

OPSG Operations Order Worksheet

Date Received from the Field: 04/28/15
 Date the Operations Order was Worked by OBP Ops: 04/29/15
 Operations Order Number: 15-RGVRGV-11-001 Version 1
 Operation start date: 10/01/2014



County:	<u>Hidalgo</u>	Grant Year:	2014
State:	<u>Texas</u>		
Sector:	<u>Rio Grande Valley</u>	FY Award Amount/Balance:	\$0.00
Does the OpOrder OT Request Exceed 50% of the award? (Letter is needed if OT is over 50% because of Price Act):	Yes	Overtime:	\$1,180,579.08
		Fringe:	\$218,020.25
OT Justification Letter Attached?:	Yes	Equipment:	\$1,539,251.35
		Fuel:	\$0.00
Vehicle Justification Letter?:	Yes	Maintenance:	\$0.00
		Milelage:	\$142,225.83
Date Forwarded to SPPA:	4/29/2015	Travel:	\$0.00
		County M&A:	\$26,768.22
		Total	\$3,106,844.73

NOTES: First OPSG V 1

Reviewed by: Gonzalo Ortega OPO - Ops East/Central

Op. approved by: Eduardo Sanchez Acting Associate Chief STC - Ops East/Central

Kicked Back?: No

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
Frag Order Report**

Op Order Name: OPSG Texas Hidalgo FY14
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Op Dates: From: 10/1/2014 **To:** 08/31/2016
Report Date: 04/22/2015

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 (HCSO), as a participating entity with Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) 2014, with the assistance of the seventeen (17) 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, Interstates 69, 2, Expressway 83, FM 186, FM 490, and FM 681. 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 Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies as well as state and federal agencies if needed may participate in additional required operations. Operations may be coordinated with state, federal and local border security surge operations over an extended period of time. Agencies participating in the operation will deploy available ground, air, and maritime assets to conduct fixed and mobile patrols of access points to known trafficking corridors in the immediate vicinity of the Rio Grande River and surrounding areas. 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.

I. SITUATION

A. General Situation:

Hidalgo County is located within the AOR of the Rio Grande Valley Sector, Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations. Hidalgo County is the eighth largest county in the State of Texas and consist of 1,571 square miles and shares approximately 75 miles of international border with Mexico jurisdiction including a number of ingress/egress routes that lead to and from the immediate southern international boundaries of the Rio Grande River border area. Additionally, the County's jurisdiction includes a number of Ports of Entries which include Progreso, Donna, Pharr, Hidalgo, Los Ebanos (manual ferry/barge crossing) and Mission. There are also numerous major thoroughfares 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 and Starr County and bordered by Brooks County 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 360 certified detention officers, law enforcement division consist of 293 certified law enforcement personnel, combined total of 653. In addition, HCSO has a civilian support staff which consists of 155 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 agencies, plus four (precincts) Constables Offices. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office currently has sixteen (16) LEAs participating in Operation Stonegarden 2013.

B. Terrain/Weather:

Hidalgo County is comprised of 1,571 square miles of the Rio Grande delta. The northern part of the county has sandy and light loam soils over deep reddish or mottled, clayey sub soils, in some areas limestone lies within forty inches from the surface. The southern part of the county has moderately deep loamy surfaces over clayey sub soils.

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 ranging from an average low of 47 °F/8 °C in January to an average high of 96°F/36°C in July; the average annual temperature is 73°F/23°C. Rainfall averages 23 inches (580 mm) a year, while the growing season lasts for 320 days of the year.

C. Criminal Element:

Organized Criminal elements both in Mexico and in United States use identified routes of ingress and egress through Hidalgo County to include 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

- U.S. Border Patrol
- Homeland Security Investigations
- 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 1
- 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 seventeen participating law enforcement agencies will be to provide an enhanced law enforcement visibility and capability within each LEA jurisdictional. This will substantially increase the probability of identification and/or apprehension of criminal elements operating within each LEA jurisdiction. The Sheriff's Office and seventeen 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 entities.

Funding obtained through OPSG 2014 will be utilized to accomplish a high visibility enforcement presence that will detect, deter and/or interdict criminal and 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 for this purpose.

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 hazards. 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 2014 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. OSG 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.

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 14 HCSO will provide eleven (11) 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 will have the eleven (11) uniformed deputies to enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target areas to help reduce criminal activity associated with drugs, humans, weapons and U.S. Currency smuggling and any and all criminal activity that places U.S. citizens and all persons within Hidalgo County at risk of endangerment.

In order support the deputies on the field, HCSO will have one (1) Communications officer to assist in dispatching field deputies in regards to Stonegarden operations.

HCSO will have one accountant and two administrative assistants which will assist in the management and administration of Stonegarden grant. One accountant at the Hidalgo County Auditors' Office will be assigned to work on the management and administration of the Stonegarden grant.

2. *Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 1:*

Increase law enforcement presence/patrol activity in the area surrounding Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations' Critical Transit Nodes (Expressway 83, FM 1015, FM 491 and Military Highway 281). During OPSG 14 Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Constable's Office will provide eight (8) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Precinct 1 area and will assist the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to patrol the 75 miles of US/ Mexico Border on an as needed basis.

3. *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 14 Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Constable's Office will provide ten (10) uniformed deputies in marked vehicles to actively patrol the Precinct 2 area and will assist the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to patrol the US/Mexico Border.

