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MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP



JONATHAN P. MILLER
Executive Assistant Commissioner

Mr. Miller has served in this role since 2023, appointed from his position as Executive Director, Operations



KEITH M. JONES
Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner

Mr. Jones has served in this role since 2023, appointed from his position as Executive Director, Air and Marine Operations Center

Air and Marine Operations (AMO) is uniquely positioned as an aviation and maritime law enforcement organization, with specific authorities and jurisdiction combined with unequaled specialized training, equipment, and domain awareness capability. We protect America’s security and economic interests at the nation’s border between the ports of entry, in our coastal waters, within the nation’s interior, and in the source and transit zone. We carry out our important mission through the coordinated application of aviation and maritime law enforcement resources, current and emerging domain awareness technologies, and collaboration within the Department of Homeland Security and with external partners. With emerging threats appearing at the U.S. borders and maritime approaches, AMO is determined to meet the challenges we face.

AMO ended Fiscal Year 2024 with 92,000 flight hours and more than 46,000 float hours. AMO enforcement actions resulted in nearly 49,000 apprehensions and over 1,000 arrests of illegal aliens, as well as the seizure or disruption of 244,781 pounds of cocaine; 3,061 pounds of methamphetamine; 2,235 pounds of fentanyl; 1,500 weapons; and \$12.5 million in cash seizures. Our unmanned aircraft systems made over 21,000 detections and AMO agents over 173 rescues. These results demonstrate how our agents, officers, and professional staff continue to represent the United States with the highest levels of vigilance and integrity.

AMO is excited to continue growing our relationships with our partners and discovering new and innovative ways to accomplish our mission while protecting our people.

We appreciate the support we receive and look forward to another successful year.



NATHAN P. ALLER
Chief of Staff

Mr. Aller has held this position since 2021. He oversees a Headquarters team that services a staff of more than 1,800 federal agents and mission support personnel



ERIK R. SOYKAN
Executive Director, Operations

Mr. Soykan provides guidance, oversight, and direction to security missions that counter threats in the land, sea, and air operations environments



TREVOR A. BLOW
Executive Director, Training, Safety, and Standards

Mr. Blow oversees aviation and maritime training, safety, and standardization as AMO’s senior safety and technical advisor



W. HUNTER ROBINSON
Executive Director, Southwest Region

Mr. Robinson coordinates operations across 19 locations in the Southwest Region



JOHN W. PRIDDY
Executive Director, Southeast Region

Mr. Priddy coordinates operations across 25 locations in the Southeast Region



TONY AREVALO
Executive Director, Northern Region

Mr. Arevalo coordinates operations across 20 locations in the Northern Region



AUGUSTO REYES
Executive Director, National Air Security Operations

Mr. Reyes oversees strategic air assets such as P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-9 Predator B unmanned aircraft systems



JAMES D. THOM
Executive Director, Domain Awareness Security Operations

Mr. Thom oversees security efforts that integrate sensor data, law enforcement information, and intelligence



TODD M. MUEHLENBECK
Executive Director, Mission Support

Mr. Muehlenbeck oversees air and marine asset acquisition, financial and human capital management, materiel readiness, and facilities

MISSION AREAS

AMO’s assigned mission areas are established in legislation, executive orders, and departmental and U.S. Customs and Border Protection strategy. AMO possesses unique and specific authorities within each of these mission areas and draws on specific functions in carrying them out.

AIR, MARITIME, AND LAND LAW ENFORCEMENT



AMO is the lead federal organization in aviation and maritime law enforcement and participates in joint operations with U.S. Border Patrol; Office of Field Operations; and other federal, state, and local law enforcement partner agencies. AMO seeks to predict, detect, identify, classify, track, interdict, and conduct investigative activities to deter and intercept threats to the integrity of the United States through the coordinated application of aviation and maritime law enforcement resources. This includes detecting and deterring illicit border crossings, interdicting targets, collecting intelligence, performing patrols and surveillance, and preventing the import and export of illegal goods.

DOMAIN AWARENESS

To achieve aviation and maritime security, AMO requires domain and situational awareness. This refers to the ability to continuously detect, monitor, and track all potential air or marine threats operating within or approaching the U.S. borders in diverse environments that vary in weather, terrain, and lighting conditions. Domain awareness for land surveillance includes situational awareness coordination with U.S. Border Patrol to enable the detection, identification, classification, and tracking of land threats using a variety of capabilities. Both domain and situational awareness are critical elements in AMO’s ability to successfully execute the surveillance continuum — predict, detect, track, identify, classify, respond, and resolve.



EXTENDED BORDER AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS



Air and Marine Agents conduct joint operations with U.S. and foreign government partners along our land and coastal borders and in the extended border of the Source and Transit Zones in the Caribbean Sea and the eastern Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. AMO is manned, equipped, and funded with border security at the forefront to interdict smugglers who traffic drugs, weapons, and illegal aliens. These operations foster partnerships with foreign governments and collaboration with foreign law enforcement operations.

CONTINGENCY AND NATIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS


AMO provides aviation and maritime expertise, coordination, observation, protection, communication enabling, and other services as part of a whole-of-government approach to major or large-scale incidents. Contingency and national security operations include federal disaster and humanitarian relief; designated National Special Security Events; response to terror threats, active shooters, and incidents; partnerships with non-law enforcement foreign operations; and search and rescue operations.



STRATEGIC GOALS

To achieve its mission, AMO focuses on five strategic goals designed to enhance performance across all mission areas. These goals provide clear direction and reinforce AMO’s role as the nation’s premier aviation and maritime law enforcement agency.

1




PEOPLE

Build a mission-ready workforce.

AMO’s ability to carry out its mission rests heavily on the skills and professionalism of our people. AMO requires a well-trained, specialized workforce that is empowered, supported, and equipped for success.

2




SAFETY

Foster a just safety culture.

Safety is a priority and an enduring AMO value. The intent is to shift AMO’s focus on safety from an occupational requirement to a core part of its culture, beginning with its leadership and embraced across the workforce.

3




OPERATIONS

Increase the effectiveness of operations.

AMO operates in an environment with increasing demands and sometimes stagnant or decreasing resources. This requires AMO to identify ways to operate more efficiently and effectively using finite resources. This will strengthen AMO’s ability to face threats which grow in magnitude and become increasingly sophisticated.

4




INTEGRATION

Enhance business and resource functions.

AMO’s mission integration continues to grow in complexity and breadth. AMO must respond by focusing on organization, business, and resource needs for the future while maintaining its assets, which include planes, boats, helicopters, and technology. Given the long-term acquisition lifecycle for operational assets, AMO must mature the resource planning processes to ensure its people are equipped with what they need, when they need it.

5



COMMUNICATION

Tell our story.

AMO’s fast-paced evolution and mission sensitive work have presented obstacles to more transparent and effective communication to both internal and external stakeholders. Direct and open communication is vital to supporting better-informed employees, stakeholders, and a public that understand AMO’s value and unique capabilities.

PEOPLE

Build a mission-ready workforce





Flight Engineer Surpasses 23,000 Hours of Flight Time on the P-3 Aircraft and 50 Years of Federal Service

Flight Engineer Paul J. Waeghe, Jr. surpassed multiple career milestones in 2023, with more than 23,000 hours on a P-3 aircraft, 48 years as a Flight Engineer working with P-3s, and 50 years of federal service. Paul began his federal service in 1973 when he entered the U.S. Navy, where he served in a P-3 training patrol squadron. Over the course of the next 26 years, he rose in rank and responsibility, continuously serving in units that operated the P-3 platform. Paul joined Air and Marine Operations (AMO) in 2000, where he continued to serve for 24 years, with his most recent assignment as an instructor and senior Flight Engineer at National Air Security Operations Center–Jacksonville in Florida. Paul’s advice for those beginning their careers reflects his own

experience: “Find something you love doing and strive to achieve the highest that goal can offer. I can truly say that since the age of 19, I have never really worked a day in my life. I used to joke that I would do what I did in the U.S. Navy and Air and Marine Operations for free.” Paul officially retired from federal service in June 2024. His final flight took place in Jacksonville, but his legacy of service will resonate throughout AMO for years to come.

AMO operates the P-3 Airborne Early Warning and P-3 Long-Range Tracker aircraft to perform a wide variety of operational missions, especially those that require long station time overhead, hemispheric range, and operation during inclement weather and environmental conditions.



AMO Launches Peer Support Program

In 2024, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) proudly launched its Peer Support Program—a vital initiative aimed at promoting resilience and mental wellness among its personnel. This program represents a significant step forward in AMO’s commitment to supporting the well-being of its workforce, both on and off duty.

The program started with five initial Peer Support Members, who volunteered to serve as trusted resources for their colleagues, offering compassionate, confidential support during times of personal or professional challenge.

With their diverse experiences and shared commitment to the mission, the team members exemplify the strength and unity that defines AMO. The Peer Support Program is helping to build a culture where seeking help is seen as a sign of strength—and where no one has to face hardship alone.

In the first year, AMO successfully trained 23 peer support members who are located throughout the regions.



IN MEMORIAM



CHARLES “Chuck” KELLER III
FLIGHT ENGINEER

In 1999, Chuck joined the former U. S. Customs Service as a Flight Engineer. He was qualified as a P-3 Airborne Early Warning/Long-Range Tracker Flight Engineer; Airborne Early Warning Radar Operator; MQ-9 Predator B Sensor Operator; Operations Officer; and Assistant Aviation Maintenance Officer. He logged 13,000 incident-free flight hours on almost 2,000 missions. Chuck began his aviation career in October 1967 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

End of Watch: JUNE 12, 2024



Remembering the Fallen
MARINE INTERDICTION AGENT
MICHEL O. MACEDA

Michel O. Maceda Memorial Act Signed into Law

The Michel O. Maceda Memorial Act was introduced by Resident Commissioner Jenniffer González Colon (R-PR) and Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) and officially renames the Mayagüez Marine Unit in Puerto Rico, the Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit. The renaming of the marine unit will coincide with the construction of improved facilities to support the unit's critical homeland security mission on the southwest side of Puerto Rico. The bill passed the House of Representatives in September 2024, the Senate in November 2024, and was signed into law by President Biden on December 11, 2024.

