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CBP East Coast Trade Symposium

Increasing Economic Competitiveness through Global Partnership and Innovation

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is pleased to announce that the 2013 East Coast Trade Symposium will convene on Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. This year's theme is

“Increasing Economic Competitiveness through Global Partnership and Innovation.”

The East Coast Trade Symposium will feature panel discussions with agency personnel, members of the trade community and other government agencies, on CBP's role in international trade initiatives and programs. The symposium will cover key trade initiatives, including the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) single window and full deployment; the World Customs Organization; the President's National Export Initiative; public-private sector engagement; Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS); the Centers of Excellence and Expertise (CEEs); and Trusted Trader Programs.

Because of the overwhelming interest to attend past symposiums, CBP requests each company to limit its registrations to no more than three participants, in order to afford equal representation from all members of the international trade community. If a company exceeds the limitation, any additional names submitted for registration will automatically be placed on a waiting list. Interested parties are encouraged to register early, as space is limited.

The agenda for the 2013 East Coast Trade Symposium and the keynote speakers will be announced soon. Due to sequestration, CBP will not be holding a West Coast Trade Symposium in 2013.

For additional information, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

CBP Dedicates Detroit Vessel in Honor of Brian A. Terry



On August 29, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials honored the name of Brian A. Terry in a ceremony dedicating the agency's newest vessel in Trenton, MI. Brian A. Terry, a Michigan native, was killed December 15, 2010, while conducting a Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) operation in an area near Rio Rico, AZ.

“For those of us here today and throughout CBP, the pain of that wrenching loss remains and will never be forgotten,” said Acting Deputy Commissioner Kevin McAleenan.

The Brian A. Terry is a 25-foot Secure-Around-Flotation-Equipped (SAFE) Boat for maritime operations. This vessel is an integral part of the riverine patrol fleet, whose purpose is to stop maritime smuggling into the United States. The 25-foot SAFE Boat is a standard platform in CBP's fleet of enforcement vessels deployed to detect and intercept attempts to illegally enter the United States by way of shallow rivers and lakes.

“If we could aspire to be half of what Brian was, then my career personally would be fulfilled,” said Michael J. Fisher, Chief U.S. Border Patrol. “What Brian did in life, throughout his career in law enforcement and certainly with the Border Patrol was the epitome of honor.”

The Brian A. Terry will patrol the Detroit River from just south of Detroit to the mouth of Lake Erie.

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CBP, Aeroports de Montreal Introduce Automated Passport Control Kiosks



On September 17, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) announced the introduction of Automated Passport Control at Montréal-Trudeau airport.

“Automated Passport Control is a key component of CBP’s modernization strategy at ports of entry,” said Dylan DeFrancisci, director of CBP preclearance operations. “By allowing travelers the option to enter their own passport and identification information at the self-service kiosk, we are able to increase efficiency while enhancing security.”

The new system includes 12 kiosks that allow Canadian or American passengers travelling to the

United States to enter their own passport and identification information prior to inspection by the CBP officer. The automated process will comprise four easy steps: scanning of the passport; taking of a photo; answering of questions using the touch-screen; and presentation of documents to the CBP officer.

Passengers holding a passport from another country must follow the usual procedure by manually completing the CBP declaration form. In addition, members of the NEXUS trusted traveler program will always be able to use the priority queue.

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Extended: CBP Officer Job Opportunity Announcement



CBP opened a CBP Officer job opportunity announcement on July 29, 2013. The announcement’s purpose is to find well-qualified applicants to join CBP’s frontline workforce in 2014 and 2015. CBP is seeking applicants throughout the United States, including the

territories and District of Columbia, with a hiring focus on the Southwest and Northern Border and the Central and Northern East Coast. CBP’s hiring process is strenuous, and applicants need to meet exacting standards of fitness, medical, drug, and, most importantly, integrity.

CBP Officers play a vital role in preventing terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States and enforcing customs, immigration, and agriculture laws and regulations at U.S. ports of entry.

Update: CBP has extended the CBP Officer job opportunity announcement to October 9, 2013.

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CBP Enforcement News



CBP Air and Marine Branch Recovers \$2.97 Million Worth of Cocaine

Jacksonville, FL – On September 18, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) Office of Air and Marine (OAM) agents, working at the Jacksonville Air and Marine Branch, responded to a call from the St. John’s County Sheriff’s Office to assist in locating suspected narcotics that reportedly washed ashore near Crescent Beach in St. Augustine, FL. In support, the branch launched an Interceptor Class vessel and an AS-350 helicopter. The search of the area resulted in the recovery of 40 pounds of cocaine, with an estimated value of \$2.97 million, from three separate locations.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom](#) for the full story.



Border Patrol Agents Seize Over \$1.9 Million in Marijuana

Laredo, TX – On September 16, 2013, Border Patrol Laredo Freer Station agents working roving patrol duties discovered two abandoned vehicles at a local ranch. The agents conducted a thorough inspection and discovered multiple bundles wrapped in brown packaging concealed under a black blanket. Agents conducted a search of the perimeter and arrested two subjects. A total of 223 bundles were extracted from the abandoned vehicle, which tested positive for marijuana. The marijuana had a total weight of 2,494.5 pounds with an estimated value of \$1,995,600.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom](#) for the full story.



U.S. Border Patrol and the Office of Air and Marine Nab \$2.15 Million in Marijuana

Tucson, AZ – On September 17, 2013, Tucson Sector Border Patrol agents, working in collaboration with CBP Office of Air and Marine (OAM) from the Tucson Air Branch, discovered three vehicles hidden under tarps concealed in the dense brush with multiple bundles of marijuana inside. In total, there were 267 bundles of narcotics seized weighing 4,311 pounds with an estimated value of \$2,155,500.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom](#) for the full story.



CBP Seizes \$1.2 Million of Fake Designer Watches

Nogales, AZ – On September 13, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers arrested a Mexican national at the Port of Nogales for attempting to smuggle more than 34 pounds of methamphetamine into the United States. CBP officers referred the 57-year-old man for an additional inspection of his Chevrolet truck at the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry. After a CBP narcotic detection canine alerted to the presence of drugs within the rear and spare tires, officers removed 22 packages of methamphetamine worth more than \$536,000.

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