4. *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 14 Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Constable's Office will provide twelve (12) 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.

5. *Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4:*

Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. During OPSG 14 Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Constable's Office will provide nine (9) 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 14.

6. *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 have one (1) officer working four days a week which 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.

7. *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 weekly basis will have a total of four (4) officer's patrol the 12 miles of US/Mexico border. These officers will protect the citizens of the US and Hidalgo County against those who enter into the US with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities.

8. *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 Police Department will have a total of three (3) officers working six hours a day under this operational plan. 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 14 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 locations that are identified through investigation as being used for smuggling activities. Officers will be enforcing state and local laws.

9. *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. Hidalgo Police Department will enforce state law and local ordinances against violators in the target area to help reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. Hidalgo Police Department will provide three (3) 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, and McColl Road, Jackson Road.

10. *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 will have a total of eleven (11) Officers set at different times which 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 participating agency requesting assistance.

11. *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 weekly basis, will have a total of two (2) 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, the city of Mercedes, and Hidalgo County against those who enter into the US with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities.

12. *Mission Police Department:*

Mission Police Department will curtail illegal activities in their community, especially along the eighteen (18) miles of jurisdiction bordering Texas/Mexico border 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. The Mission

Police Department estimates that six (6) officers will work this operational plan. 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 and ultimately to deter crime in our community.

13. *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 by placing twenty (20) officers 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.

14. *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 two (2) 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 with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities.

15. *Pharr Police Department:*

Pharr Officers have seen an increase in border violence in the neighboring Mexico cities of Reynosa and Rio Bravo. Numerous sources indicate that there have been gun battles and casualties between various Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's). Because of the proximity and direct access to the U.S. via the Pharr Port of Entry (POE), the realization of a Mexican incursion is a possibility. The public areas surrounding the Pharr POE provide platforms, which may facilitate this type of incursion. The Pharr POD has become a nexus for DTO's for narcotic and human smuggling organizations, due to its vital commercial route that DTO's have tried to exploit and use to their advantage. The Pharr Police Department will be able to increase and provide law enforcement presence by placing twenty (20) officers throughout the duration of Operation Stonegarden. The overtime and specialized equipment 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.

16. San Juan Police Department:

The San Juan Police Department (SJPD) 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. San Juan Police Department will utilize 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). 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 four (4) uniformed officers in marked vehicles 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. The overtime would act as a force multiplier for the SJPD and would greatly increase border safety and security.

17. Sullivan City Police Department:

The Sullivan City Police Department will participate in the daily operations, goals and objectives set forth within the operational plan of Operation Stonegarden. The Sullivan City Police Department will aggressively patrol its area of responsibility by placing nine (9) uniformed officers to focus on illegal immigrant smuggling and narcotics trafficking in efforts to curb and/or eliminate criminal activity. The Sullivan City Police Department will also cooperate with local, state and federal agencies and share criminal intelligence gathered throughout the operational period.

18. 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 (2) Police Officers and one (1) Lieutenant-level Officer for a total of three (3) officers to patrol the 1,241 miles of the Texas / Mexico Border along the Rio Grande River and assist within the 1,600 square-mile jurisdiction within Hidalgo County, Texas if need be. 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 Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Chief Patrol Agent will have operational oversight and in coordination/collaboration with OPSG stakeholders, will determine which areas will be the focus of operations. RGV and local participating agencies will be executing a quarterly OPSG operational plan for submission to Office of Border Patrol. RGV 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 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 Intelligence Unit (SIU) 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 RGV Headquarters and County Headquarters. RGV 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 RGV 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-SIU for evaluation. Items of interest will be developed by the RGV-SIU and forwarded to station Border Patrol Agent-Intelligence (BPA-I), 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-SIU 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.

IV. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

A. Cost Estimates/Funding Issues:

A.1 Cost Estimates/Funding Requests

Historical Data V0

Hidalgo County, TX Total FY 2014 OPSG Total Grant Award: \$4,674,438.00			
Administration/ Logistics/Budget	Narrative Justification (Computation of Items)		Federal Request
Overtime and Fringe	Overtime and Fringe Total		\$2,797,198.59
Law Enforcement Operational Overtime	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and Friendly Forces Total =		\$2,361,158.14
Fringe Benefits for Law Enforcement	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and Friendly Forces Total =		\$436,040.45
Equipment (Provide AEL #)	Equipment Total		\$1,539,251.35
	General Equipment	N/A	\$1,539,251.35
	Special Equipment	N/A	\$0.00
	Vehicles, Watercraft, other type of vehicles	N/A	\$0.00
	Regional Capability Building equipment	N/A	\$0.00
Vehicles	Fuel Cost	N/A	\$0.00
	Maint. Cost	N/A	\$0.00
	Mileage Cost	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and Friendly Forces Total =	\$284,451.62
Travel, Lodging, and Per diem	N/A		\$0.00
County M&A			\$53,536.44
Total Funding Cost			\$4,674,438.00

Cost Estimates Phase 2:

General Cost: \$ 142,225.79

OT Cost: \$1,425,367.48

Total Cost: \$1,567,593.27

TOTAL PHASE 1 AND 2

General Cost: \$ 1,823,702.97

OT Cost: \$ 2,850,735.03

Total Cost: \$ 4,674,438.00

B. Travel:

Not Applicable

C. Lodging:

Not Applicable

D. Reception of Detailed Personnel:

Not Applicable

E. Uniform and Equipment:

Not Applicable

F. Special Equipment:

See Cost Estimates/Funding Issues

G. Alien Processing:

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

H. Medical:

Medical emergencies will be coordinated as per the County’s safety protocol.

