

# IWC PRESENTATION – NOVEMBER 9, 2023

## SLIDE #1

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2019			U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2020			U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2021		
USBP	Demographic	Total	USBP	Demographic	Total	USBP	Demographic	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	76,020	Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	30,557	Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	144,834
	Family Units*	473,682		Family Units*	52,230		Family Units*	451,087
	Single Adult	301,806		Single Adult	317,864		Single Adult	1,063,285
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		851,508	Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		400,651	Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		1,659,206

## SLIDE #2

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2022														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	12,625	13,745	11,704	8,607	11,779	13,892	11,857	14,420	14,929	13,003	10,993	11,539	149,093
	Family Units	41,556	43,279	49,437	30,419	25,165	34,052	37,082	51,166	44,071	42,851	39,305	44,579	482,962
	Single Adult	104,932	109,991	109,461	108,851	122,226	163,237	154,565	158,784	133,399	125,980	131,476	151,479	1,574,381
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		159,113	167,015	170,602	147,877	159,063	211,181	203,504	224,370	192,399	181,834	181,774	207,597	2,206,436

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2023														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	11,654	12,780	11,829	9,034	10,418	11,852	11,062	9,442	6,732	10,035	13,527	13,154	131,519
	Family Units	46,745	49,827	60,843	25,829	25,643	33,269	46,555	45,026	31,271	60,165	93,111	103,027	621,311
	Single Adult	146,735	145,073	149,346	94,650	94,460	118,551	126,304	116,914	61,535	62,442	74,416	102,582	1,293,008
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		205,134	207,680	222,018	129,513	130,521	163,672	183,921	171,382	99,538	132,642	181,054	218,763	2,045,838

## SLIDE #3

### OPERATION LONE STAR

- **As of November 3, Texas has bused:**
  - Over 12,500 migrants to **Washington, D.C.** since April 2022
  - Over 22,300 migrants to **New York City** since August 2022
  - Over 17, 800 migrants to **Chicago** since August 2022
  - Over 3,200 migrants to **Philadelphia** since November 2022
  - Over 6,600 migrants to **Denver** since May 18
  - Over 1,100 migrants to **Los Angeles** since June 14
- Source: Office of the Texas Governor

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### **One-way plane tickets: NYC offers migrants free travel anywhere to move**

- New York City is moving migrants out of shelters and offering them plane tickets to anywhere in the world.
- New York City Mayor, Eric Adams, is **ramping up efforts to fly migrants to the destination of their choice, figuring it's cheaper than sheltering them for months on end**. And he's simultaneously warning that those opting to stay in New York may be in for a winter of sleeping outside with shelters full.
- The new, more aggressive "reticketing" plan comes as the city deals with the 130,000 migrants arriving since last year and as it tightens how long they can stay in shelters, forcing the newest arrivals out after 30 days.
- Source: [Politico](#)

## SLIDE #5

### **Border Patrol needs agents and is dangling \$20K bonuses — but check the fine print**

- The Border Patrol is struggling to attract and retain employees. That's why it's offering signing bonuses of up to \$20,000 for new hires.
- New hires collect \$10,000 after completing training at the Border Patrol Academy in New Mexico. Those willing to work in what the agency calls "hard to fill locations" get an extra \$10,000. To pocket the sweeteners, you have to sign an agreement to serve for at least two years.
- Base pay starts at \$39,910 and increases through five grade levels, reaching a high of \$71,099. That doesn't include overtime, premium pay for working nights and holidays, and other adjustments.
- With those extras included, a rookie agent can earn more than \$62,000 and an agent at the highest grade level can collect more than \$114,000, according to a Border Patrol compensation chart.
- Source: [San Antonio Express-News](#)

## SLIDE #6

### **Border wall going up as more funds sought**

- Texas lawmakers are considering a proposal this fall to spend another \$1.5 billion on their historic effort to build a wall along Texas' southern border.
- The project, first announced by Gov. Greg Abbott in June 2021, has seen about 12 miles of steel bollards erected since funding was first approved more than two years ago.
- The \$1.5 billion windfall would roughly double what the state already has budgeted for the wall. Most of that has been exhausted by the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC), which hired a consulting firm to manage the project, along with five construction companies to build the first 44 miles or so.
- The new spending may get tied up amid GOP infighting in the final days of a special legislative session that ends Tuesday, November 7, dashing TFC's plans to build 100 miles of the wall by the summer of 2026.
- Source: [Houston Chronicle](#)

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**White House discusses meetings with big city mayors on additional support for migrant services**

- **Biden administration officials hosted big city mayors at the White House** on Thursday, November 2, to discuss how to manage a growing number of migrants, one day after **those leaders sent a letter asking for more federal help.**
- **Denver Mayor Mike Johnston and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson** met with White House chief of staff **Jeff Zients and Homeland Security Department officials** before heading to Capitol Hill for meetings with lawmakers.
- The other mayors who signed onto the letter to President Joe Biden were **Karen Bass of Los Angeles, Sylvester Turner of Houston and Eric Adams of New York.** The meeting came together quickly and not all five could make it.
- **Biden has requested \$1.4 billion from Congress** to help state and local governments provide shelter and services for migrants, after earlier pleas from mayors and governors.
- **But Johnston and the other mayors have asked for \$5 billion** along with making work authorizations available more quickly and to anyone who is allowed into the United States. They also pitched a collaborative approach to managing migrants, mirroring how Ukrainian refugees were settled.
- [Download the letter here](#)
- Source: [PBS News](#)

## SLIDE #8

**Judge temporarily blocks federal officials from removing razor wire set up by Texas to deter border crossings**

- On October 30, **Chief U.S. District Court Judge Alia Moses** temporarily barred the **Biden administration and Border Patrol agents** from removing, scrapping or disassembling concertina wire that Texas state authorities assembled near the border town of Eagle Pass to impede the passage of migrants entering the country illegally.
- Moses said federal officials could only remove the wire to **"provide or obtain emergency medical aid."**
- When it filed its lawsuit, Texas said Border Patrol agents were cutting its razor wire to facilitate the entry of migrants into the U.S.
- Moses' temporary restraining order will last for two weeks, through **November 13.**
- Source: [CBS News](#)

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### **Texas asks appeal judges to let it keep floating barrier in place on the Rio Grande**

- On October 5, Texas attorneys asked federal appeals court judges to let the state keep large concrete-anchored buoys in place to block migrants from crossing the Rio Grande.
- Three judges with the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans heard arguments.
- Back in September, U.S. District Judge David Ezra called the buoy system a threat to safety and relationships between the U.S. and Mexico. His preliminary injunction instructed Texas to move the barrier out of the water and onto the riverbank.
- The 5th Circuit delayed implementation of the ruling pending appeal.
- Source: [Spectrum News](#)

## SLIDE #10

### **Texas officers gain access to Rio Grande's Fronton Island for border security efforts**

- Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham has authorized the Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Rangers working through Gov. Greg Abbott's border security mission, Operation Lone Star, access to **Fronton Island in the Rio Grande River**.
- The island is roughly 170 acres and located southeast of **Fronton, Texas, in Starr County**.
- According to Texas General Land Office records, **Fronton Island is state-owned land**, Buckingham explained, which is why Texas law enforcement has access to it. The island has increasingly been used by **cartel scouts, coyotes, and operatives to smuggle illicit drugs and people**, law enforcement officials report.
- In April, Buckingham **declared that two islands in the Rio Grande River near Eagle Pass, Texas, in Maverick County**, were state-owned land. One island is roughly a half-acre; another is roughly 45 acres.
- Source: [CenterSquare](#)