Arrests Made in Multi-Agency Investigation

Following the tragic Line-of-Duty Death of Marine Interdiction Agent (MIA) Michel O. Maceda, a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Puerto Rico Police Bureau targeted the drug trafficking organization responsible for MIA Maceda's death and the injuries sustained by MIA Jorge Santiago and MIA Mark Lamphere. As of May 2023, six subjects had been arrested.

On December 28, 2023, a subsequent 16-count indictment added five subjects to the original charges. Three of these subjects were arrested in Puerto Rico, one was arrested in Florida, and one was arrested in Texas. The subjects are being detained pending trial. In addition, 12 new warrants have been obtained to seize assets.

Due to the ongoing investigation and the swift and comprehensive work of the joint investigation team, this drug trafficking organization has been dismantled and is no longer able to operate as a coordinated criminal enterprise.



Michel O. Maceda Inaugural 5K Memorial Run

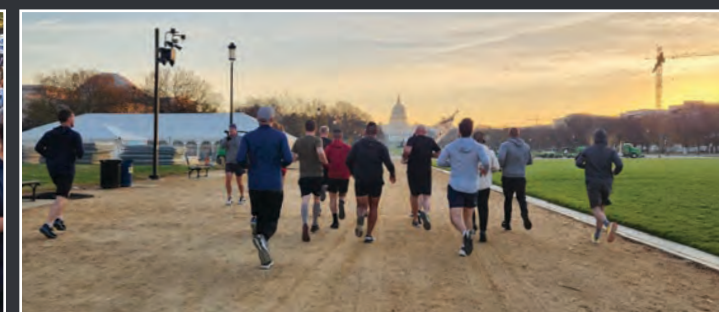
On November 17, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) branches and units across the United States joined in the Michel O. Maceda Inaugural 5K Memorial Run, stepping off in unison to honor fallen Marine Interdiction Agent (MIA) Michel O. Maceda.

More than 20 AMO offices and many law enforcement partners, from the East Coast to the West Coast and beyond, took their first steps at the exact same time, 8:01 a.m. Atlantic Standard Time—the precise moment of the first radio call by an AMO crewmember requesting assistance.

The Michel O. Maceda Memorial 5K Run was a

somber reminder of MIA Maceda's selfless service to the nation and demonstrated the solidarity spanning AMO's regions, branches, units, agents, employees, and law enforcement partners in remembrance of a life lived full of purpose and duty.

AMO's Executive Assistant Commissioner, Jonathan P. Miller, led the Caribbean Air and Marine Branch in Puerto Rico while Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner, Troy A. Miller, joined AMO Headquarters and Manassas Air Branch personnel. AMO and partners across the country ran together, unified in memory of a fallen Air and Marine Agent who will never be forgotten.



SAFETY

Foster a just safety culture





Air and Marine Operations Collaborates with U.S. Coast Guard to Enhance Air and Marine Operation’s Safety Management System

In a collaborative effort with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Air and Marine Operations’ (AMO) Safety Program completed a safety mishap analysis and reporting process review. This review was requested in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City aviation accident involving a U.S. Customs and Border Protection light enforcement helicopter. During the review process, the working group examined many aspects of AMO’s Safety Program with a focus on Safety Management System Portal reports; current policy documents, manuals, and handbooks; AMO’s Safety Investigator Program; and the current organizational structure of the Training, Safety, and Standards Risk Management Team. A final report, issued on July 1, 2024, found that “Air and Marine Operations has an effective Safety Management System that is guided by Federal Aviation Administration regulation and International Civil Aviation Organization policy.”

Advancements in the Air and Marine Safety Action Program

Throughout the year, Air and Marine Operations’ (AMO) Training, Safety, and Standards Directorate worked to enhance the Air and Marine Safety Action Program (AMSAP) system to include a QR code capability for all AMO personnel and contractors to access and submit safety reports in real time. The AMSAP is designed to enhance organizational safety through the timely reporting of threats, unintentional errors, hazards, and unsafe conditions in the work environment which may not have been captured though traditional safety reporting channels. These reports brought immediate visibility to safety concerns and allowed for proactive corrective actions to mitigate the hazards or unsafe conditions. Posters containing a QR code were placed within all AMO hangars and air facilities. Personnel scanned the QR code using any mobile device to open the AMSAP template, which was then populated and submitted to the AMSAP team for processing.

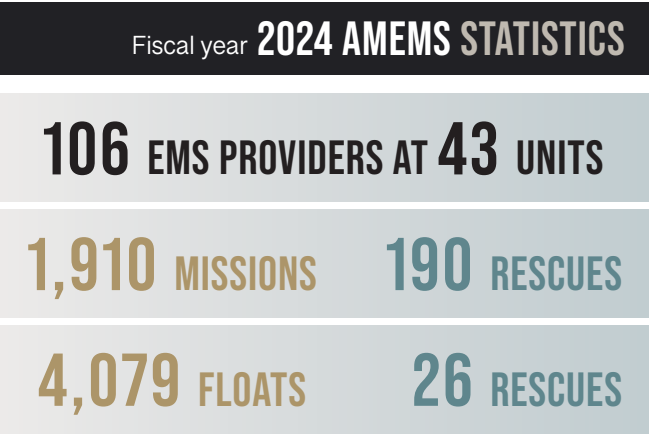
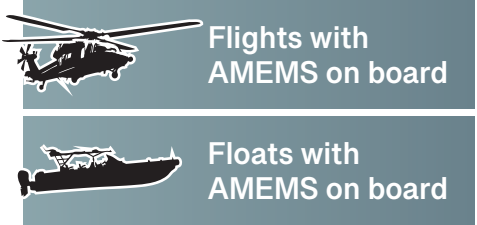
Federal Aviation Safety Assessment

In Fiscal Year 2024, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) moved from the International Standards for Business Aircraft Operations (ISBAO) Assessment to the new Federal Aviation Safety Assessment (FASA). FASA falls under the General Services Administration and is the program that the Interagency Committee for Aviation Policy developed for government managed aircraft. These are similar audits that would occur under ISBAO but do not require AMO funding. FASA is particularly important for AMO’s international operations to assure other countries that have partnerships with AMO that the aircraft are operating at the highest safety and maintenance standards.

Air and Marine Emergency Medical Services

The Air and Marine Emergency Medical Services (AMEMS) Program was established to help protect the workforce and provide specialized medical aid to ill and injured persons in difficult aviation and maritime environments.

AMEMS is a national-level program providing emergency and contingency medical support with deployment capabilities to federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and emergency management agencies.



OPERATIONS

Increase the effectiveness of operations



SOUTHWEST REGION



19 OPERATING LOCATIONS

Southwest Region Headquarters -
El Paso, Texas

San Diego Air and Marine Branch

- Brown Field Air Unit
- Long Beach Marine Unit
- Riverside Air Unit
- Sacramento Air Unit
- San Diego Marine Unit

Yuma Air Branch

Tucson Air Branch

El Paso Air Branch

- Alpine Air Unit
- Deming Air Unit

Uvalde Air Branch

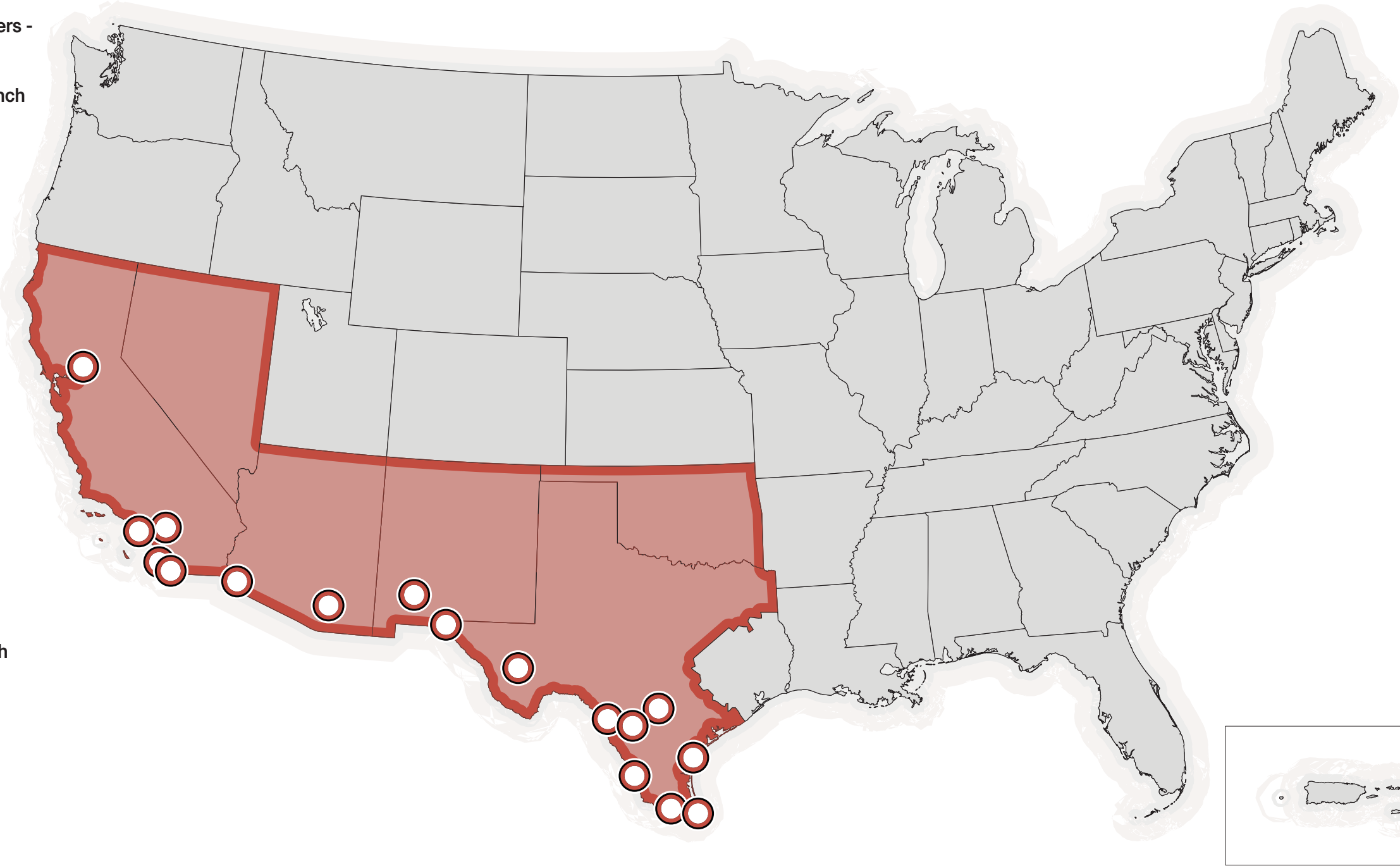
- Del Rio Air Unit

Laredo Air Branch

- San Antonio Air Unit

McAllen Air and Marine Branch

- Brownsville Marine Unit
- Corpus Christi Marine Unit



ASSETS

- 18 Fixed-Wing Aircraft
- 89 Rotary-Wing Aircraft
- 22 Marine Vessels

PERSONNEL

- 427 Law Enforcement
- 54 Mission Support
- 360 Essential Contract

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RESULTS

- 9,704 Narcotics seized (lbs.)
- 483 Arrests
- 37,385 Apprehensions
- 769 Weapons seized
- \$3.93 Million dollars seized

San Diego Agent Aids in Vehicle Accident at Palm Beach International Airport

On February 21, 2024, a San Diego Air and Marine Branch Air Interdiction Agent (AIA), who was traveling to attend training in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was in a shuttle bus at the Palm Beach International Airport when he observed a person hanging halfway out of a vehicle and covered in blood. The AIA, who is an Emergency Medical

Technician, asked the shuttle driver to stop and exited the bus to render aid to the individual who had sustained a stab wound to the neck. The AIA, along with two other bystanders, worked to control the man's bleeding until advanced medical care arrived.