I. Detention/Transportation:

Alien detention and transportation will be coordinated with the Border Patrol.

J. Vehicles:

State and 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.

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.

1. Border Patrol	CPA Kevin W. Oaks	956-289-4800
2. HCSO	Sheriff J.E. “Eddie” Guerra	956-383-8114
3. HC PCT 1	Constable Celestino Avila	956-447-3775
4. HC PCT 2	Constable Martin Cantu	956-784-3510
5. HC PCT 3	Constable Larry Gallardo	956-581-6800
6. HC PCT 4	Constable Atanacio “J.R.” Gaitan	956-383-8560
7. Alamo P.D.	Chief Arturo Espinoza	956-787-1454
8. Donna P.D.	Chief Ruben De Leon	956-464-4481
9. Edinburg P.D.	Chief Rolando Castaneda	956-383-7411

10. Hidalgo P.D.	Chief Rodolfo Espinoza	956-843-2737
11. La Joya	Chief Geovani Hernandez	956-585-4855
12. Mercedes P.D.	Chief Olga Maldonado	956-565-3102
13. Mission P.D.	Chief Robert Dominguez	956-584-5000
14. Palmview P.D.	Chief Chris R. Barrera	956-581-7416
15. Peñitas 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 Miguel Martinez	956-485-9208
19. Weslaco P.D.	Interim Chief Sergio Ramirez	956-968-8591

B. Unit Command:

RGV Sector Headquarters (956) 289-4800
 CPA Kevin Oaks
 ACPA Robert L. Carr

McAllen Border Patrol Station (Hidalgo County)
 PAIC Felix Cantu Jr.
 956-217-3800

Weslaco Border Patrol Station (Hidalgo County)
 PAIC Hector Escamilla
 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 (8th) largest county in Texas. Hidalgo County is 1,571 square miles, and shares 75 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	Latitude
Degrees : Minutes : Seconds	98 : 19 : 57	26 : 28 : 15
Decimal	-98.33246	26.47073

Location Zone: Hidalgo County

ANNEX

A. Administration Annex:

The RGV 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 RGV, 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. In all undocumented alien detentions and apprehensions as a result of smuggling and contraband cases we will coordinate in partnership with the RGV Border Patrol Station or DEA Office as to the disposition of the individuals for processing by the appropriate agency.

Frago #1 (Tactical Period #1)

Hidalgo County is requesting release of 1st Tactical Period funds to conduct operations within the Rio Grande City Border Patrol Station Area of Operations.

Tactical Period 1: October 01, 2014 through August 31, 2015

Hidalgo County, TX Total FY 2014 OPSG FRAGO 1 Grant Award: \$3,106,844.73			
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Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

12,311.228 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$35.87/hr.

Total overtime \$441,603.75

Total fringe (OT x 22%) \$97,152.83

(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

1,114.781 Operational overtime hours (Communications Officer) @

avg. OT rate \$24.59/hr.

Total overtime \$27,412.46

Total fringe (OT x 22%) \$6,030.74

(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

M&A (Sheriff's Office/Auditors Office)

TOTAL M&A \$26,768.22

(AEL 100-HF-01-GASB)

Mileage 130,611.11 miles X .560 per mile \$73,142.22

(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

Eight (8) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoes or equivalent

with police package to include:

overhead emergency lighting, prisoner cages,

computer/laptops, laptop stands, software, modem,

shotgun mounts, in-car video camera system, radar and

console placement @ \$57,066.24 ea. \$456,529.92

(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

HCSO Subtotal **\$1,128,640.14**

Hidalgo County Constable PCT 1

512.9909 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$29.60
Total overtime \$15,184.53
Total fringe (OT x 22%) \$3,340.60
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 7,033.07 X .560 per mile \$3,938.52
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) 2015 Fully Equipped Patrol Vehicle \$30,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

One (1) Police package to include \$25,072.71
police lighting, radar, camera system, gun racks, cages, decals, radio and radar and console placement, etc.
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

HC PCT 1 Subtotal \$77,536.36

Hidalgo County Constable PCT 2

1,376.1177 Operational Overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$29.81/hr.
Total overtime \$41,022.08
Total fringe (OT x 22%) \$9,024.85
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 4,380.47 X .560 per mile \$2,453.07
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent (Fully equipped with police package to include: overhead emergency lighting, prisoner cages, computer/laptops, laptop stands, software, modem, shotgun mounts, in-car video camera system, radar and console placement) \$45,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

One (1) APX-radio (to be installed in vehicle) \$7,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

One (1) Panasonic tough book (to be installed in vehicle)\$ 3,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

One (1) Used Chevy Tahoe or equivalent \$10,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

HC PCT 2 Subtotal **\$117,500.00**

Hidalgo County Constable PCT 3

1,259.900 Operational overtime hours @ avg. rate \$31.51/hr.
Total overtime \$39,699.45
Total fringe (OT x 22%) \$8,733.88
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 17,036.715 miles X .560 per mile \$9,540.56
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

