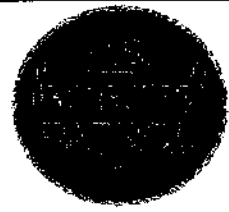


# OPSG Operations Order Worksheet

Date Received from the Field: 09/18/13  
 Date the Operations Order was Worked by OBP Ops: 09/18/13  
 Operations Order Number: 13-MCAMCA-09-004 Version 0  
 Operation start date: 09/01/2013



County:	<b>Hidalgo</b>	<b>Grant Year:</b>	<b>2012</b>
State:	<b>Texas</b>		
Sector:	<b>Rio Grande Valley</b>	<b>FY Award Amount/Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Does the OpOrder OT Request Exceed 50% of the award? (Letter is needed if OT is over 50% because of Price Act):	<b>Yes</b>	Overtime:	\$293,855.22
		Fringe:	\$0.00
OT Justification Letter Attached?:	<b>Yes</b>	Equipment:	\$0.00
		Fuel:	\$0.00
Vehicle Justification Letter?:	<b>N/A</b>	Maintenance:	\$0.00
		Milelage:	\$20,592.14
Date Forwarded to SPPA:	<b>9/19/2013</b>	Travel:	\$0.00
		County M&A:	\$0.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$314,447.36</b>

**NOTES:** **OT Justification Letter Attached**

Reviewed by: Kevin Wiley AC - Ops East/Central

Op. approved by: Jonathan Richards Associate Chief STC - Ops East/Central

Op Order for the 3rd Tactical Period 13-MCAMCA-09-004 V 0

Kicked Back?: N/A  
 Date of Kick Back: N/A  
 Reason for Kick Back: N/A  
 Date Returned from the Field: N/A  
 Kicked Back a Second Time?: N/A

**NOTES:**

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

**Op Order Name:** FY 2012 OPSG TX-Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office  
**Op Order Number:** 13-MCAMCA-09-004 V0  
**Op Dates: From:** 9/1/2013 to: 11/30/2013  
**Report Date:** 9/10/2013

## **Executive Summary**

The Sheriff's Office maintains a collaborative working relationship with all local, state, and/or federal authorities. The **Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office**, as a participating entity with Operation Stonegarden 2012, with the assistance of the fifteen participating law enforcement agencies will increase enforcement efforts along identified routes of ingress and egress to include (but not limited to) U.S. Highways, 107, 281, and Expressway 83. Intelligence information, to include prior statistical data, indicates that these are the primary routes utilized by the criminal element to further their illegal entry and smuggling activities to locations within the United States. The participation of these agencies, made possible by funding through OPSG, will significantly impact the ability of criminal organizations to operate within the Rio Grande Valley Sector area of responsibility (AOR). The enhanced enforcement posture will strengthen border security by providing a stronger defense in depth mechanism.

## **SITUATION**

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

Hidalgo County is located within the area of responsibility of the Rio Grande Valley Sector, Weslaco/McAllen Border Patrol Stations. Hidalgo County's is the eighth largest county in the State of Texas and consist of 1,569 square miles and shares approximately 75 miles of international border with the Republic of Mexico, jurisdiction includes a number of ingress/egress routes that lead to and from the immediate southern international boundaries/Rio Grande River border area. Additionally, the County's jurisdiction includes a number of Ports of Entries, Progresso, Donna, Pharr, Hidalgo, Los Ebanos (manual ferry/barge crossing) and Mission, numerous major thoroughfares ways such as U.S. Expressway 83 which runs parallel east and west along the Rio Grande River, U.S. 281 which leads in and out of the County in a north and south direction plus numerous highly traveled arteries. Hidalgo County is located between Cameron County on the east, Starr County to the west, and Jim Hogg and Willacy County to the North. Hidalgo County's population according to the 2010 U.S. Census was 797,810; rural population consists of over 237,000.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office consists of two major divisions, detention and law enforcement. The detention facility which houses 1,200 inmates is staffed by 337 certified detention officers, law enforcement division consist of 279 certified law

enforcement personnel, combined total of 616. In addition, HCSO has a civilian support staff which consists of 146 personnel. Hidalgo County is unique in comparison with other counties within Texas. Hidalgo County consists of twenty local municipalities each having its own law enforcement entity, plus four (precincts) Constables Office. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office currently has fifteen (15) LEAs participating in Operation Stonegarden 2012.