Collaboration with Homeland Security Investigations and Drug Enforcement Administration Leads to Illegal Gambling Bust

On the morning of May 1, 2024, an El Paso Air Branch Ground Tactical Air Controller deployed with a Homeland Security Investigations Special Response Team and the Drug Enforcement Administration to execute an arrest warrant on a U.S. citizen suspected of operating an illegal online bingo and poker site. It was discovered that the primary suspect, along with his wife, was operating an illegal online gambling business and making thousands of transactions through mobile payment applications. His sister was also involved, moderating the site and running illegal bingo games. Bank reports show transfers amounting to millions of dollars involving both suspects and several other people, one of whom is a cocaine

distributor. The primary suspect integrated his money into assets, such as home purchases, high-end vehicles, and expensive vacations. He also has a lengthy criminal history that includes burglary, assault, evading, possession of controlled substances, and possession of marijuana. The Drug Enforcement Administration obtained search warrants for the primary suspect's residences and criminal warrants for the primary suspect for engaging in the organized criminal activities of gambling promotion; unlawful bingo; and money laundering over \$300,000, with possible cartel connections. The primary suspect and his wife were taken into custody.

Aircrew Surveils Truck for 115 Miles, Leads to Major Cocaine Seizure

On September 6, 2024, a McAllen Air and Marine Branch Investigations Unit provided manned, covert overwatch in support of a Homeland Security Investigations surveillance operation involving a suspected drug courier in Pharr, Texas. The aircrew covertly followed a flatbed tractor-trailer for over 115 miles and provided real-time

updates to ground surveillance teams, reducing the risk of surveillance detection. A traffic stop on the flatbed tractor-trailer was conducted by Victoria Sheriff's Office. The operation resulted in the seizure of 100 bricks of cocaine totaling 243 pounds.

Tucson Aircrews Execute Complex Rescue of National Park Service Employee

On July 18, 2024, a Tucson Air Branch Black Hawk aircrew, along with a member of Tucson Sector Border Patrol Search, Trauma, and Rescue, executed a complex hoist rescue of a National Park Service (NPS) employee who was suffering from heat-related injuries in Saguaro National Park. An Air and Marine Operations Hoist Systems Operator and Rescue Specialist facilitated an 80-foot hoist extraction of the patient and hoist Air Rescue Vest extraction of an NPS paramedic. The crew then evacuated the patient and NPS paramedic to the nearest Level One Trauma Center in Tucson, Arizona, for further care.



Tucson Air Branch H-125 Assigned to Operation Firebird Helps Find Fentanyl

A Tucson Air Branch H-125 crew assigned to Operation Firebird conducted a 4-hour surveillance resulting in multiple arrests and seizures.

During the operation, the H-125 crew followed the suspects and maintained visual contact via the onboard electro-optical/infrared camera, which allows for continuous tracking. Homeland Security Investigation agents arrested two suspects, one of whom was an illegal alien, in Phoenix, Arizona. Approximately 11 pounds of powdered fentanyl, valued at over \$90,000, was seized, in addition to 2 firearms, 2 vehicles, and approximately \$2,400.

SOUTHEAST REGION



25 OPERATING LOCATIONS

Southeast Region Headquarters -
Miami, Florida

Houston Air and Marine Branch

Galveston Marine Unit

**New Orleans
Air and Marine Branch**

Gulfport Marine Unit
Houma Marine Unit

**Jacksonville
Air and Marine Branch**

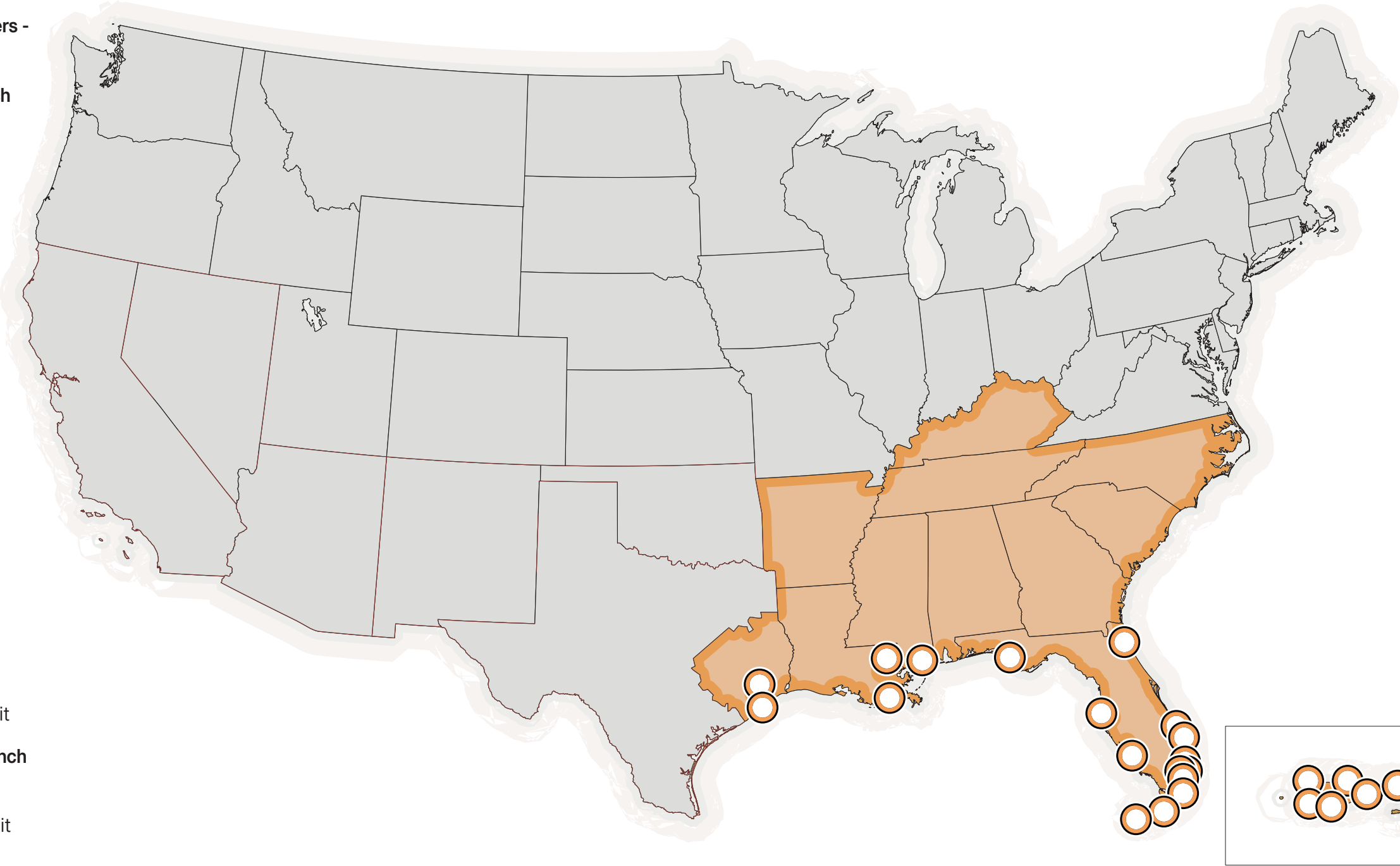
Fort Myers Marine Unit
Jacksonville Marine Unit
Panama City Marine Unit
Tampa Marine Unit

Miami Air and Marine Branch

Fort Lauderdale Marine Unit
Fort Pierce Marine Unit
Key Largo Marine Unit
Key West Marine Unit
Marathon Marine Unit
Miami Marine Unit
West Palm Beach Marine Unit

Caribbean Air and Marine Branch

Fajardo Marine Unit
Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit
Ponce Marine Unit
San Juan Marine Unit
Saint Thomas Marine Unit



ASSETS

21 Fixed-Wing Aircraft
16 Rotary-Wing Aircraft
70 Marine Vessels

PERSONNEL

406 Law Enforcement
43 Mission Support
178 Essential Contract

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RESULTS

87,610 Narcotics seized (lbs.)
284 Arrests
5,180 Apprehensions
480 Weapons seized
\$951 Thousand dollars seized



Air and Marine Operations Foils Smuggling Attempt in Southern Puerto Rico with over 3,000 Pounds of Cocaine

Air and Marine Operations (AMO) Marine Interdiction Agents intercepted a vessel with three men from the Dominican Republic and Colombia transporting approximately 3,382 pounds of cocaine south of Patillas, Puerto Rico. The estimated value of the seized narcotics is approximately \$35 million.

“Smugglers continue to try to introduce narcotics through Puerto Rico,” stated Creighton Skeen, Acting Director, Air and Marine Operations, Caribbean Air and Marine Branch. “AMO remains resolute to leverage its resources, technology, and maritime domain awareness to be able to intercept these incursions throughout the island.”



Agents Apprehend 67 Illegal Aliens off Puerto Rico Coast

On May 20, 2024, the Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit received information from a Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Agent of a possible maritime human smuggling situation near Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico.

