

TEXAS OPERATION STRONG SAFETY (OSS)

June 18, 2014 Border Surge directed by Texas Leadership

"objective to decrease cartel drug and human smuggling by increasing patrol presence and the amount of smuggling events detected and interdicted"

June 23, 2014 Ground, air and marine saturation patrols began around-the-clock

Since June 23, 2014: The operation resulted in the seizure of \$1.87 billion worth of cartel drugs

Rio Grande Valley (RGV)-specific success on apprehensions:

Week 1: 6,606 Illegal Aliens (IAs) apprehended

Week 11: Below 2,000 IAs apprehended

Week 28: 826 IAs apprehended (87% decrease since Week 1)

Week 32: 1,583 IAs apprehended (76% decrease since Week 1)

Need: DPS CFO estimates the costs of OSS to be \$36.3 million through AY-15

Source: Texas Department of Public Safety

TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT (TMD): TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD (TXNG)

July 21, 2014 Texas National Guard deployed to force of 1,000 on Texas Border

January 2015: Forces reduced to 200 troops

March 1, 2015: Hard deadline for funding to add or remove troops from Border

March 31, 2015: Without additional funding, TXNG removed from Texas Border

Note: TMD estimates force of 400-500 best saves resources, while providing presence on Border

Source: Texas Military Department

UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN (UAC)

U.S./Mexico Border - UAC Before OSS:

Predicted UAC apprehensions: 90,100 in FY2014, mostly in the RGV Sector.

Actual UAC apprehensions: 68,541, of which 46,858 prior to the state led surge operation.

Source: Texas Department of Public Safety

UAC Apprehensions in Rio Grande Valley Sector 2014

	Unaccompanied children	Adults with children
January	3,706	2,286
February	4,845	3,282
March	7,177	5,752
April	7,702	6,511
May	10,580	12,772
June	10,622	16,329
July	5,501	7,405
August	3,141	3,295

Source: US Department of Homeland Security