**B. Terrain/Weather:**

Hidalgo County comprises 1,569 square miles (4,130 km<sup>2</sup>) of the Rio Grande delta. The northern part of the county has sandy and light loamy soils over deep reddish or mottled, clayey subsoils, in some areas limestone lies within forty inches from the surface. The southern part of the county has moderately deep to deep loamy surfaces over clayey subsoils. Along the Rio Grande brown to red clays occur. Hidalgo County is in the South Texas Plains vegetation area, which features grasses, mesquite, live oaks, and chaparral. The climate is subtropical and sub-humid. Temperatures range from an average low of 47 °F/8 °C in January to an average high to 96°F/36°C in July; the average annual temperature is 73°F/23°C. Rainfall averages 23 inches (580 mm) a year, and the growing season lasts for 320 days of the year.

**C. Criminal Element:**

Organized Criminal organization both in Mexico and in United States soil use identified routes of ingress and egress through Hidalgo County to include (but not limited to) U.S. Highways 107, 281, and Expressway 83, to further their criminal enterprise. Intelligence information, to include prior statistical data, indicates that these are the primary routes utilized by the criminal element to further their illegal entry and smuggling activities to locations throughout the United States.

**D. Friendly Forces:**

**FEDERAL**

- Customs and Border Protection
- Office of Field Operations (OFO)
- U.S. Border Patrol
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- U.S. Marshall's Service

**STATE**

- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Parks and Wildlife

**LOCAL**

- Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
- Hidalgo County Constable PCT 2

- Hidalgo County Constable PCT 3
- Hidalgo County Constable PCT 4
- Alamo Police Department
- Donna Police Department
- Edinburg Police Department
- Hidalgo Police Department
- La Joya Police Department
- Mercedes Police Department
- Mission Police Department
- Palmview Police Department
- Peñitas Police Department
- Pharr Police Department
- San Juan Police Department
- Sullivan City Police Department
- Weslaco Police Department

## **II. MISSION:**

The mission of the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office along with fifteen participating law enforcement agencies will be to provide an enhanced high law enforcement visibility and capability within each LEA jurisdictional specific areas of responsibilities and strategic points within, that will substantially increase the probability of identification and/or apprehension of criminal elements operating within the same. The Sheriff's Office and fifteen participating LEA will accomplish this mission by working with identified agencies that include the U.S. Border Patrol, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and any other State or Federal law enforcement entity.

Funding obtained through OPSG 2012 will be utilized to accomplish a high visibility enforcement presence that will detect, deter and/or interdict criminal and/or terrorist activity occurring in and/around Hidalgo County. This will be accomplished through utilization of overtime as a force multiplier, operational cost such as fuel or mileage, and acquisition of specialized equipment and vehicles.

## **III. EXECUTION**

### **A. Management/Supervisor Intent:**

Hidalgo County and the participating local agencies 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.

Through collaboration with participating agencies, targeted areas of the county will increase the capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to border security issues. The collective collaboration of the participating agencies will provide an

opportunity for intelligence based operations and further refinement of deployment strategies.

#### **B. General Concept:**

Through OPSG 2012 approved funding, participating agencies will enhance their current deployment capabilities through expenditure of overtime and equipment acquisition. Deployment strategies will be adjusted based on intelligence information and historical data that supports the need for increased operations within certain areas of the county. Intelligence liaisons between the U.S. Border Patrol, Weslaco and McAllen Station and the participating agencies, will facilitate the exchange of information to ensure resource deployments are consistent with current and developing intelligence information. The Operation will center its efforts around the prevention, detection and interdiction of crimes and criminals who have a border security nexus. Operation Stonegarden does not authorize extension of Federal authority to State or local law enforcement agencies to enforce Federal immigration laws. When Federal immigration violations are encountered, state and local agencies may refer those violations to the Border Patrol for appropriate action.

It is critical that U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) provide a coordinated and seamless multi-agency enforcement effort to interdict all threats against national security, while simultaneously developing information and intelligence to mitigate future threats. As directed by Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector, Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) agencies will deploy personnel on OPSG overtime funding to specific geographic areas in order to support border security operations. Outbound Operations are designed to provide a coordinated and seamless multi-agency enforcement effort to interdict all threats against national security. This is accomplished through the gathering and sharing of intelligence to create a common operating picture and enhance situational awareness.

