



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.

With 1,200 federal agents, 267 aircraft and 283 marine vessels operating from 91 locations throughout the United States, AMO uses its sophisticated fleets to detect, sort, intercept, track and apprehend criminals in diverse environments at and beyond U.S. borders.

Domain awareness is one of our most critical contributions to securing the nation's borders and combating criminal organizations. AMO shares real-time, actionable information by linking a vast network of sensors and sensor-equipped aircraft and vessels through the Air and Marine Operations Center located at March Air Reserve Base, Riverside, California.

This specialized law enforcement capability allows AMO to make significant contributions to Department of Homeland Security efforts, as well as to federal, state, local and tribal agencies. AMO conducts law enforcement operations between ports of entry, in the maritime environment and within the nation's interior.



FY 2014 Apprehensions and Seizure Statistics

- AMO contributed to the apprehension and arrest of 84,397 suspects and the seizure of 997,440 pounds of marijuana (worth \$2.55 billion); 115,144 pounds of cocaine (worth \$11.6 billion); \$147.8 million and 763 weapons.
- Unmanned aircraft system missions (UAS) resulted in the detection of more than 7,600 persons crossing the border. UAS missions also led to the seizure of 149 weapons, 1,834 apprehensions and 54 arrests.
- AMO's P-3 aircraft flew 6,000 hours of counter-narcotics missions in the drug Transit Zone between South America and the U.S. As a result of these operations, AMO seized or disrupted 126,489 pounds of cocaine with a value of nearly \$9.4 billion.

Air and Marine Operations Mission

- AMO's mission sets 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 effective understanding of the environment and information associated with the various domains (air, land, and maritime) that could affect safety, security, the economy, or the environment. AMO employs advance systems to contribute to domain awareness.
- 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.