The marine unit launched two coastal interceptor vessels (CIV) to search the area. A land crew also deployed to a nearby highpoint for visual surveillance, where they observed a yola-type vessel approximately three nautical miles west of Combate Beach and traveling east toward Puerto Rico.

The CIV crew attempted to stop the vessel by signaling and using lights, sirens, and verbal commands in both English and Spanish, but all attempts were ignored and the vessel continued making its way toward land. The CIV crew then noticed that a man on board was holding a female minor seemingly against her will on top of the outboard engine.

The vessel finally came to a stop, and all occupants on board became compliant after the CIV crew deployed a total of five rounds of Marine Disabling Fire. The CIV crew issued life jackets to the occupants and notified the U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan. In total, Air and Marine Operations apprehended 67 illegal aliens.



Off-Duty Marine Interdiction Agent Aids in Single Vehicle Crash

An off-duty Marine Interdiction Agent (MIA) from the Fort Pierce Marine Unit in Florida, who was in Texas on a temporary duty assignment, and his girlfriend, a registered nurse, witnessed a pickup truck drive off the road and roll multiple times before coming to a stop. The couple was able to safely stop and rush to the vehicle, which was occupied by a family—a mother and father, a daughter, and two sons.

Taking control of the scene, they immediately began providing first aid using medical supplies from their vehicle. They also directed other good Samaritans who stopped to help. Learning that

the response time for local Emergency Medical Service (EMS) was approximately 45–60 minutes, they prioritized patient care and determined that the father and one son had sustained the most severe life-threatening injuries. They used the MIA’s first-aid equipment and collected additional first-aid items from the other helpers to treat and stabilize the patients while waiting for EMS to arrive.

The Texas State Troopers who responded to the scene expressed gratitude for the excellent care provided, stating that it gave the family a much higher chance of survival.

Miami Marine Interdiction Agents Resuscitated Individual Trapped Beneath a Smuggling Vessel

While on patrol on November 14, 2024, a crew of Marine Interdiction Agents from the Miami Air and Marine Branch rescued and successfully resuscitated an unresponsive person who had become entangled underneath a smuggling vessel near Sunny Isles Beach in Miami, Florida. When occupants on the smuggling vessel jumped

into the water in an attempt to flee from law enforcement, the crew recovered 10 people from the water, one of whom had been trapped under the boat and exhibited no pulse or breathing upon rescue. The crew administered CPR for 15 minutes and resuscitated the person.

NORTHERN REGION



20 OPERATING LOCATIONS

Northern Region Headquarters -
Selfridge Air National Guard Base,
Michigan

Bellingham
Air and Marine Branch

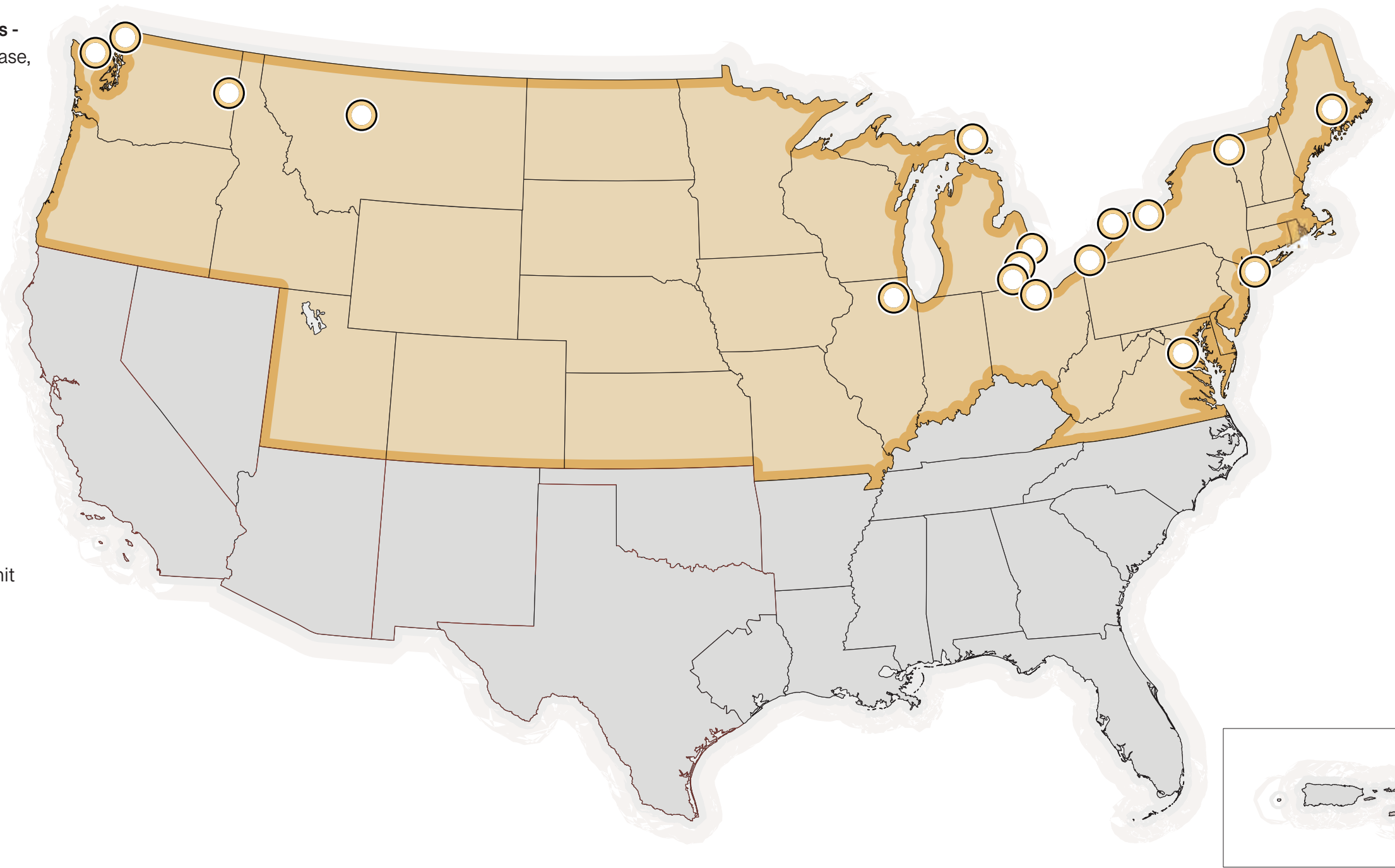
- Bellingham Marine Unit
- Montana Air Unit
- Port Angeles Marine Unit
- Spokane Air Unit

Great Lakes
Air and Marine Branch

- Buffalo Air Unit
- Buffalo Marine Unit
- Chicago Air Unit
- Erie Marine Unit
- Port Huron Marine Unit
- Rochester Marine Unit
- Sandusky Marine Unit
- Sault Sainte Marie Marine Unit
- Trenton Marine Unit

Manassas Air Branch

- Maine Air Unit
- New York Air Unit
- Plattsburgh Air Unit



ASSETS

- 10 Fixed-Wing Aircraft
- 25 Rotary-Wing Aircraft
- 28 Marine Vessels

PERSONNEL

- 148 Law Enforcement
- 23 Mission Support
- 68 Essential Contract

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RESULTS

- 23,330 Narcotics seized (lbs.)
- 275 Arrests
- 403 Apprehensions
- 1,198 Weapons seized
- \$8.65 Million dollars seized



Air and Marine Operations Provides Critical Assistance During Interagency Manhunt for Shooting Suspect in Maine

Air and Marine Operations (AMO) deployed its robust operational capabilities during an interagency manhunt that included hundreds of agents and officers scouring parts of southern Maine following a shooting rampage at a bowling alley in Lewiston, Maine. Between October 25 and 28, 2023, AMO conducted aerial patrols and surveillance through deployment of H-125 and UH-60 aircrews. Additionally, an AMO P-3 aircrew

rapidly deployed a U.S. Border Patrol Tactical Unit; AMO Ground Tactical Air Controllers augmented a U.S. Border Patrol Special Operations Group to conduct tactical aviation operations; and an AMO Mobile Command Center team deployed to facilitate tactical communications. The suspect, a U.S. Army Reservist accused of killing 18 people and injuring 13, was found dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Agents in Detroit Assist in Rescuing Kidnapped Children

On December 14, 2023, the Great Lakes Air and Marine Branch received an air support request from Homeland Security Investigations Detroit for a possible kidnapping in Highland Park, Michigan. An aircrew aboard an H-125 helicopter launched in support of Homeland Security Investigations in Detroit and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Violent Crimes Taskforce Detroit. The aircrew located a suspect vehicle and relayed that information to agents on the ground. Additionally, a house was identified as a suspected location

where the two kidnapped children were being held. The aircrew monitored the house while ground agents approached and were confronted by an armed individual. The ground agents retreated to a safe position and deemed the event as a barricaded gunman situation. Agents and officers from multiple agencies successfully resolved the situation, took the suspect into custody, and brought the two children to a local hospital for evaluation.

Aircrew and Ground Tactical Air Controllers Recognized for Involvement in \$4.5 Million Seizure

On May 30, 2024, an H-125 aircrew, a Multi-Role Enforcement Aircraft (MEA) aircrew, and two Ground Tactical Air Controllers (GTAC) from the Bellingham Air and Marine Branch, along with two GTACs from the Laredo Air Branch, deployed to the Medford, Oregon, area to support the execution of six federal search warrants. The area of interest included multiple residences and a warehouse belonging to members of the Campbell Criminal Organization who were under investigation for Conspiracy to Launder Money and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. Once on the scene, the Bellingham Air and Marine Branch aircrews provided surveillance and video evidence of the property before, during, and after the warrant execution, while the GTACs

coordinated aircraft movements and provided perimeter security and real-time intelligence via a small unmanned aircraft system.

The investigation, led by Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Tacoma and Significant Case Reports/Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, included participation with the following agencies: HSI Special Response Team; HSI Seattle; HSI Medford; HSI Portland; HSI Blaine; Internal Revenue Service Office of the Inspector General; Puyallup Police Department; Thurstan County Narcotics Task Force; Jackson County Sheriff's Office; Medford Police Department; Josephine County Sheriff's Office; Oregon State Police; and Air and Marine Operations.