This is an intelligence-driven Homeland Security Operation designed with a forward-reaching, pre-emptive strategy to detect, prevent, and deter all potential threats from utilizing the ports of entry to further their illicit activities. The ports of entry are the last opportunity to interdict any crime that may have been committed in the U.S. and the primary mission of outbound operations is to detect violators as they attempt to smuggle weapons and illegal proceeds out of the country.

Violators will be apprehended, questioned and prosecuted by OFO, with the assistance of OPSG resources. Supplanting normal activities is not allowed and will not be reimbursed. As with all OPSG deployments, a direct nexus to supporting the border security efforts must be illustrated. Outbound operations should only be intermittent unless in support of RGV as a part of a specific named operation.

In support of operations in RGV, the integration of OPSG will serve as a key component in increasing the RGV's operational abilities in support of outbound operations in Hidalgo County which encompasses the Hidalgo, Pharr, Anzalduas, Donna and Progreso Ports of Entry (POE) during the period specified by this operation order. A "Jump Team" consisting of CBPOs, BPAs, and OPSG assets will be established to provide coverage to the POEs. OPSG's manpower commitment will be minimal and will not affect normal operations. OPSG assets will return to 2nd tier operations as the Jump Team fluctuates between ports (various local municipalities). OPSG assets will respond and integrate into outbound inspections corresponding to the agency's municipality limiting the reduction of resources in the field. Enhanced outbound operations will be inspecting 100% of all passengers in targeted vehicles to identify any possible Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) associations and focus on identified targets that are exploiting the POEs.

All participating officers will receive proper training on daily operations, traffic hazards as to assignments and awareness of carbon monoxide gases from Office of Field Operations (OFO) Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) prior to deployment to Outbound Operations. Daily consideration will be given to existing weather conditions, with officer safety being paramount, should any inclement weather arise.

### **C. Specific Responsibilities:**

#### **1. 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 OPSG 12 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, State Highway 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.

HCSO uniformed personnel will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target areas to help reduce criminal activity associated with drugs, human, weapons and U.S. Currency smuggling and any and all criminal activity that places our citizens at risk of endangerment.

#### **2. 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 OPSG 12 Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Constable's Office will provide one (1) uniformed deputy in a marked vehicle to actively patrol the Precinct 2

area and will assist the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to patrol the approximately 75 miles of US/ Mexico Border.

**3. 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 OPSG 12 Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Constable's Office will provide 6 (six) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Precinct 3 area and will assist the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to patrol the US/ Mexico Border that is in the Precinct 3 area.

**4. 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 OPSG 12 Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Constable's Office will provide two (2) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Precinct 4 area and assist the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office in their efforts to meet the goals of OPSG 12.

**5. Alamo Police Department:**

The Alamo Police Department will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. The Alamo Police Department will aggressively patrol its area of responsibility focusing on illegal immigrant smuggling and narcotics trafficking in efforts to curb and/or eliminate criminal activity. The Alamo Police Department will also cooperate with local, state and federal agencies and share criminal intelligence gathered throughout the operational period.

**6. Donna Police Department:**

The Donna Police Department will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. Donna P.D., on a daily basis, will have a total of two Officers patrol the 12 miles of US/Mexico border and the 1600 square miles of jurisdiction within Hidalgo County. These officers will protect the citizens of the US and Hidalgo County against those who enter into the US soil with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities.

**7. Edinburg Police Department:**

The Edinburg Police Department will increase law enforcement in areas identified as alien smuggling and/or drug smuggling routes within the City of Edinburg. Edinburg has over 14 miles of US Hwy 281 which has been identified as one of the major smuggling routes in the country, with illegal aliens and drugs going north and illicit monies and

weapons coming south. OPSG 12 will be utilized by the Edinburg Police Department to disrupt criminal activities along, and surrounding the US Hwy 281 corridor. This is to include roads that feed US Hwy 281, such as Bus. Hwy 281 (Closner Blvd.), State Hwy 107 (University Dr), FM 1925 (Monte Cristo Rd), etc; ancillary roads such as Mon Mack Rd, McColl Rd, FM 3420 (Jackson Rd), FM 1426 (Raul Longoria Rd), etc. and any other location that is identified through investigation as being used for smuggling activities. Officers will be enforcing state and local laws.

**8. Hidalgo Police Department:**

The Hidalgo Police Department will 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, Jackson Road. HPD will provide support to Outbound Operations at the Hidalgo POE.