Two (2) 2015 Fully Equipped Patrol Vehicles \$ 64,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

Two (2) full patrol packages @ \$10,026.12 ea. \$20,052.23
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

HC PCT 3 Subtotal **\$142,026.12**

Hidalgo County Constable PCT 4

1,152.1518 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$33.72/hr.
Total overtime \$38,850.56
Total fringe (OT x22%) \$ 8,547.12
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 12,682.70 miles X .560 per mile \$7,102.32
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) 2015 Law Enforcement Patrol Vehicle
To include: overhead emergency lighting, communications

Radio, radar, computer/laptop, modem, shotgun/laptop
Mounts, camera system \$51,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

HC PCT 4 Subtotal **\$ 105,500.00**

Alamo Police Department

660 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$30.00/hr.
Total overtime \$19,800.00
Total fringe (OT x 20.26%) \$4,011.48
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 5,840 miles X .560 per mile \$3,270.40
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

Two (2) Used Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent
to include emergency equipment:
emergency lights, siren, cages, lap top
mount, mobile radio, video system and graphics. \$25,836.24
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

Alamo Subtotal **\$52,918.12**

Donna Police Department

936.095 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$24.63/hr.
Total overtime \$23,056.02
Total fringe (OT x 16.49%) \$3,801.94
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 5,538 miles X .560 per mile \$3,101.28
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) 2015 Ford Explorer Unit or equivalent
With police package installed \$40,081.53
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

Donna Subtotal **\$70,040.77**

Edinburg Police Department

1,512 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$45.00/hr.

Total overtime	\$68,040.00
Total fringe (OT x 25.72%)	\$17,499.89
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)	

Mileage 25,949.15 miles X .560 per mile	\$14,531.52
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)	

Two (2) 2015 Ford Explorer or equivalent @ \$28,974.00 ea.	\$57,948.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)	

Two (2) full patrol packages to include: police radio, stripe kit, center console for radio, overhead lights and siren, coban in car video system, radar unit, rifle rack, push bumper, and installation @ \$20,954.59 ea.	\$41,909.18
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)	

Edinburg Subtotal	\$ 199,928.59
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Hidalgo Police Department

3,203.728 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$20.88/hr.	
Total overtime	\$66,893.84
Total fringe (OT x21.98%)	\$14,703.27
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)	

Mileage 21,840 miles X .560 per mile	\$12,230.40
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)	

One (1) 2015 Ford F-150 Crew cab or equivalent with police package to include: overhead emergency lighting, prisoner cages, computer/laptops, laptop stands, software, modem, shotgun mounts, in-car video camera system, radar and console placement	\$45,095.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)	

One (1) SkyCop Surveillance Systems	\$67,250.00
Solar power with day/thermal cams	
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)	

Hidalgo Subtotal	\$206,172.51
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La Joya Police Department

925.3586 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$23.76/hr.
 Total overtime \$21,986.52
 Total fringe (OT x 16.45%) \$3,616.78
 (AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 4,726.24 miles X .560 per mile \$2,646.70
 (AEL 130FC.01MILE)

Two (2) APX 6000 P25 Portable Radios @ \$6,250.00 each \$12,500.00
 (AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

One (1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent with police package \$31,000.00
 Including: rear partitions, console, emergency lights and siren,
 Push bumper, watch guard 4RE dash camera, decals, and radar
 (AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

La Joya Subtotal **\$71,750.00**

Mercedes Police Department

904.902 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$32.24/hr.
 Total overtime \$29,174.04
 Total fringe (OT x 31.51%) \$9,192.74
 (AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 6,637.20 miles X .560 per mile \$3,716.84
 (AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) new 2015 police package Chevy Tahoe or equivalent \$64,934.78
 to include: graphics, console with accessories and
 mounting equipment, emergency lighting, radar unit,
 mobile DVR system, push bumper, siren, siren speaker,
 gun rack and rear storage organizer, computer/laptop,
 dual band radio, Whelen light bar, siren speaker, siren box
 and controller
 (AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

One (1) Steiner Military Binoculars @ \$899.99 \$898.00
 (Difference of \$1.99 to be paid with City funds)
 (AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Mercedes Subtotal **\$107,916.40**

Mission Police Department

2,016.041 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$35.83/hr.
Total overtime \$72,234.75
Total fringe (OT x 19.41%) \$14,020.76
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage 11,700 miles X .560 per mile \$6,552.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) Fully equipped 2015 police vehicle \$60,445.00
to include: anti-theft device, radar, L3 Comm. Mobile Vision
PCS Mobile-Panasonic laptop, police safety package
to include: red/blue overhead light bars, siren, cage, plexi-glass
partition, push bars, police radio, weapon mount, rear seat,
emergency side lights
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

Four (4) Off-Road Vehicles (ATV) @ \$10,500 ea. \$42,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Two (2) enclosed trailers to carry ATV's @ \$5,500.00 ea. \$11,000.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Four (4) Full face helmets @ \$155.00 ea. \$620.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Three (3) Glove sets @ \$40.00 ea. \$120.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Four (4) Goggles @ \$50.00 ea. \$200.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Mission Subtotal \$ 207,192.51