Air and Marine Operations Provides Coverage During the 2024 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit

Air and Marine Operations (AMO) collaborated with the U. S. Secret Service (USSS) during the National Special Security Event 2024 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit from July 9 to 11, 2024, in Washington, D.C. AMO personnel from the Manassas Air Branch provided continuous aerial video coverage during the event.

This video was streamed directly to the USSS Joint Tactical Operations Center and monitored continuously to ensure the safety and security of the NATO member country participants and foreign dignitaries who attended the event. AMO was tasked with providing route coverage and area security during high-level motorcades.

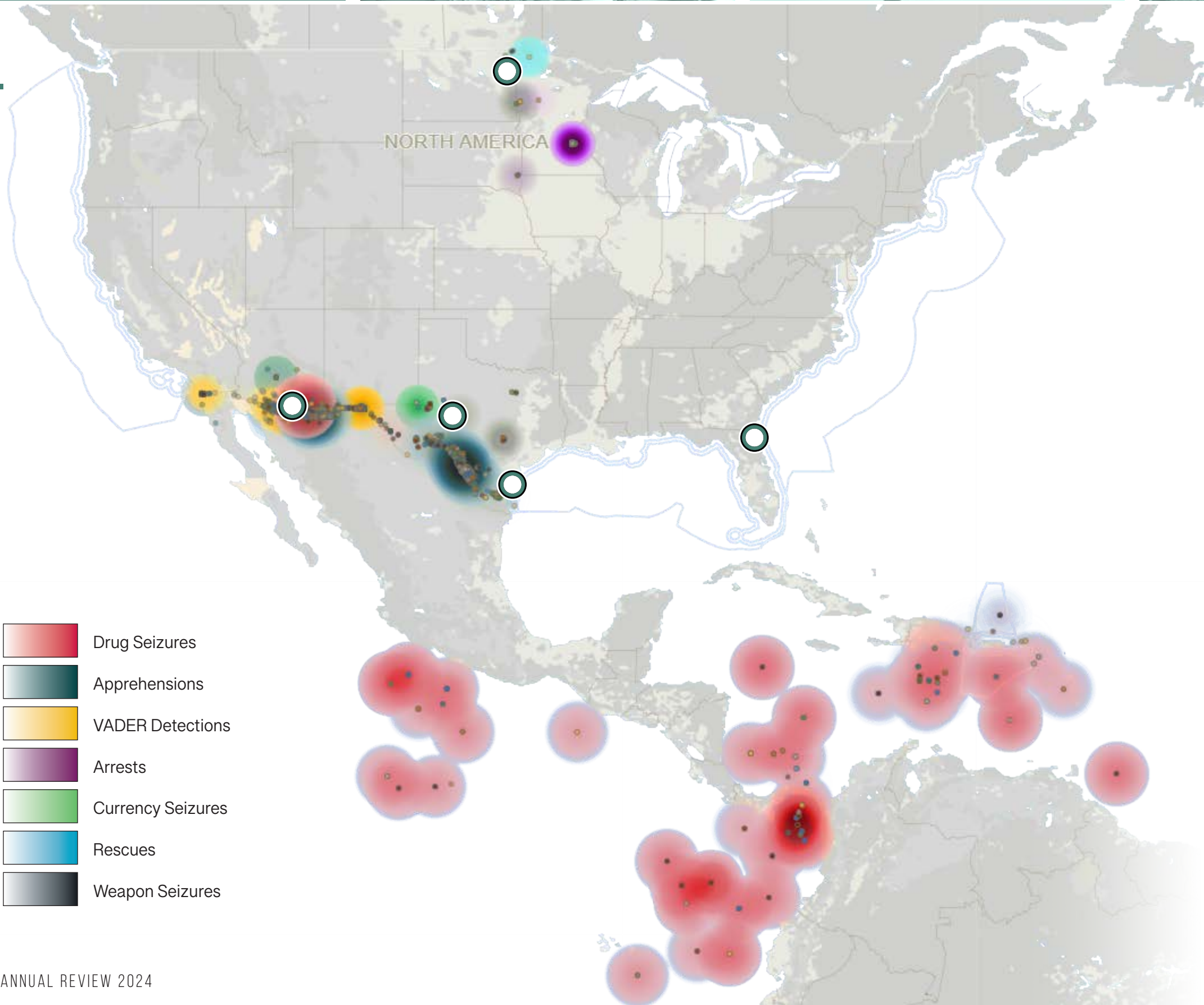


NATIONAL AIR SECURITY OPERATIONS



5 OPERATING LOCATIONS

- NASOC-Grand Forks**
Grand Forks, North Dakota
- NASOC-Sierra Vista**
Fort Huachuca, Arizona
- NASOC-San Angelo**
San Angelo, Texas
- NASOC-Corpus Christi**
Corpus Christi, Texas
- NASOC-Jacksonville**
Jacksonville, Florida



ASSETS

- 28** Fixed-Wing Aircraft
- 1** Rotary-Wing Aircraft
- 8** Unmanned Aircraft System

PERSONNEL

- 239** Operational Personnel
- 58** Mission Support
- 283** Essential Contract

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RESULTS

- 200,319** Narcotics seized (lbs.)
- 21,437** Detections
- 167** Arrests
- 5,302** Apprehensions
- \$135** Thousand dollars seized



Use your smart phone to scan the QR Code and watch a highlight video of the Unmanned Aircraft System.



Safeguarding America: Air and Marine Operations' Unmanned Aircraft System

U.S. Customs and Border Protection was the first federal agency to introduce large-scale General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. MQ-9 Predator B unmanned aircraft system (UAS) operations to the National Airspace System for homeland security and disaster recovery missions. Air and Marine Operations (AMO) operates the highly capable and proven MQ-9 to enhance operational capabilities and increase maritime domain awareness. AMO's UAS crewmembers operate the MQ-9 to provide a high-endurance, long-range strategic and tactical surveillance and intelligence gathering capability, reinforcing a broad range of mission scenarios along and across terrestrial and maritime environments on the borders of the United States.

During Fiscal Year 2023, AMO's UAS crewmembers reported 57,670 detections of cross-border and maritime traffic suspected of illegal activity and successfully conducted multiple missions that contributed to the seizure of 25,615 pounds of marijuana and 11,360 pounds of cocaine.

MQ-9 Modification: Big Wing

Working in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate, two MQ-9 unmanned aircraft system (UAS) airframes have been modified with a Big Wing kit, replacing the previous 66-foot aircraft wings with 79-foot wings. This allows the versatile MQ-9 to increase mission time, resulting in greater range, endurance, and domain awareness. With the Big

Wing modification, maximum flight time is increased by over 10 hours, from 20 hours in a standard wing MQ-9 to 30-plus hours for Big Wing UAS. Included with the upgrade are increased fuel capacity; replacement of the standard 3-bladed propeller with a 4-bladed propeller; and a de-icing capability that allows the equipped MQ-9 to fly through light icing conditions while shedding the ice build-up.

The Future of the Unmanned Aircraft System

Looking forward, the Air and Marine Operations (AMO) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Program will persist in its dedication toward the goal of increasing operational effectiveness by closing gaps in domain awareness; cultivating productive partner relationships; increasing intelligence capabilities and operational performance; improving information sharing; and performing assessments of emerging technologies. The MQ-9 Predator B UAS Program will continue with system improvements to facilitate domain and situational awareness, which are critical elements in the organization's ability to successfully execute the surveillance continuum of predicting, detecting, identifying, tracking, responding to, and resolving threats. AMO envisions a strong and growing future for UAS operations as a vital component of its mission to safeguard the nation by anticipating and confronting security threats through its aviation and maritime law enforcement expertise, innovative capabilities, and partnerships at the border and beyond.

First Big Wing MQ-9 Launch

Air and Marine Operations' first operational Big Wing MQ-9 unmanned aircraft system departed from National Air Security Operations Center–San Angelo on November 4, 2023. The Big Wing modification to the unmanned aircraft system increased the size of the wings and flight control surfaces and added a propeller blade and

enhanced de-icing capabilities. The Big Wing launch was performed using the MQ-9 Automated Takeoff and Landing Capability system. The aircraft completed a 27.5-hour flight, landing with enough fuel to have continued flight operations in excess of 30 hours.

Big Wing Supports Department of Homeland Security Joint Task Force - East

From January 11 to April 19, 2024, Air and Marine Operations deployed a Big Wing MQ-9 unmanned aircraft system to augment Department of Homeland Security Joint Task Force–East's Operation Sentinel Watch in the Central and

Eastern Caribbean Sea. This deployment contributed to the seizure or disruption of 22,650 pounds of cocaine. The effort also contributed to 9 vessel seizures, 141 apprehensions, and 2 rescues.

National Air Security Operations and Federal Partners Disrupt Smuggling of Nearly 5 Tons of Cocaine

Air and Marine Operations' National Air Security Operations P-3 crews worked with federal partners to disrupt 9,652 pounds (4.8 tons) of cocaine over 3 events between October 7 and 10, 2023, in the Eastern Pacific and the Caribbean Sea, denying transnational criminal organizations

approximately \$127 million in illegal proceeds. Air and Marine Operations' P-3 aircraft perform a wide variety of operational missions, especially those that require long station time overhead, hemispheric range, and operation during inclement weather and environmental conditions.

Self-Propelled Semi-Submersible Seizure

Operating from Willemstad, Curaçao, in support of Joint Interagency Task Force South, an Air and Marine Operations P-3 was tasked to search an area about 220 nautical miles north from Curaçao for an assumed Go-Fast. While on patrol, the P-3 crew detected a Self-Propelled Semi-Submersible vessel. The vessel went "dead in the water" after detection and remained unmoving

and unanchored with intermittent top hatch openings. When it eventually resumed movement, the P-3 crew vectored a partner nation asset from the north. That vessel, HMS Trent, launched and vectored two inflatable boats and intercepted the semi-submersible vessel. The P-3 remained on the scene during inspection where 70 bales of narcotics were recovered.