**9. La Joya Police Department:**

The La Joya Police Department estimates that officers may work from a minimum of one officer to two officers per shift of overtime enforcement. All certified peace officers from the rank of Chief would be eligible to participate in Operation Stonegarden. This overtime would act as a force multiplier for the La Joya Police Department and would greatly increase border security. The La Joya Police Department Officers will patrol the city of La Joya during the participation of Operation Stonegarden. These units will be very visible and will address human and narcotic smuggling through the city and will provide assistance to any agency requesting assistance.

**10. Mercedes Police Department:**

Mercedes Police Dept. will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. Mercedes P.D., on a daily basis, will have a total of two Mercedes Officers patrol corridors leading from the US/Mexico border and into town along with the 11.2 square miles of jurisdiction within the city limits of Mercedes. These officers will protect the citizens of the US and the city of Mercedes against those who enter into the US soil with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities.

**11. Mission Police Department:**

Mission Police Department will curtail illegal activities in their community, especially along the eighteen (18) miles of jurisdiction bordering Mexico along the Rio Grande River, and their port of entry (Anzalduas International Bridge). One of the main purposes

of this operation is to reduce the threat of border incursions, which include drug trafficking and human smuggling, among other increases in border violence. Their efforts to obtain these objectives will be by increasing law enforcement presence and special operations on routes of border egress within the City of Mission. They will be conducting southbound operations at the Anzalduas International Bridge, in an attempt to deter the smuggling of U.S. currency and weapons into Mexico.

**12. Palmview Police Department:**

The Palmview Police Department will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. The Palmview Police Department will aggressively patrol its area of responsibility focusing on illegal immigrant smuggling and narcotics trafficking in efforts to curb and/or eliminate criminal activity. The Palmview Police Department will also cooperate with local, state and federal agencies and share criminal intelligence gathered throughout the operational period.

**13. Peñitas Police Department:**

Peñitas Police Dept. will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. Peñitas P.D., on a daily basis, will have a total of five (5) Officers patrol the US/Mexico border that is within their jurisdiction. These officers will protect the citizens of Hidalgo County against those who enter into United States soil with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities.

**14. Pharr Police Department:**

Pharr Officers have seen an increase in border violence in the neighboring Mexico cities of Reynosa and Rio Bravo. The President of Mexico has placed the Mexican military in these bordering cities to counter the operations of the drug cartels vying for territory. Historically, the Gulf Cartel has had a stronghold of the "Plazas" in numerous Mexican states, but recently they have been engaged in encounters with their former "Special Forces Unit", the Zetas. Numerous sources indicate that there have been gun battles and casualties between the drug cartels. Because of the proximity and direct access to the U.S. via the Pharr POE, the realization of a Mexican incursion, whether they be criminals or Mexican military soldiers fleeing a gun battle is likely to happen. It has been proven that these drug cartels have access to an abundance of money and weaponry. The public areas surrounding the Port of Pharr provide platforms, which may facilitate this type of incursion. The Pharr POE has become a nexus for Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO's) for narcotic and human smuggling. The Pharr POE is a vital commercial route that DTO's have tried to exploit and use to their advantage. The Pharr Police Department plans to use Stonegarden funds for overtime work and to purchase One (1) 2012 4x4 Suburban and equip it as a mobile response bridge operations vehicle. This vehicle will be used for specialized patrols in and around the Pharr POE and it will

be set up as a mobile command post in case of a bridge incursion. The mobile response operations vehicle will be equipped with police emergency equipment, MaaCom communication radio, Coban digital video recorder, MDT to monitor City of Pharr bridge cameras, and rifle racks. With the fully equipped law enforcement vehicle the Pharr Police Department will be able to increase and provide adequate law enforcement presence throughout the duration of Operation Stonegarden. This vehicle will be utilized to serve and protect the citizens of the United States and the City of Pharr from those criminal minded illegal immigrants who enter the U.S., for the sole purpose of committing criminal acts. Pharr PD will provide support to Outbound Operations at the Pharr POE.

**15. San Juan Police Department:**

The San Juan Police Department will 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 AOR. Utilizing Stonegarden funding for overtime and equipment in order to increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco Station' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1426). San Juan Police Department (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 and drug smuggling. 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.

