip, computers, Comm. System, thermal imaging system, P25 comm. System, LP readers, portable radios	\$305,177.50
<b>Alien Processing</b>			-
<b>Medical</b>			-
<b>Detention/Transportation</b>			-
<b>Vehicles:</b> Combined mileage and fuel averaged by HCSO and 16 Friendly Forces (LEA)	Fuel Cost	250 gallons @\$3.00 per gal.	\$750
	Mileage Cost	Combine estimated mileage L.E.A., 4686 mileage @ .55 per mile, and fuel cost accumulated by smaller participating local Friendly Forces, with lesser jurisdiction.	\$2577.32
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$500,762.00</b>

**FY 09 OPSG 09/09 SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED BUDGETS**

<b><u>Budget Narrative Worksheet Category</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A. Operational Overtime	<u>\$521366.53</u>
B. Fringe Benefits	<u>\$70336.90</u>
<b><u>Equipment, Maintenance, and Fuel</u></b>	
C. Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$6100.94</u>
D. Equipment Maintenance	<u>\$592.63</u>
E. New/Replacement Equipment	<u>\$ 775600.30</u>
F. Fuel Cost	<u>\$2800.00</u>
G. Reimbursement for Mileage	<u>\$ 12525.00</u>
H. Other	_____
I. Travel	_____
* TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	<u>\$1,388,322.00</u>

**V. COMMAND/CONTROL/COMMUNICATION**

**A. 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.

**Border Patrol-Rio Grande Valley Sector:**

CPA Ronald D. Vitiello(956) 289-4800

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**Hidalgo County Sheriff Office:**

Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño, Sheriff  
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956-393-6179 fax)

**B. Unit Command:**

**Border Patrol:**

**Fort Brown Station**

(956) 547-3100

PAIC Reynaldo Guillen Jr.

APAIC Henry Leo

**Brownsville**

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PAIC Thomas W. Rudd

APAIC Hector Escamilla

**Harlingen Station**

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PAIC Roberto R. Paez

APAIC Richard Robinson

**Weslaco Station**

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APAIC Gene Montes

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Hidalgo Police Department  
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APAIC Emilio Gonzalez

**Rio Grande City Station**

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PAIC Fred Cordova

APAIC Mike Van Hook

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Elsa Police Department  
Mario Cavazos, Chief of Police  
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La Joya Police Department  
Jose Del Angel, Chief of Police  
956-585-4855

Mercedes Police Department  
Olga Maldonado, Chief of Police  
956-565-3102

Mission Police Department  
Leo Longoria, Chief of Police  
956-585-5000

Palmhurst Police Department  
Michael Vela, Acting Chief of Police  
956-519-3800

Palmview Police Department  
Chris R. Barrera, Chief of Police  
956-581-7416

Penitas Police Department  
David Harris, Chief of Police  
956-583-50

Pharr Police Department  
Ruben Villescás, Chief of Police  
956-7878546

Progresso Police Department  
David Hernandez, Chief of Police  
956-565-9266

San Juan Police Department  
J. A. Garza, Chief of Police  
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Sullivan City Police Department  
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956-485-9208

Weslaco Police Department  
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**C. Communication Details:**

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

**D. Map Coordinates:**

**Notes:** Hidalgo County, is located in the southern district of Texas and is bordered by Cameron County on the east, Brooks County on the North, Starr County on the West and Mexico to the south. Hidalgo County is the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) largest county in Texas. Hidalgo County is 1596 square miles, and shares 78 miles of international border with Mexico. Its elevation ranges from forty (40) to two hundred (200) feet. The center point of the county is as follows:

