



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## *Air and Marine Operations*

# FACT SHEET

The mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Air and Marine Operations (AMO) is to serve and protect the American people. We apply advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities and employ our unique skill sets to preserve America's security interests.

AMO interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings.

With approximately 1,660 federal employees, 240 aircraft and 300 marine vessels operating from 74 locations throughout the continental United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, AMO serves as the nation's experts in airborne and maritime law enforcement. AMO operates beyond the nation's borders in drug source and transit zones, between ports of entry, in our coastal waters, and within the nation's interior.



### Fiscal Year 2015 Enforcement Statistics

- AMO enforcement actions resulted in the seizure or disruption of 230,579 pounds of cocaine; 719,549 pounds of marijuana; 1,427 weapons and \$49.3 million; 4,485 arrests and 51,130 apprehensions.
- Unmanned aircraft system (UAS) missions resulted in the detection of more than 9,300 persons of interest at or near the border. UAS missions also led to the seizure or disruption of 5,552 pounds of cocaine and 68,721 pounds of marijuana.
- National Air Security Operations (NASO) aircrews flew 6,600 hours of counter-narcotic missions in the drug source and transit zones between South America and the U.S. and participated in 198 interdiction events. NASO missions led to the seizure or disruption of 206,844 pounds of cocaine.

### Air and Marine Operations Mission

- AMO's missions fall into four broad categories that reflect our core competencies: interdiction, investigation, domain awareness, and contingency operations and national tasking missions.
- **Interdiction** encompasses our efforts to intercept, apprehend, or disrupt threats in the land, sea, and air domains as they move toward or across the United States borders.
- AMO leverages the expertise of our agents in the air and maritime domains to conduct **investigations** to defeat criminal networks.
- **Domain awareness** is the observation of the operating environment (air, land, and water) and the information gathered through the network of sensors deployed on aircraft, vessels, and land-based persistent wide-area surveillance.
- AMO performs a range of aviation and maritime **contingency operations and national tasking missions**, including disaster relief, Continuity of Operations, humanitarian operations, enforcement relocation, search and rescue, and National Special Security Events.