**16. Weslaco Police Department:**

The City of Weslaco Police Department will consistently participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan for Operation Stonegarden. The City of Weslaco Police Department, on a scheduled daily basis, will contribute the deployment of two Police Officers, one Lieutenant-level Officer and one Patrolman-level Officer, to patrol the 1,241 miles of the Texas / Mexico Border along the Rio Grande River and the 1,600 square-mile jurisdiction within Hidalgo County, Texas. These Officers will protect the citizens of the U.S. and Hidalgo County against those who enter into U.S. sovereign territory with the purpose of engaging in criminal activities. These Officers also will coordinate with other agencies, including the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, to effectively promote the safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Weslaco and Hidalgo County, Texas.

**D. Coordinating Instructions:**

The RGV Sector Chief Patrol Agent will have operational oversight and in coordination/collaboration with OPSG stakeholders, will determine which areas will be the focus of operations. The sector and local participating agencies will be executing a quarterly OPSG operational plan for submission to OBP. RGV Sector stations will be responsible for OPSG related enforcement activities and intelligence sharing within their respective AORs. An Incident Command System (ICS) may be utilized to facilitate sector-wide coordination and monitoring of OPSG activities as warranted during special operations. RGV Sector stations along with State and local representatives will ensure daily OPSG activities within their respective AOR are monitored and reported accordingly. Border Patrol Stations will be responsible for reporting OPSG related intelligence to the RGV Sector Office of Intelligence (RGV-OI) as appropriate.

Each participating OPSG agency will have a designated management representative as noted in the Command and Control section of this operational plan.

#### Activity Reporting-

At the conclusion of each shift/operation, OPSG state/local law enforcement officers will complete an Activity Report (AR). The AR will be submitted via email to Sector Headquarters and County Headquarters. The Sector OPSG Group will be responsible for compiling daily activity reports and the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office will be responsible for tracking OPSG expenditures. Weekly Activity and After-Action Reports will be completed by the Sector OPSG Group and submitted via email to OBP.

#### Information Sharing-

All source documents (e.g. arrest reports, citations, field interviews, etc.) will be sent to RGV-OI for evaluation. Items of interest will be developed by the RGV-OI and forwarded to station Lead Border Patrol Agents (LBPA's), Participating Agencies, and the OPSG IPT for action.

#### Intelligence Products-

Intelligence products including mapping, trend analysis, community impact, and target files will be developed via a collaborative effort between RGV-OI and the participating agencies.

#### Performance Metrics-

OPSG impact on border security and public safety will be gauged by several mechanisms:

- Statistically tracked events such as traffic stops, citations, misdemeanor/felony arrests, and contraband seizures in OPSG target areas
- Intelligence evaluation of OPSG effect on targeted criminal organizations and their activities
- Third party indicators ascertained via crime statistical analysis and community impact data developed by the participating agency.

## **E. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS**

### **A. Cost Estimates/Funding Issues:**

3rd Tactical Period (September 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013)

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office	
2,575 Operational overtime hours (deputies)	
515 Operational overtime hours (supervisor)	
total overtime and fringe	\$ 131,301.31
Mileage 18,300 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 10,339.50
Hidalgo County Constable PCT 2	
75.08 Operational overtime hours (supervisor)	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 3,147.34
Hidalgo County Constable PCT 3	
24 Operational overtime hours (supervisor)	
125 Operational overtime hours (deputies)	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 6,081.82
Mileage 1,762.5 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 995.81
Hidalgo County Constable PCT 4	
130 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 5,327.88
Mileage 1,014 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 572.91
Alamo Police Department	
195 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 7,017.08
Mileage 1,900 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 1,073.50
Donna Police Department	
333 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 10,083.24
Mileage 943.5 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 533.08
Edinburg Police Department	
513 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 34,192.96
Mileage 9,528.75 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 5,383.75
Hidalgo Police Department	
312 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 11,011.74

Mileage 843.75 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 476.72
La Joya Police Department	
171.25 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 4,504.84
Mileage 1,078.5 miles X .565 per mile	\$ 609.49
Mercedes Police Department	
162.5 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 6,125.31
Mileage 700 miles X .565 per mile	\$
395.50	
Mission Police Department	
264 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 10,659.09
Palmview Police Department	
285 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 9,835.48
Peñitas Police Department	
225 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 6,860.53
Mileage 375 X .565 per mile	\$ 211.88
Pharr Police Department	
820 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 27,060.00
San Juan Police Department	
272 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 9,415.85
Weslaco Police Department	
240 Operational overtime hours	
Total overtime and fringe	\$ 11,230.75