Palmview Police Department

1,125 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$36/hr.
Total overtime \$40,500.00
Total fringe (no fringes being claimed) \$ 0.00
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage (no mileage being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) FLIR Thermal Image Monocular @ \$7,139.00 \$5,985.00
(Difference of \$1,154.00 to be paid with City funds)
(AEL 210S-01-SPEC)

Two (2) ATV's 2014 Outlander 1000 Max w/ accessories \$28,315.00
@ \$30,780.35 total
(Difference of \$2,465.35 to be paid with City funds)
(AEL 210S-01-SPEC)

Fourteen (14) Mobile Data terminal installation of AVL
Software for patrol fleet @ \$10,475 \$9,700.00
(Difference of \$775.00 to be paid with City funds)
(AEL 04AP-07-INVN)

Palmview Subtotal \$84,500.00

Peñitas Police Department

1,460 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$21.51/hr.
Total overtime \$31,404.60
Total fringe (OT x 7.65% FICA only being claimed) \$2,402.45
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage (no mileage being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1)2015 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV or equivalent
Fully equipped to include:
Fleet Safety Equipment (lights, sirens, cage, etc.) and
One safety vision camera (to be installed in vehicle) \$46,073.56
(AEL 210S-01-EQUP)

Peñitas Subtotal \$79,880.61

Pharr Police Department

2,720 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$33.00/hr.
Total overtime \$89,760.00
Total fringe (no fringes being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage (no mileage being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

Equipment /Technology

One (1) Skywatch Tower (Sentinel) equipped with
4 thermal sensitive cameras, a high power spot light,
With several sensors in/and around the platform tower \$113,218.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

One (1) Diesel generator (permanent, attached and secured
to skybox, not construction) \$7,262.00
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

Pharr Subtotal \$210,240.00

San Juan Police Department

1,080.06 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$30.61/hr.
Total overtime \$33,060.63
Total fringe (OT x 12.8%) \$4,231.77
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage (no mileage being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) 2015 fully equipped Chevy Silverado
Crew cab LT or equivalent \$32,577.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

One (1) 2015 fully equipped Dodge Durango or equivalent \$ 38,981.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

One (1) Tool box and cover \$3,857.20
(AEL 21OS-01-SPEC)

San Juan Subtotal \$112,707.60

Sullivan City Police Department

1,349.693 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$20.72/hr.
Total overtime \$27,965.63
Total fringe (OT x 7.65%FICA only being claimed) \$2,139.37
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage (no mileage being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

One (1) 2015 Police Cruiser with Police Package or equivalent
To include:
Inner interior lightbar, liberty lightbar,
Headlight/taillight flasher, LED spotlight, speaker,
Siren light controller, TAD8 Traffic Advisor, ETC. \$39,790.00
(AEL 21OS-01-EQUP)

Sullivan City Subtotal **\$ 69,895.00**

Weslaco Police Department

1,248.06 Operational overtime hours @ avg. OT rate \$42.41/hr.
Total overtime \$52,930.22
Total fringe (OT x 18.08%) \$9,569.78
(AEL 130.OS.01.OTSG)

Mileage (no mileage being claimed) \$0.00
(AEL 130FC.01MILE)

Weslaco Subtotal **\$62,500.00**

Cost Estimates Phase 1:

General Cost:	\$1,681,477.18
OT Cost:	\$ 1,425,367.55
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Total Cost:	\$3,106,844.73

B. Execution Annex:

If funded the Hidalgo County Sheriff Office and 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:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff Office and 17 participating friendly forces/police department have built partnerships with HSI, 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 has the lead on all Public Affairs activities. Each participating agency must coordinate all public affairs activities with the RGV Public Affairs Office. All Border Patrol inquiries will be directed to the RGV Public Affairs Office (956) 289-4990.

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

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

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.

