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#### CBP Core Values

- ★ Vigilance ★ Integrity
- ★ Service

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### Welcome to CBP Access

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Congressional Affairs, is pleased to introduce *CBP Access*, an e-newsletter aimed at providing congressional partners with useful information about initiatives and valuable facts and figures. In addition, you will find updates on CBP programs and how to find out more information. We look forward to your feedback to ensure we are providing helpful information. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

CBP is one of the Department of Homeland Security's largest and most complex components. With a unified force of over 60,000, CBP's priority mission is keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the United States. It also has a responsibility for securing the border and facilitating lawful international trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws and regulations on behalf of over 40 federal agencies, including immigration and drug laws.

*We are the guardians of our Nation's borders. We are America's frontline. We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders. We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror. We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our Nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel. We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism.*

— CBP's Mission Statement and Core Values

### CBP on the Hill

#### Eleven Years Later: Preventing Terrorists from Coming to America

On September 11, 2012, Kevin McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, testified before the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security on CBP's efforts to prevent terrorists from entering the United States.

In his written statement, AC McAleenan said, "On this eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, CBP remains vigilant and focused. As the nation's unified border security agency, CBP is responsible for securing our nation's borders while facilitating the flow of international travel and trade that is so vital to our economy. Within this broad responsibility, our priority mission is to prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States."

Kelli Ann Walther, DHS Deputy Assistant Secretary, Screening Coordination Office; John Woods, ICE Associate Director, National Security Division; Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOS Bureau of Consular Affairs; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, DHS also testified.

The full written testimony is available at [CBP.gov](http://CBP.gov).

#### DHS Acquisition Management Challenges: Solutions for Saving Taxpayer Dollars

On Friday, September 21, 2012, Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, testified before the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, regarding DHS Acquisition Management.

During the hearing, AC Borkowski said, "What is important to me is to remember that there is no such thing as a program with no risk. We don't have the resources to have no risk. Acquisition and program management is all about identifying, quantifying, and deciding, as a community, what risks are reasonable."

Dr. Nick Nayak, DHS Chief Procurement Officer and Senior Procurement Executive, Management Directorate; Karen Shelton Waters, TSA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Acquisition; and GAO Director for Acquisition and Sourcing Management, John Hutton, also testified at the hearing.

The full written testimony is available at [CBP.gov](http://CBP.gov).

## From the CBP Newsroom



### CBP Rescues Illegal Immigrant from Steep Cliff

Tucson, Ariz. – In August, a man stuck on a near-vertical cliff within the Cerro Colorado Mountains near Arivaca, Ariz., was rescued in a U.S. Customs and Border Protection joint operation. The subject, a Mexican national in the U.S. illegally, called 911 stating he was lost and stuck on a ledge. Tucson Sector Border Patrol's Search, Trauma and Rescue team (BORSTAR) was called in, but it was determined the individual would have to be extracted from the air. A CBP Blackhawk helicopter crew from the Tucson Air Branch then responded and extracted the subject using a Helicopter Rope Suspension Technique.

– Visit the CBP Newsroom for the full story.



### CBP Officers Seize More Than \$909k in Narcotics

Nogales, Ariz.—After a Customs and Border Protection canine alerted to a non-factory floor compartment in a vehicle at the Dennis DeConcini Port, CBP officers found more than 36 pounds of cocaine, worth close to \$332,000, and approximately 37 pounds of methamphetamine. The vehicle and drugs were seized. The driver was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI).

– Visit the CBP Newsroom for the full story.



### Ramey Border Patrol Agents Seize 918 Kilos of Cocaine

San Juan, P.R.— On Monday, September 17, U.S. Border Patrol agents and the Puerto Rico Police Department caught and arrested four individuals landing a boat on the southern coast of Puerto Rico. Their boat, a 33-foot Eduardono-type vessel, contained 918.7 kilos (2,025 pounds) of cocaine valued at \$22,950,000. The vessel, subjects, and contraband will be turned over to ICE-HSI.

– Visit the CBP Newsroom for the full story.

## CBP Collaborates with Federal Government and Private Sector Partners on Trade Transformation

### Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) Event

On Friday, September 21, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar participated in the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC). The council is made up of senior executives from 10 U.S. federal agencies and collaborates on issues including the federal government's efforts to transform the trade process, ongoing efforts across federal agencies to partner with the trade, and the use of automation to streamline the international trade clearance process.

During the event, agency heads worked to develop a "one U.S. government" approach to partnerships with the trade. By working cooperatively with its federal partners to jointly implement and monitor these programs, CBP expects to reduce the universe of shipments that require inspection or review at the border.

### CBP East Coast Trade Symposium

On October 29 and 30, 2012, CBP will convene the second of this year's trade symposia at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel in Washington, DC. The theme for this trade symposium is "Expanding 21st Century Global Partnerships" and will feature panel discussions involving CBP personnel, members of the trade community and other government agencies, on CBP's role in international trade initiatives and programs. This year marks CBP's 12th year hosting trade symposia. CBP held the 2012 West Coast Trade Symposium in Long Beach, CA on May 10, 2012; the theme was "Transforming Trade for a Stronger Economy."



To obtain the latest information on the 2012 East Coast Trade Symposium, visit the CBP Website. For more information on how to participate in the symposium, please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

## It's Here! The Summer 2012 Issue of Frontline Magazine

### Protecting America's Livestock

Despite increasing urbanization, there are more than two million farms in the U.S., ranging from small family operations to sprawling "agribusinesses." More than half of these farms count livestock as their major business. What would happen to our nation's economy, our food supply, and our food prices, if U.S.



livestock were exposed to deadly animal diseases brought in from foreign countries? What about our wildlife—birds, deer, buffalo, and other creatures—that are also vitally important to our nation's ecosystems and tourism? CBP's agriculture specialists work tirelessly to prevent the introduction of these pathogens at hundreds of land, sea and air ports of entry across the nation. Thanks to CBP's nearly 2,400 agriculture specialists, trained by experts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the agency recorded nearly half a million interceptions of potentially dangerous animal products last fiscal year.

Other feature stories in this issue include: *Textile Teams*, *CBP Behind the Numbers*, and *Focus on Central America*. Read the electronic issue online today!