**Cost Estimates:**

General	\$ 20,592.14
Cost:	
OT Cost:	\$293,855.22

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Total Cost: \$314,447.36

**B. Travel:**

N/A

**C. Lodging:**

N/A

**D. Reception of Detailed Personnel:**

N/A

**E. Uniform and Equipment:**

N/A

**F. Special Equipment:**

N/A

**G. Alien Processing:**

Individuals encountered during enforcement efforts that are determined to be undocumented aliens will be turned over to the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Stations for processing and disposition, unless otherwise specified (e.g. those individuals wanted for state crimes). Seized contraband will be processed in accordance with existing federal, state, and local policies.

**H. Medical:**

Upon encountering medical emergencies the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, and the participating agencies will follow each agency's protocol in their policy and procedure.

**I. Detention/Transportation:**

The detention and transportation of undocumented or illegal aliens will be coordinated with the Rio Grande Valley Sector Border Patrol Stations.

**J. Vehicles :**

Local law enforcement vehicles will be used in support of this operation. Fuel, mileage, and maintenance costs may be reimbursed in whole or in part for those vehicles utilized in OPSG related operations.

**F. 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.

1. Border Patrol	CPA Rosendo Hinojosa	956-289-4800
2. HCSO	Sheriff Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño	956-383-8114
3. HC PCT 2	Constable Martin Cantu	956-784-3510
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. Donna P.D.	Chief Ruben De Leon	956-464-4481
8. Edinburg P.D.	Chief Rolando Castaneda	956-383-7411
9. Hidalgo P.D.	Chief Rodolfo Espinoza	956-843-2737
10. La Joya	Chief Julian Gutierrez	956-585-4855
11. Mercedes P.D.	Chief Olga Maldonado	956-565-3102
12. Mission P.D.	Chief Martin Garza	956-584-5000
13. Palmview P.D.	Chief Chris R. Barrera	956-581-7416
14. Peñitas P.D.	Chief Roel Bermea	956-583-0050
15. Pharr P.D.	Chief Ruben Villescascas	956-787-8546
16. San Juan P.D.	Chief Juan Gonzalez	956-787-9904
17. Weslaco P.D.	Chief Michael Kelly	956-968-8591

**B. Unit Command:**

**RGV Sector Headquarters**

CPA Rosendo Hinojosa

ACPA Victor Howard

956-289-4800

**McAllen Border Patrol Station (Hidalgo County)**

PAIC Felix Cantu Jr.

DPAIC Kathleen Scudder, DPAIC Roel Rodriguez

956-217-3800

**Weslaco Border Patrol Station (Hidalgo County)**

PAIC Hector Escamilla

DPAIC John G. Gutierrez, DPAIC Letisia Camarrillo

956-647-8800

**C. Communication Details:**

The Hidalgo County Sheriff Office along with the participating agencies will be in accordance with existing communications policies for each agency and station area of operations.