DOMAIN AWARENESS SECURITY OPERATIONS



3 OPERATING LOCATIONS

Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC)

Riverside, California

Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) - Capitol Region Unit

Ashburn, Virginia

Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center (CAMOC)

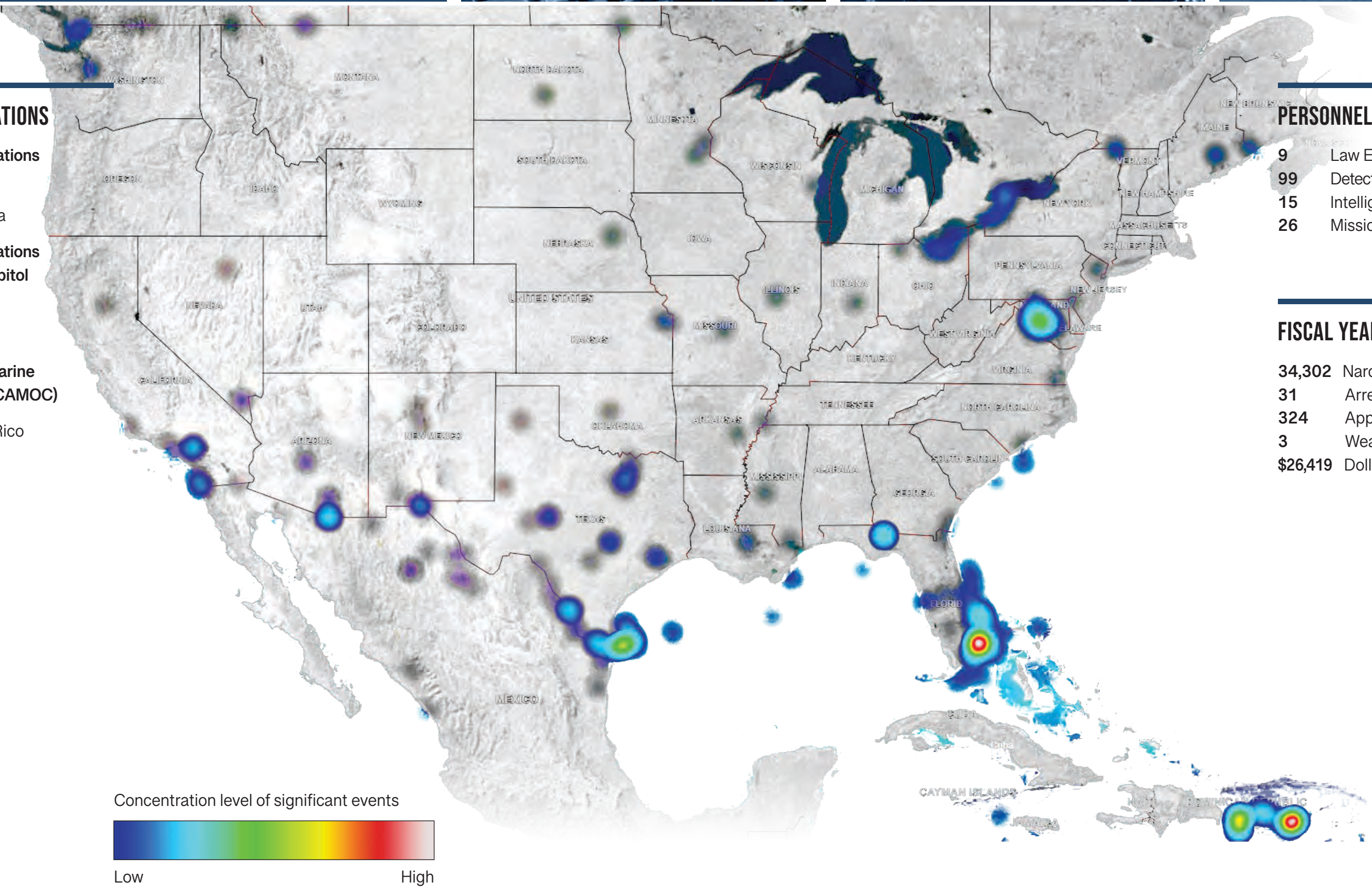
Levittown, Puerto Rico

PERSONNEL

9	Law Enforcement
99	Detection Enforcement Officer
15	Intelligence Research Specialists
26	Mission Support

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RESULTS

34,302	Narcotics seized (lbs.)
31	Arrests
324	Apprehensions
3	Weapons seized
\$26,419	Dollars seized



Illicit Aircraft Detected Resulting in Massive Cocaine Seizure

On November 8, 2023, the Air and Marine Operations Center and Information Analysis Center coordinated to identify two aircraft involved in illicit activity operating in Northern Mexico. U.S. Customs and Border Protection partners and Government of Mexico law enforcement teams inspected the two aircraft at

an airport near Mexicali, Mexico. The inspection resulted in the arrest of 5 suspects and the seizure of 2 Cessna 182 airplanes; 209 pounds of fentanyl; 505 pounds of cocaine; and 2 pounds of heroin, with an estimated narcotic street value of \$5 million.

Detection Enforcement Officer Coordinates Response Resulting in Apprehension of 32 Illegal Aliens

While monitoring radar feed, an Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) Detection Enforcement Officer (DEO) noticed suspicious radar activity westbound from Bimini Islands in the Bahamas. The DEO requested a Multi-Role Enforcement Aircraft take imagery of the vessel, which allowed the DEO to identify the vessel as an approximately 60-foot yacht east of Key Biscayne, Florida. Using this information, the Miami Air and Marine Branch notified the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Air and Marine Operations' (AMO) Miami Marine Unit, and the Miami-Dade County Marine Patrol Unit for interdiction.

Using the AMOC's data and pictures, the Miami-Dade County Marine Patrol Unit was able to interdict and secure the vessel in Key Biscayne Bay, Florida, until the arrival of AMO's Miami Marine Unit and the USCG. Upon further investigation, approximately 32 illegal aliens were onboard. All illegal aliens were transferred to a USCG vessel, and AMO seized the yacht.

This was a "cold hit," meaning the DEO made the detection solely off radar feed. The DEO's intuition led him to developing suspicion against known adversary behaviors and resulted in one of the largest migration events in AMOC history.

Two Paragliders Cross U.S. Border, Four Arrests Made and Aircraft Seized

On December 11, 2023, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) advised Air and Marine Operations that a Border Patrol Remote Video Surveillance System operator reported a paraglider south of San Ysidro, California, airspace in Mexico. The Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) detected data consistent with powered paraglider activity and directed a San Diego Air and Marine Branch AS350 helicopter toward the target. The AMOC tracked the paraglider crossing into U.S. airspace and the AS350 obtained visual confirmation of the paraglider.

HSI also reported a second paraglider in the

vicinity of Tijuana, Mexico. The AMOC detected data consistent with powered paraglider activity near the U.S.–Mexico border heading north. The AMOC tracked the target crossing into U.S. airspace, following the same flight path as the previous paraglider. The AS350 was unable to gain a visual of the second paraglider due to cloud coverage and had to return to Brown Field Municipal Airport due to the weather. Both paragliders faded from radar near Otay Mesa, California, and the AMOC notified all concerned. HSI and Chula Vista Border Patrol responded to the vicinity and apprehended four suspects and seized the two paragliders.

ARGOS Detection Leads to Multiple Apprehensions and Seizures

A tethered aerostat with a maritime radar and camera, known as ARGOS, is a relatively new domain awareness tool for Air and Marine Operations, with the first location in South Padre Island, Texas. The Tethered Aerostat Radar System (TARS) has traditionally provided long-range detection of low-altitude aircraft at the radar's maximum range. ARGOS has been fitted with a maritime radar system and is fully equipped with the latest technology, leading to various smuggling disruptions and drug interdictions.

"This has absolutely changed the way we do business. It has allowed us to posture our people and our assets where they need to be to respond to any trans-national criminal organizations approaching the maritime borders," said Andy Blanco, Director, Air and Marine Operations, McAllen Air and Marine Branch.

ARGOS Deploys Over Cudjoe Key, Florida

In September, AMO deployed the tethered aerostat, "ARGOS 2" in September 2024. The ARGOS 2 aerostat is co-located with a Tethered Aerostat Radar System that has been in operation since 1980. The specific surveillance technology onboard the aerostat is designed to collect information about cross-border traffic and associated activities.

ARGOS Captures Illicit Fishing Activity, Resulting In 11,000 Pounds of Marine Life Seized

Between October 1, 2023, and July 7, 2024, the ARGOS domain awareness system operating in South Padre Island, Texas, facilitated enforcement of illegal unreported and unregulated fishing activity in the U.S. Economic Exclusion Zone, resulting in over 11,000 pounds of illegally obtained marine life.

Air and Marine Operations Center Detects Illicit Aircraft; 200,000 Fentanyl Pills Seized

On February 6, 2024, an Air and Marine Operations Center team detected a small Cessna aircraft suspected of narcotics smuggling as it departed Middleton, Wisconsin, en route to Dalhart, Texas. Two days later, the Air and Marine Operations Center team detected the Cessna as it returned from Dalhart, Texas, back to

Middleton, Wisconsin. The team coordinated with Homeland Security Investigations to conduct an inspection, which resulted in the arrest of 2 people and the seizure of approximately 18 pounds of methamphetamine/fentanyl mix, 46 pounds of fentanyl pills (approximately 200,000 pills), and 2 vehicles.



EXTENDED BORDER AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS



Air and Marine Operations Cooperates with Partners to Dismantle Human Smuggling and Trafficking Networks

On October 5, 2023, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) signed a Letter of Understanding with the Government of Panama to support mutual border security interests by conducting aerial missions to counter and dismantle illicit human smuggling and trafficking networks. The Letter of Understanding allows AMO to operate aircraft within and over the host nation's territory and transit over internal waters and its territorial sea. AMO completed two

information collection detachments and provided numerous imagery and information-based reports associated with illicit groups operating near the Panama-Colombia border. Additionally, the information led to operations which resulted in the seizure of firearms, ammunition, and narcotics and the discovery of irregular migration routes used by various nationalities.



Air and Marine Operations' (AMO) Foreign Operations Division (FOD) continues to support work with our foreign partners to improve technical competencies and foster enduring collaborative relationships among participating nations.

Capacity Building Events with the Bahamas, Canada, France, Malaysia, and Mexico

Throughout Fiscal Year 2024, AMO's FOD planned and executed nine comprehensive capacity building events in coordination with the Bahamas, Canada, France, Malaysia, and Mexico. AMO provided maritime capacity building to our Bahamian, Canadian, and French partners.

In Malaysia, AMO supported specialized training focused on enhancing tactical vessel operations, reinforcing maritime security capabilities, and strengthening operational coordination between agencies to the Royal Malaysian Customs and Royal Malaysian Police in coordination with the National Marine Training Center.