**Longitude: 98°10' West**

**Latitude: 26°23' North**

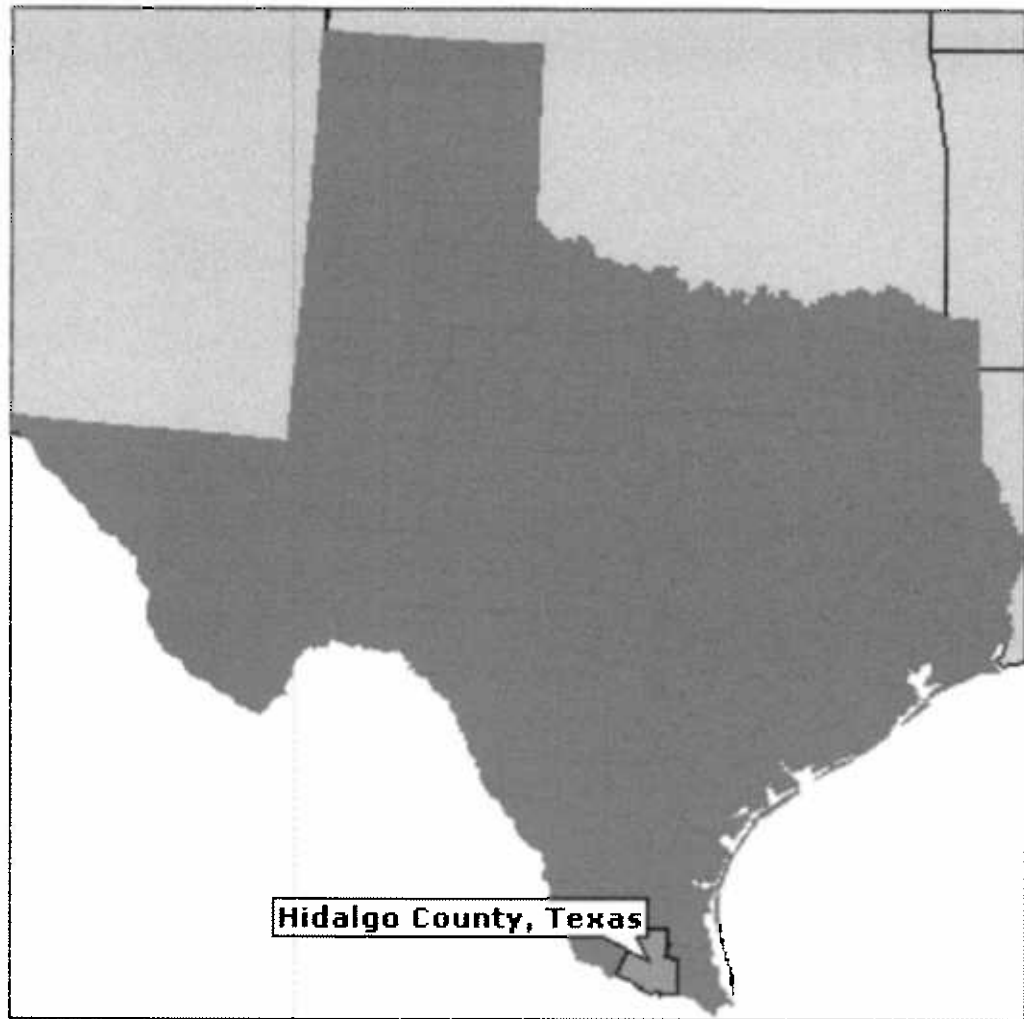
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## **ANNEX**

### **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 AOR border initiatives, the 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 Station or DEA Station for processing.

\*\*\*The City of Mission is requesting an amendment to their 2009 Operations Order (Frag Order) for the transfer of funds to purchase two Terex RL4000 Light Towers (\$17,157.52) and a Universal Forensic Extraction Device with a Physical pro Add-On Module (\$8,084.99).

The City of Mission requests to transfer the amounts listed below:

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment	Equipment	\$17,157.52
Equipment	Equipment	\$8,084.99

\*\*\*The City of Weslaco is requesting an amendment to their 2009 Operations Order (Frag Order) for the transfer of funds to purchase a fully equipped 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe patrol unit.

The City of Weslaco requests to transfer the amounts listed below:

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment	Vehicles	\$46,500.00
Equipment	Overtime	\$5,165.50

\*\*\*The Mercedes Police Department is requesting an amendment to the Hidalgo County Operation Stonegarden Operations Order for the transfer of funds to pay for Equipment.

