

Workshop

Effective Border Management through Mission Critical Collaboration



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Facilitated discussion
- Defining the business case for border management
- Discussion of collaboration to aide in the decision support/situational awareness process

Recent Events

- **(CNN, 2/2006) - A federal task force seized arsenals of illegal weapons and homemade bombs in Laredo, Texas, in connection with a Mexican drug trafficking battle.**
- **(WorldNetDaily, 1/2006) - Mexican officials say they've arrested four illegal-alien Iraqis trying to sneak across the border into the United States.**
- **(CNN, 1/2006) -- Authorities have found what they call the largest and most sophisticated tunnel running into the United States along the Mexican border.**

Situation

- What are the Vulnerabilities?
 - At Ports of Entry (POEs)
 - Near POEs (i.e., in surrounding communities)
 - In remote areas
- What are the threats in these areas?

Infrastructure

- What types of infrastructure are necessary?
- What is a virtual fence?

Organizations Involved

- What agencies are involved in Protection? What is their role?
- What agencies are involved in Response? What is their role?

Information Resources

Identify information resources that are relevant to border security

- Open Source
- Proprietary
- Federal
- State/Local

Manpower and Assets Cause Collaboration Challenges

- What new agencies/organizations have been added to border management?
- What new information is available?

Launching Joint Operations

- Provide examples of joint operation activities around the border
- How are the operations managed?
 - Pre-operation Planning?
 - Operational Coordination?

Response

- What will give you situational awareness?
- What kind of response does a situation dictate?
- What needs to be considered in staffing the response?



Command Post Operations

- What are the steps in securing the scene of the intrusion?
- What are the components of a command post?
- What are the fundamentals that should be available to manage border management? Regardless of:
 - the threat
 - measured response to threat
 - investigative or command post operation

Technologies

- What kind of technologies are required for response and coordination?
- How do you have access to multiple agency data?
 - Access to personnel within those agencies?
 - Access to their information systems?

Decision Support: Situational Awareness

- Document Storage and Retrieval
- Presence Awareness
- Instant Messaging and Paging
- Audio/Video and Webconferencing
- Whiteboard
- Wireless access
- Web-based Software

Managing the Response: Investigation or Command Post Operations

- Document Storage and Retrieval
- Presence Awareness
- Instant Messaging and Paging
- Audio/Video and Webconferencing
- Whiteboard
- Wireless access
- Work-flow applications

Scenario 1:

Sensor reports activity in remote location on Texas/Mexico border

- What are the threats?
- How is situational awareness obtained?
- What agencies are responsible for responding?
- How do you manage the response?

Scenario 2:

A border inspection results in the discovery of what is possibly bomb making materials and unknown chemicals

- What are the threats?
- How is situational awareness obtained?
- What agencies are responsible for responding?
- How do you manage the response?

Scenario 3:

A van approaching the border from Mexico is encountered by Mexican authorities resulting in an explosion and toxic vapors affecting the U.S.

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- How is situational awareness obtained?
- What agencies are responsible for responding?
- How do you manage the response?

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