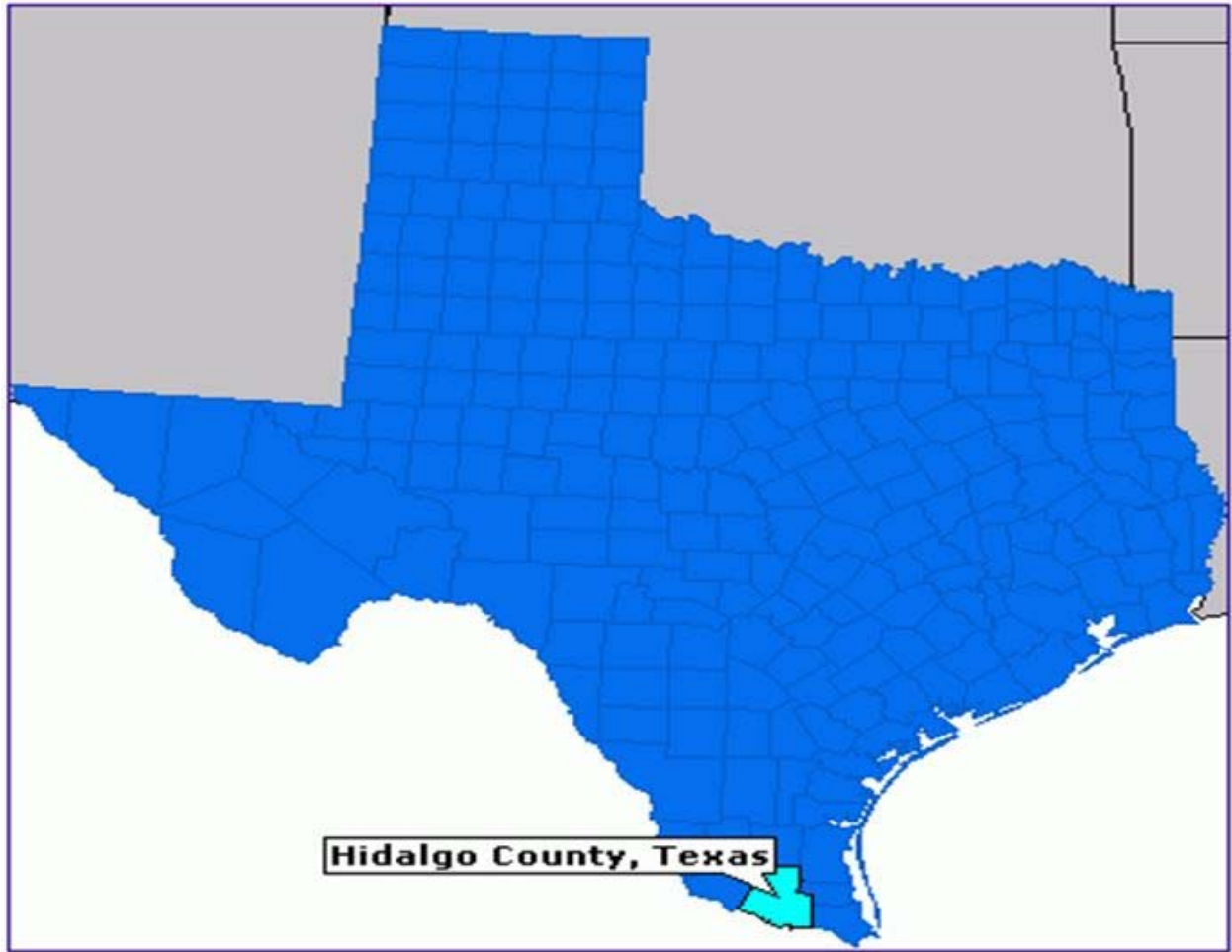
Risks:

No risks have been associated with this Op Order.

Photos:

Filename: Hidalgo County

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HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

January 13, 2015

Corey A. Walz
Program Analyst, Western Branch
Grant Programs Directorate
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C. Street, S.W., Techworld Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20472-3615

Re: 2014 Operation Stone Garden Program (OSGP) Overtime Waiver Request – Hidalgo County

Dear Mr. Walz:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office requests a waiver by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator of the 50 percent (50%) personnel cap overtime limit on the 2014 OPSG Grant. The intent of this request is to continue our coordinated efforts with Federal, State, and Local law enforcement agencies and make the greatest impact in the joint mission to secure the United States International southern boundaries. Due to increasing acts of violence within the US/Mexican border areas, the Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency (THSSAA) has allocated 2014 OPSG grant funds to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its sub-recipients to increase law enforcement presence within identified active areas and at Port of Entries.

The purpose of this letter is to request waiver of the 50 percent (50%) personnel cap and allow the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its sub-recipients to expend up to 61% (rounded) (\$2,850,735.03) of the total \$4,674,438.00 2014 OPSG funds on law enforcement personnel overtime cost. A waiver of the overtime limit will provide the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its sub-recipients with the flexibility to allocate resources to enhance collaboration between Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies on the border and to increase our capabilities to prevent, protect and respond to border security threats and issues.

Thank You in advance for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J.E. Guerra', written in a cursive style.

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

October 30, 2014

United States Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grants Program Directorate, Grants
800 K Street, NW Suite 5035
Washington, DC 20531

RE: Equipment Justification for Hidalgo County 2014 Operation Stonegarden

Dear Grants Program Directorate:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) along with seventeen (17) participating law enforcement agencies will participate in the Operation Stonegarden 2014 grant. Hialgo County received an amount of \$ 4,674,438.00 and is requesting permission to utilize \$180,468.00 of the awarded amount for the procurement of specialized equipment.

The Hidalgo Police Department and Pharr Police Department, in an effort to achieve and sustain the mission, goals, and objectives set forth within the Operation Stonegarden operational plan in securing our southern boundaries, are requesting the purchase of specialized equipment. The Hidalgo Police Department is requesting the purchase of one (1) SkyCop surveillance system with a purchase price of \$67,250.00 and Pharr Police Department is requesting the purchase of one (1) Sky Watch Tower (Sentinel) with a purchase price of \$113,218.00.

Hidalgo Police Department	One (1)Sky Cop Surveillance System	\$67,250.00
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Pharr Police Department	One (1) SkyWatch Tower (Sentinel)	\$113,218.00
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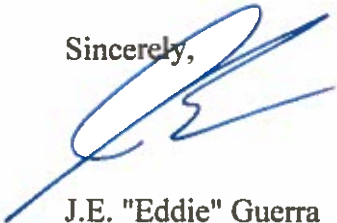
Total Equipment:		<u>\$180,468.00</u>
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The Sky Cop surveillance system Hidalgo Police Department is seeking to purchase will be set up strategically along international boundaries which are deemed problematic areas. The SkyCop system will enable HPD personnel communication officers to monitor from remote site live activity during day or night time hours. This will allow both HPD and BP ground troops to be proactive and respond to the threat as it is getting organized. HPD will be able to monitor and track their movements with thermal imagery in efforts to secure our U.S. boundaries from the criminal minded or the illegal immigrants attempting to gain entry unto U.S. soil with the purpose of engaging in criminal activity. The Sky Cop surveillance system will be used to assist Border Patrol with Stonegarden operations.