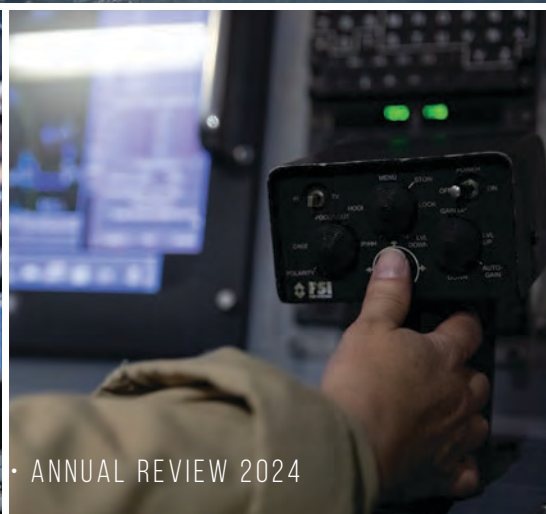
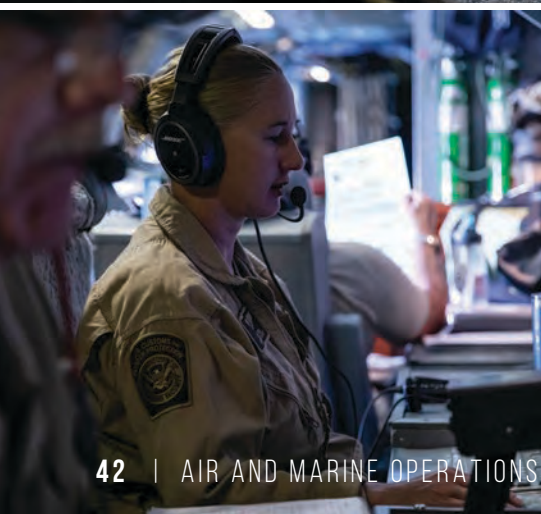
With Mexico, AMO supported a series of capacity-building engagements aimed at enhancing operational effectiveness across multiple domains. These engagements included maritime operations training with the Secretaría de Marina (MARINA), aviation operations training with MARINA, the Guardia Nacional, the Center for Airspace Surveillance and Protection (CENAVI), as well as domain awareness initiatives with MARINA, CENAVI, the Guardia Nacional, and the National Center for Analysis, Planning, and Intelligence. Additionally, AMO facilitated Center for Air and Marine Drone Exploitation capacity-building engagements in coordination with MARINA, further strengthening bilateral security cooperation and interoperability.

Strengthening Air and Marine Operations' International Partnerships



Air and Marine Operations' (AMO) Foreign Operations Division (FOD) plays a vital role in supporting leadership engagements with international partners. Through coordinated efforts, the FOD facilitates high-level meetings, joint exercises, and knowledge exchanges that build mutual trust and understanding. These engagements create opportunities to align strategic priorities, share best practices, and address common challenges together.

Fiscal Year 2024 Engagements:

- March: Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Keith Jones traveled to Mexico City to meet with US Embassy officials and Government of Mexico counterparts.
- April:
 - A commissioner-level delegation from France visited the Caribbean Air and Marine Branch to discuss maritime awareness capabilities.
 - AMO leadership met with FRONTEX, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, officials in Washington, DC.
- August: AMO leadership participated in a panel during the CBP Attaché Summit in Washington, DC.



BY THE NUMBERS

	Fiscal year 2023 STATISTICS	Fiscal year 2024 STATISTICS
 Cocaine seized (lbs)	256,883	244,781
 Marijuana seized (lbs)	91,360	43,374
 Fentanyl seized (lbs)	2,049	2,235
 Weapons seized (lbs)	2,200	1,499
 Apprehensions	89,909	48,609
 Arrests	1,004	1,009
 Flight hours	97,530	91,981
 Underway hours	42,597	46,133
 UAS VADER detections	57,670	21,437



Recruiting Events Result in Increased Hiring

In FY24, AMO was able to reverse a long downward trend in its onboard numbers and saw increases across all three of its major law enforcement occupations – Air Interdiction Agents, Marine Interdiction Agents, and Aviation Enforcement Agents. This is due to AMO’s increased recruiting presence as well as improved retention. AMO’s recruitment team attended more than 30 events throughout the country to include monthly Future and Active Pilot Advisors job fairs, a National Helicopter Association event, the Embry Riddle Aviation School campus job fair, and the Hyundai Air and Sea Show.

FY24 HIRING STATISTICS



+49

AIR INTERDICTION AGENT

An Air Interdiction Agent (AIA) is a pilot that detects, tracks, and intercepts aircraft, vessels, people, and contraband from the air environment at and beyond the border and within our nation’s interior.



+32

AVIATION ENFORCEMENT AGENT

An Aviation Enforcement Agent (AEA) is a law enforcement specialist on interdiction aircraft. AEAs identify trends and patterns to prevent terrorist acts and unlawful movement across our borders, apprehend suspects, and seize evidence.



+42

MARINE INTERDICTION AGENT

A Marine Interdiction Agent (MIA) is a commander or crewmember of a vessel who conducts maritime patrols, surveillance, and pursuit activities. MIAs intercept suspects and search vessels and suspects to gather evidence of illegal activity or potential terrorism.



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OPERATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Operations and professional staff are key members of a team dedicated to serving and protecting the American people.

+177

TOTAL

Total number of agents and professional staff who joined the Air and Marine Operations’ mission in Fiscal Year 2024.

ASSET OVERVIEW

FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT



BEECHCRAFT KING AIR SERIES 200 AND C-12C



BOMBARDIER DHC-8 MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT



CESSNA C-206 / 210



PILATUS PC-12



LOCKHEED MARTIN P-3 LONG RANGE TRACKER



LOCKHEED MARTIN P-3 AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING



SUPER KING AIR 350ER



MQ-9 PREDATOR B UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM

ROTARY-WING AIRCRAFT



AIRBUS AS350 / H125 A-STAR



SIKORSKY UH-60 BLACK HAWK

MARINE VESSELS



41-FOOT SAFE BOAT (COASTAL INTERCEPTOR VESSEL)



39-FOOT MIDNIGHT EXPRESS



38-FOOT SAFE BOAT (ALL WEATHER INTERCEPTOR)



33-FOOT SAFE BOAT

OTHER ASSETS



TETHERED AEROSTAT RADAR SYSTEM



MOBILE COMMAND CENTER

INTEGRATION

Enhance business and resource functions



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Air and Marine Operations Center Capitol Region Unit

As an expansion to its domain awareness efforts, Air and Marine Operations now operates the Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) Capitol Region Unit (CRU), which opened in April 2024. The CRU is in Ashburn, Virginia, and is responsible for the protection of designated airspace in and around the National Capitol Region and other designated special use airspace. The CRU will also serve as the Continuity of Operations Planning site for the AMOC. This CRU location is in addition to the AMOC in Riverside, California, and the Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center in Puerto Rico and establishes greater domain awareness for U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security.

“Now we have a facility, an identity that is going to continue to maintain our domain awareness in the air for the National Capital Region but also allows for growth for new missions and new mission threats as they emerge.”

– Clark Lanzendorf, Director, Air and Marine Operations Center.



New Special Programs Division

On September 1, 2024, Air and Marine Operations established the Special Programs Division (SPD). SPD will synchronize funding, standardization, direction, and accountability for several unique AMO programs that currently exist within Marine Operations, Air Operations, and Domain Awareness Security Operations. This new division will oversee the functions of the Air and Marine Cyber Investigations Team, Undercover Operations, Special Operation Division, Confidential Human Source, Ground Tactical Air Controller, Mobile Command Center, Air and Marine Operational Medicine, and the Center for Air and Marine Drone Exploitation.



New Upgraded All-Weather Interceptor Vessel

Air and Marine Operations (AMO) continues to standardize its fleet by enhancing its fully enclosed vessels. The latest version of the 38-foot SAFE Boat is AMO’s new All-Weather Interceptor, also known as AWI. The general layout and handling characteristics of the latest version of the AWI are based on the legacy design of the current 11 fielded 38-foot interceptors, but agents will be able to easily adapt to the safety and modernization upgrades. AMO is funded for 17 of a desired 21 upgraded AWIs to replace the aging fleet of 33-foot SAFE Boat Full Cabin

vessels. With 21 upgraded AWIs and 11 legacy 38-foot SAFE Boats, AMO will have 32 enclosed Interceptor-class vessels. These vessels will be fielded along the northern border and any temperate coastal location, to include Southern California, the Gulf Coast, and the Northern Atlantic Ocean.

“This is another way we’re trying to standardize our fleet across the country.” – Jonathan P. Miller, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Air and Marine Operations