**D. Map Coordinates:**

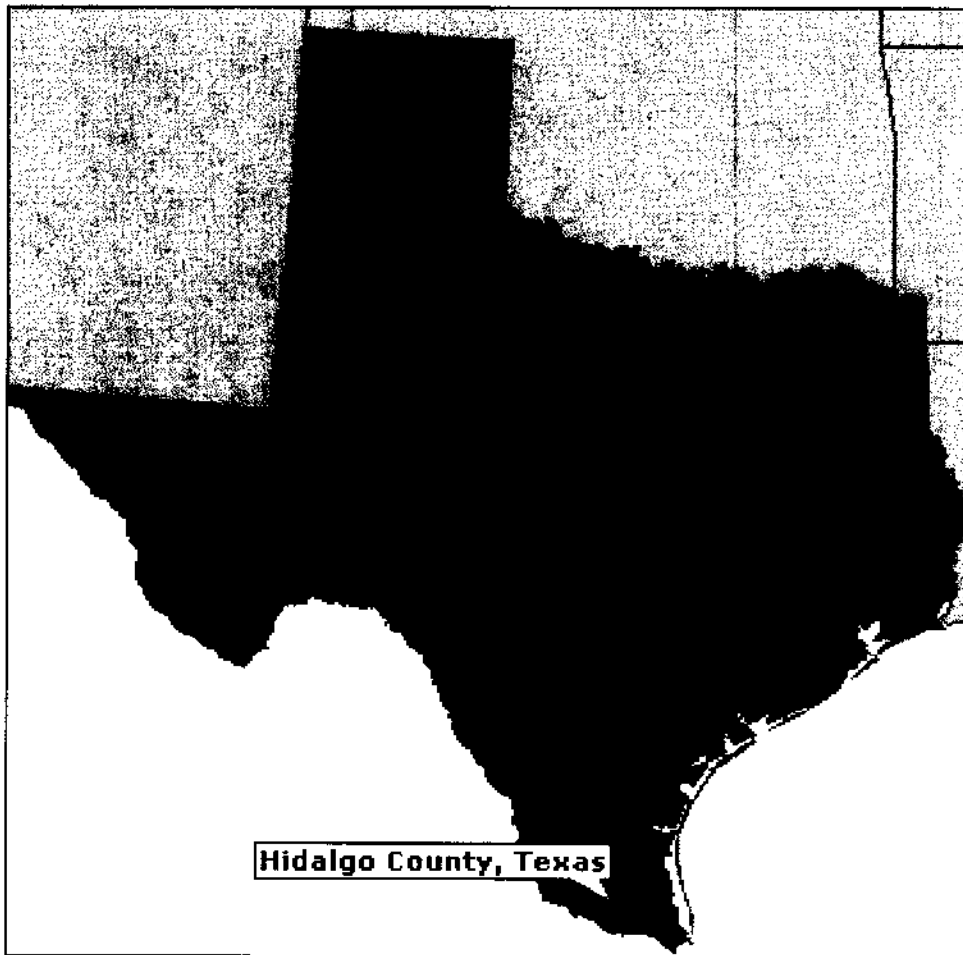
**Notes:** Hidalgo County is located in the southern district of Texas and is bordered by Cameron County on the east, Brooks County on the North, Starr County on the West and Mexico to the south. Hidalgo County is the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) largest county in Texas. Hidalgo County is 1,596 square miles, 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

Minutes:23      Seconds:24                      Minutes:56      Seconds:9

Decimal Degrees: -98.127502                      26.41591

Location zone : Central (Hidalgo County)



## **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 15 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:**

The Hidalgo County Sheriff Office and 15 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:**

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.

**HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

All Media events/questions will be referred to Hidalgo County Sheriff Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño or his designee. Information will be released to the media only when prior approval has been obtained from Sheriff Treviño.

**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:**

Operations have the potential to take place near shopping areas, schools and places of worship.	Medium	Enforcement actions at or near sensitive locations will be avoided unless absolutely necessary. Border Patrol Agents participating in this operation will conduct themselves in accordance with the current policy titled, "Consideration During Planned Enforcement Actions At or Near Certain Community Locations."	Low
Operations have the potential to have traffic hazards and inclement weather conditions when being conducted at Ports of Entry (Outbound Operations).	Medium	All participating officers will receive proper training on daily operations, traffic hazards as to assignments and awareness of carbon monoxide gases from Office of Field Operations (OFO) Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) prior to deployment to Outbound Operations. Daily consideration will be given to existing weather conditions, with officer safety being paramount, should any inclement weather arise.	Low

**Photos:**

No photos have been associated with this Op Order.



# HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## SHERIFF GUADALUPE "LUPE" TREVIÑO

July 17, 2013

Ms. Aimee Clancy  
Federal Emergency Management Administration  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
800 K Street, NW Suite 5035  
Washington, DC 20531

RE: FY 2012 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program, Operational Overtime Waiver

Dear Ms. Clancy:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) requests a waiver of the 50% Overtime Limit provided by the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program. The intent of this request is to enable the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to make the greatest impact in the joint mission to secure the United States International southern boundaries. Due to increasing acts of violence within the U.S./Mexican border areas, it would be beneficial to increase law enforcement presence within identified active areas and at the Port of Entries working hand in hand with U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs.

A waiver of the overtime limit will provide the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office with the flexibility to allocate resources to enhance collaboration between law enforcement agencies on the border and to increase our capabilities to prevent and respond to border security issues.

Herewith requesting an increase in the Operational Overtime to 60% of the awarded funding for Hidalgo County, Texas to conduct enhanced patrol operations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lupe Treviño", written in a cursive style.

Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño  
Hidalgo County Sheriff