The Pharr Police Department is seeking to purchase a Sentinel Sky Watch Tower which is designed to give an officer a line of sight of over 24 feet and/or two stories high, the tower will be equipped with 4 thermal sensitive cameras, a high power spot light with several sensors in/and around the tower, etc. The Sky Tower is a portable system and can be rapidly moved to (high-risk) crime areas and will monitor routes of egress leading from the Pharr International Bridge Port of Entry, Rio River connecting Mexico and US and 83/281 highway transportation corridors. The Sky Tower will enhance patrol for the duration of Operation Stonegarden.

Any questions, please call me at (956) 383-8114.

Sincerely,



J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff

February 25, 2015

United States Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grants Program Directorate, Grants
800 K Street, NW Suite 5035
Washington, DC 20531

Re: Equipment Justification for Pharr Police Department 2014 Operation Stonegarden

Dear Grants Program Directorate:

The Pharr Police Department in an effort to achieve and sustain the mission, goals and objectives set forth with Operation Stonegarden operational plan in securing our southern boundaries, are requesting the purchase of specialized equipment.

The Pharr Police Department is requesting the purchase of one (1) 7500 diesel generator valued at \$7,262.00 to replace an older model generator currently been used in a 2002 model Skywatch Tower. The current generator is twelve (12) years old and the maintenance is exceeding the cost effectiveness of the item. The purchase of the new diesel generator would allow the Pharr Police Department to continue using an older model Skywatch Tower to enhance Operation Stonegarden operational plan.

The purchase would aide this department to reduce maintenance cost and continue having a fixed asset to monitor commercial parking lots, State and US corridors, and rural areas. This would allow the Pharr Police Department to prevent narcotic and human smuggling along the City of Pharr's southern border and at the Pharr Port of Entry.



Joel Robles
Asst. Chief of Police



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

October 30, 2014

United States Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grants Program Directorate, Grants
800 K Street, NW Suite 5035
Washington, DC 20531

RE: Used Vehicle Justification for Hidalgo County 2014 Operation Stonegarden

Dear Grants Program Directorate:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) along with seventeen (17) participating law enforcement agencies will participate in the Operation Stonegarden 2014 grant. Hidalgo County received an awarded amount of \$ 4,674,438.00 and is requesting permission to utilize \$ 45,836.24 of the awarded amount for the procurement of used vehicles.

The Hidalgo County Constable's Precinct 2 and Alamo Police Department, in an effort to achieve and sustain the mission, goals, and objectives set forth within the Operation Stonegarden operational plan securing our southern boundaries, are requesting the purchase of used vehicles. The Constable's Precinct 2 is requesting the purchase of one (1) Used police package vehicle with a purchase price of \$20,000.00 and Alamo Police Department is requesting the purchase of two (2) Used Chevrolet Tahoes or equivalent with police package @ \$12,918.12 each.

	One (1) Used police package vehicle to include one APX radio and one Panasonic Toughbook	
HC PCT. 2		\$20,000.00

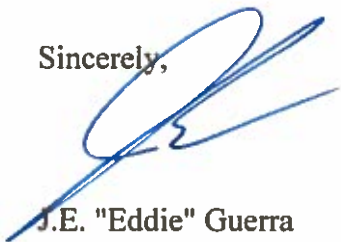
	Two (2) Used Chevrolet Tahoes or equivalent w/ police package @	
Alamo Police Department	\$12,918.12 each.	\$25,836.24
Total Equipment:		<u>\$45,836.24</u>

The used vehicle Precinct 2 is seeking to purchase will be used to increase law enforcement presence in designated areas during the Operation Stonegarden initiative. The vehicle will be marked and equipped with law enforcement package to include one APX radio as well as one Panasonic Toughbook. The vehicle will be used to assist Border Patrol with any Stonegarden operations.

Alamo Police Department is seeking to purchase two (2) Used Chevrolet Tahoes or equivalent with police package which will be used to enhance law enforcement presence in the Alamo area. The vehicles will be marked with designated graphics, emergency equipment and grant identifying information. The units will also be used for the pursuit and apprehension of violators of criminal activity to include narcotics/human smuggling. The vehicles will be used to assist Border Patrol during Stonegarden should the need arise.

Any questions, please call me at (956) 383-8114.

Sincerely,



J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

October 30, 2014

United States Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grants Program Directorate, Grants
800 K Street, NW Suite 5035
Washington, DC 20531

RE: Vehicle Justification for Hidalgo County 2014 Operation Stonegarden

Dear Grants Program Directorate:

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) along with seventeen (17) participating law enforcement agencies will participate in the Operation Stonegarden 2014 grant. Hidalgo County received an awarded amount of \$ 4,674,438.00 and is requesting permission to utilize \$ 1,250,870.14 of the awarded amount for the procurement of new vehicles.