The Mercedes Police Department requests to transfer the amounts listed below:

<u>Transfer from:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Vehicles	\$2,100.00
Equipment (Radios)	\$2,800.00
Equipment (Vehicles)	\$298.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,198.82</b>

These amounts will be reallocated for the purchase of:

Painting of vehicles	\$800.00
Stripping and Decals for vehicles	\$132.00
1 License Plate Reader	\$3,523.00
2 Push bars for vehicles	\$743.00

\*\*\*The City of San Juan's Chief of Police is requesting an amendment to Hidalgo County's 2009 Operations Order to move a remaining balance of \$2,008.91 from their equipment line item (audio/ visual equipment), to increase the amount of \$356.00 originally allocated for the purchase of unit mobile radios.

The City of San Juan requests to transfer the amounts listed below to cover the cost of the unit mobile radios.

<u>Transfer from:</u>	<u>Transfer to:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Equipment	Vehicle Equipment (radios)	\$2,008.91

\*\*\*The City of Pharr is requesting an amendment to Hidalgo County's 2009 Operations Order for the reallocation of funds from the Overtime and Fringe Benefits line to the Equipment Line. The City of Pharr will utilize these funds to purchase cameras, license plate readers, and mobile data terminals that will be used to outfit vehicles used during Operation Stonegarden at the Pharr Port of Entry.

The City of Pharr requests to transfer the amounts listed below:

<u>Transfer from:</u>	<u>Transfer to:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Overtime and Fringe Benefits	Equipment	\$7,745.13

Hidalgo County has requested a 30 day grant extension from the Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency to complete the expenditure of the FY 2009 OPSG grant. During this extension period, Hidalgo County will consolidate uncommitted funds from several of Hidalgo County's sub-recipients who have not exhausted their allocation of the grant.

Hidalgo County's grant balance after the consolidation of the FY 2009 OPSG uncommitted funds will be \$261,383.58.

Hidalgo County will spend the funds in the following manner:

**Overtime and Fringe Benefits** **\$118,019.60**

- Hidalgo County will deploy a total of 8 deputies daily, working 10 hour shifts to conduct enhanced OPSG patrols.

**Equipment** **\$140,238.33**

- 1 ICX Skytower Surveillance Platform at a cost of \$71,400.00.
- 8 Portable dual band radios at a cost of \$51,200.00.
- 1 Fujinon Night Vision Binocular at a cost of \$16,587.00.

**B. Execution Annex:**

If funded the Hidalgo County Sheriff Office and 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. Command Annex:**

The Hidalgo County Sheriff Office and participating friendly forces/police department have built partnerships with the U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, F.B.I., Texas Department of Public Safety and

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force. HCSO and local participating Friendly Forces/LEA., working together in a collaborative effort on preventing, controlling and reducing violent and drug-related activities in the last 30 years. More importantly, we are vigorously involved with numerous organizations for community revitalization that has made a tremendous impact in the community by leveraging and securing additional local, state, federal, private, and public funds in the past.

**Media Action Plan:**

USBP-RGV Sector PAO has the lead on all Public Affairs activities. Each participating agency must coordinate all Public Affairs Activities with RGV Sector PAO in order to maintain Mission Operation Security (OPSEC).

All Border Patrol inquiries will be directed to the Rio Grande Valley Sector Public Affairs Office (956) 289-4850. State/Local agencies will manage media inquiries as indicated by their individual departmental policies.

After Operation Stonegarden / Limited response to media queries  
Joint press release / press conference to be staged in Rio Grande Valley  
Determine the release of Operation Stonegarden statistics

**HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

All media events/questions will be referred to Hidalgo County Sheriff Trevino. Information will be released to the media only when prior approval has been obtained from the Sheriff Trevino.

The action plan of the Sheriff will be followed. The Public Information Officer of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office is the **Sheriff**.

**Legal Review:**

All matters will be referred to the CBP Counsel.

**HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;**

All legal matters will be referred to the Hidalgo County District Attorney.

**Risks:**

No risks have been associated with this Op Order.

**Photos:**

No photos have been associated with this Op Order.