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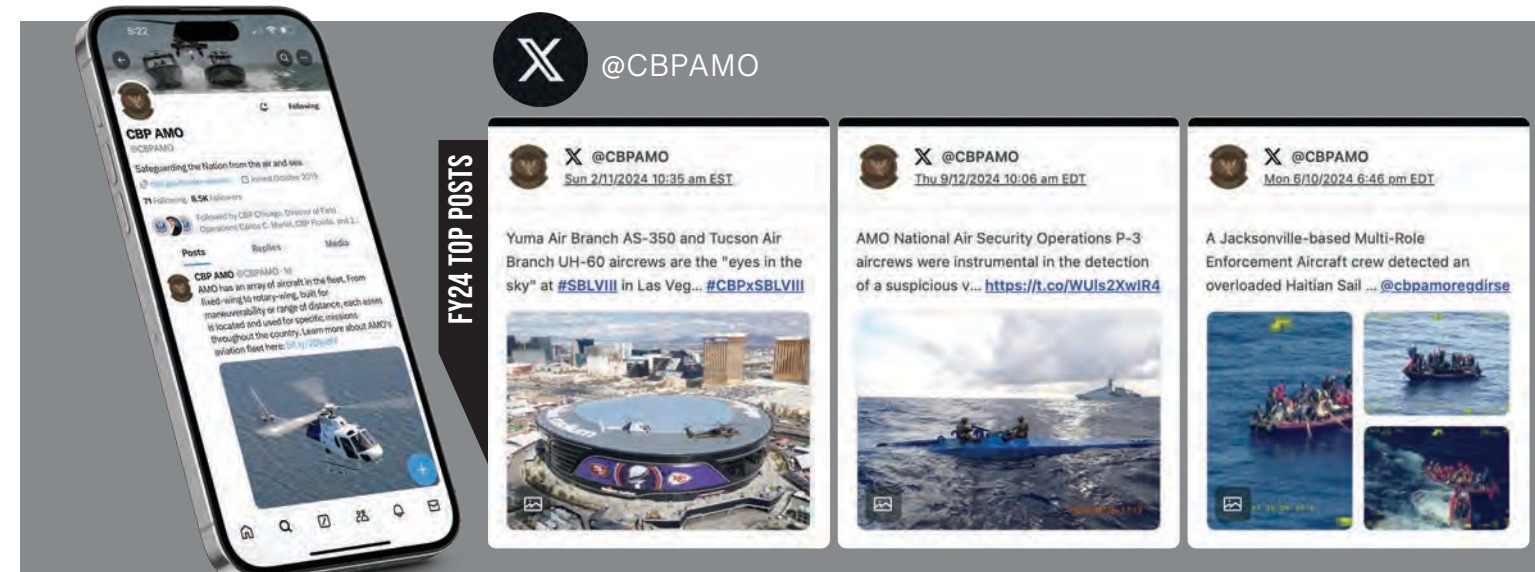
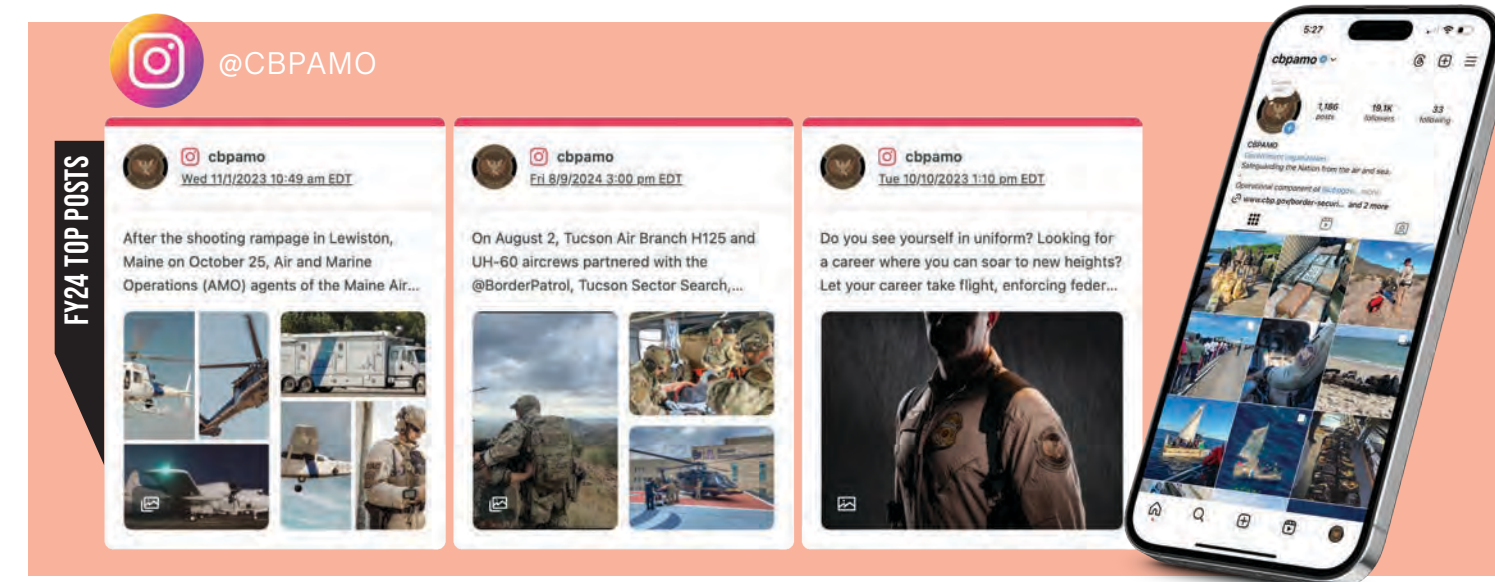
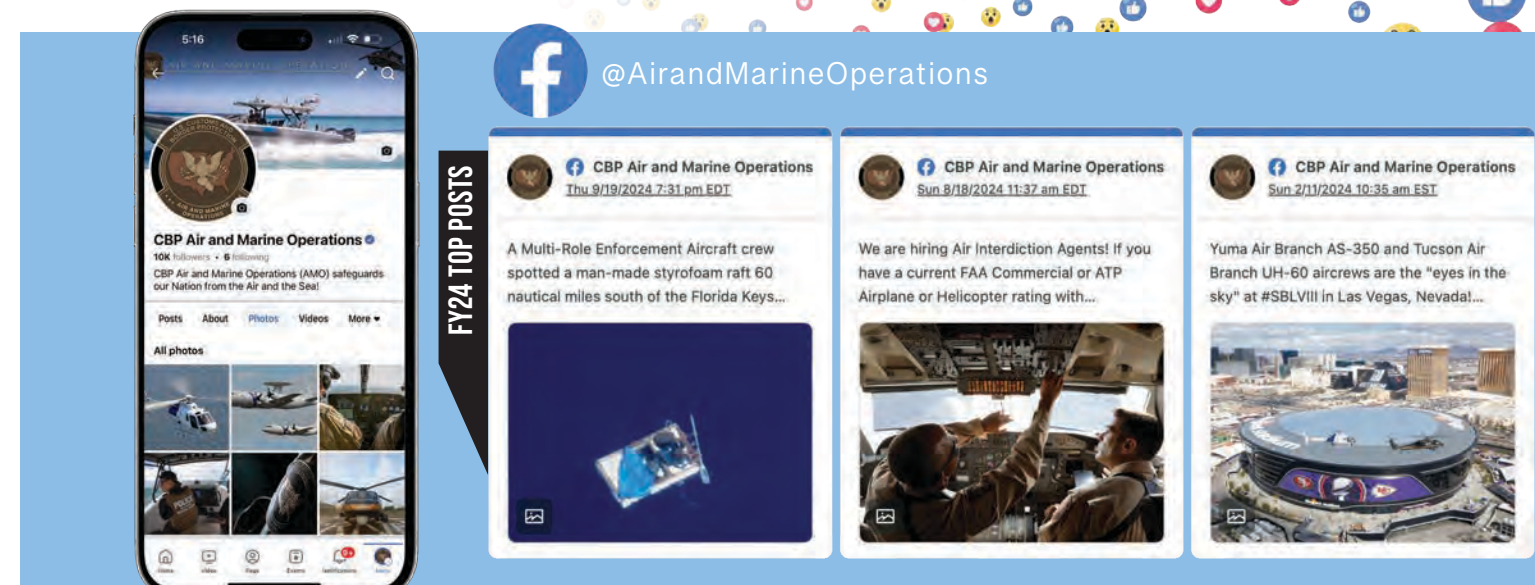
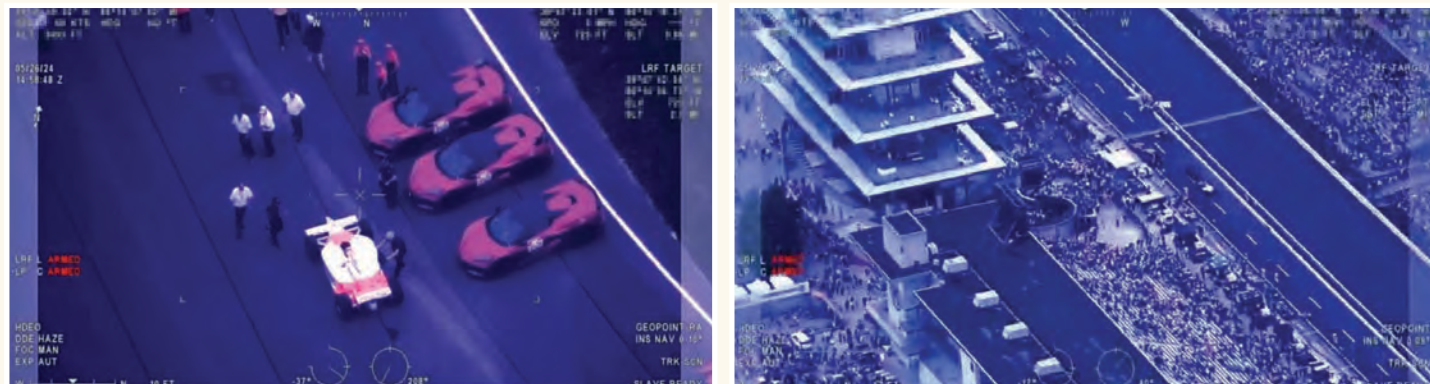
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Air and Marine Operations Mobile Command Center Supports INDY 500

Air and Marine Operations' Mobile Command Center (MCC), two MCC operators, and the Chicago Air Unit's H-125 crew deployed to Indianapolis, Indiana, to support the 2024 Indianapolis 500. The MCC and Chicago H-125 crew worked together to provide Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance support to multiple ground units and the partner-agency command center. The event, which was over a three-day period and marked by inclement weather, covered the greater Indianapolis Metropolitan Area.

SOCIAL MEDIA



PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



AWARDS

DHS SECRETARY AWARDS



Tucson Air Branch
UH-60 Black Hawk Aircrew



ScanEagle Demo Team

CBP COMMISSIONER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Kyle N. Hoyt
Marine Interdiction Agent
Miami Air and Marine Branch



Kurt Nagel
Marine Interdiction Agent
San Diego Air and Marine Branch



Tampa Marine Unit

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CBP Panama Mongoose
Legal Framework Team

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Yuma Air Branch



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Director, Air and Marine
Operations Center



Genna P. Dahlberg
Deputy Executive Director
Mission Support



Domain Awareness
Standards and Analysis
Demo Team



National Air Security
Operations Unmanned
Aircraft Systems Team



Bellingham
Air and Marine Branch

AMO HONORARY AWARD



MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT
Operation Vigilant Sentry Vessel Crew:
MIAs Luke Joseph, Matthew Valzania, James Stowell,
Matthew Kimmel, Ron Stark, Kevin Mehegan

AIR AND MARINE OPERATIONS

SAFEGUARDING THE NATION FROM THE AIR AND SEA