In retrospect Hidalgo County ranks as the eighth largest county in the state of Texas, encompassing one-thousand five hundred sixty nine (1,569) square miles and sharing approximately seventy five (75) miles of US/Mexico international border with the neighboring state of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

In a unified effort to bolster security measures, HCSO and seventeen (17) law enforcement agencies working collaboratively with state and federal agencies, have implemented a comprehensive operational plan that will enhance cooperation, coordination, and communications to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress to include, but not limited to, travel corridors, international water boundaries, and the un-developed colonias which serve as a safe haven for the criminal minded illegal immigrant(s).

Additionally, the participating agencies are vital to Operation Stonegarden in meeting the objectives and efforts in securing the southern borders and their perspective jurisdictions. These law enforcement agencies are requesting vehicles and specialized equipment which will enhance their

capabilities and responsibilities in and within the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector while participating in Operation Stonegarden. The participating agencies are requesting the following:

HCSO	Eight (8) - 2015 Chevrolet Tahoes or equivalent w/ police package @ \$57,066.24 ea.	\$456,529.92
HC PCT. 1	One (1) -2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent w/ police package	\$55,072.71
HC PCT. 2	One (1)-2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent w/ police package	\$45,000.00
HC PCT. 3	Two (2) 2015 Chevrolet patrol vehicles or equivalent w/ police package @ \$42,026.12 ea.	\$84,052.24
HC PCT. 4	One (1) 2015 law enforcement vehicle or equivalent w/ police package	\$51,000.00
Donna Police Department	One (1) 2014 Ford Explorer or equivalent w/ police package	\$40,081.53
Edinburg Police Department	Two (2) 2014 Ford Explorers or equivalent w/ police package @ \$49,928.59 ea.	\$99,857.18

Hidalgo Police Department	One (1) 2015 Ford F150 Crewcab or equivalent w/ police package	\$45,095.00
La Joya Police Department	One (1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent w/ police package	\$31,000.00
Mercedes Police Department	One (1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent w/ police package	\$55,000.00
Mission Police Department	One (1) 2015 Police package vehicle	\$60,445.00
Mission Police Department	Four (4) Off-Road Vehicles (ATV) @ 10,500.00 ea.	\$42,000.00
Palmview Police Department	2 ATV's 2014 Outlander 1000 Max or equivalent w/ accessories	\$28,315.00
Penitas Police Department	One (1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe or equivalent w/ police package	\$46,073.56
San Juan Police Department	One (1) 2015 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab LT or equivalent w/ police package	\$32,577.00

San Juan Police Department	One (1) 2015 Dodge Durango or equivalent w/ police package	\$38,981.00
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Sullivan City Police Department	One (1) Police Cruiser or equivalent w/ police package	\$39,790.00
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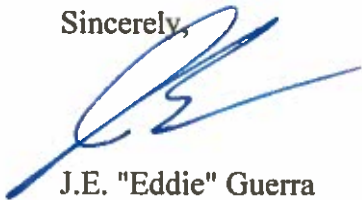
Total Equipment:		<u>\$1,250,870.14</u>
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The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase eight (8) new law enforcement vehicles. The vehicles will be used for the purpose of increasing law enforcement throughout Hidalgo County for the duration of Operation Stonegarden. The HCSO deputies will patrol known trafficking corridors in the immediate vicinity of the Rio Grande River. The enhanced enforcement posture will strengthen border security by providing a stronger in depth defense mechanism.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and the seventeen (17) participating law enforcement agencies will utilize vehicles and specialized equipment to enhance capabilities and execute the responsibilities in accordance to the operational plan set forth in Operation Stonegarden 14 to secure our southern boundaries and respective jurisdiction within the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

Any questions, please call me at (956) 383-8114.

Sincerely,



J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff



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The San Juan Police Department established a Special Investigations unit (hereon referred to as SIU) consisting of Investigators who would be specially trained in the field of narcotics, money laundering, auto thefts, human smuggling among other fields. The investigators of the SIU division work closely with all levels of law enforcement to include the Texas Department of public safety, United States Border Patrol and HSI.

Investigators are tasked with conducting countless hours of surveillance to further enhance and aid in any of the above mentioned types of investigations at both the State and Federal levels. As such, specialized equipment such as unmarked vehicles that can blend into neighborhoods, business and public places are needed to produce cases. With the unmarked vehicles, SIU investigators can also patrol and monitor areas of known narcotics and human smuggling routes in San Juan, Texas. These routes are identified as Stewart road, Military road, Raul Longoria (Fm1426), Cesar Chavez, Veterans drive and Expressway 83. SIU investigators would work with the United States Border patrol and the uniformed division of the San Juan Police Department to call out suspicious vehicles and persons when encountered on the roadway or public parking areas.

The San Juan Police Department is requesting the following to equipment to meet the standards set forth in the grant.

Chevy Silverado Crew Cab LT at a cost of \$32,577.00

Tool box and cover for the 2014 Chevy Silverado at a cost of \$3,857.20

Dodge Durango at a cost of \$38,981.00

The specialized equipment, specifically the tool box and cover on the Chevy Silverado, is essential for carrying and deploying surveillance equipment to locations where narcotics or persons are being kept and stored. The truck will also carry tools for Auto Theft inspections, stolen vehicles are often used to smuggle narcotics and persons throughout the valley. The auto theft equipment will be used in conjunction with police patrols and enforcement as well as when requested by the United States Border Patrol.