

## CBP/JTTF Briefing – Buffalo



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## Role of CBP – Intel Collection

- Role of CBP has evolved dramatically over the years
- GO TO agency in the Law Enforcement world when it comes to identifying individuals of either source or lead potential
  - ▶ CBP Search Authority
  - ▶ CBP Systems
  - ▶ CBP Encounters



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## Utilizing Border Search to Identify Subjects of Interest

- Utilizing CBP Border Search authority to collect information in conjunction the Intel Community (IC)
- Based on ongoing collaboration with the local JTTF / IC information is provided to CBP Boston Field Office
  - Intel Briefs
  - Musters



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## Identifying Subjects of interest

- (U) Shortly after it was determined that US Citizen Shirwa AHMED martyred himself in Somalia as part of a simultaneous attack by Al-Shabaab.
- (U) After consulting with members of the JTTF and reviewing Intelligence CBP begins scrutinizing individuals traveling out of Boston in route to East Africa. Based on these Outbound examinations numerous Somali nationals that fell under Operation Green Arrow / RHINO / Blackhawk are identified.
- (U) Many of these individuals are examined / interviewed upon their departure and return to the US based on these encounters an initial assessment is conducted to determine any source or subject potential.

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## Target / Assess Arriving Passengers for Source Potential

- (U) This is the area that CBP can make its biggest contribution to the JTTF, and here in Boston we have made our biggest strides.
- (U) Due to the fact we are able to identify individuals traveling from areas of interest utilizing CBP systems we are able to identify individuals with source potential.
- (U) Once these targets are identified we can make an initial assessment based on a CBP interview and utilization of Border Search Authority.
- (U) We have had some great success utilizing this approach, and as a full time TFO I have been able to function as the co-case agent and further our CBP involvement.
- (U) Next is a great illustration of the CBP/JTTF relationship.

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## Moving Forward as a TAU

- (U) With the increased personnel assigned to the Boston TAU/JTTF CBP will be able to provide pro-active intelligence to CBP personnel via TECB/IRB.
- (U) This intelligence will be collected in coordination with JTTF/ Law Enforcement channels, intelligence that pertains to CBP related matters will be disseminated to CBP field personnel in order to effectively carry out CBP's primary mission of protecting the Homeland.
- (U) Since the brief existence of the Boston TAU (March 2010) the proactive intelligence that we have provided has already led to success, and we were able to produce numerous other proactive reports that have set us up for future success.

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## Target / Assess Arriving Passengers for Source Potential

- Arrival/Assessment in secondary exam
- Members of the JTTF visit the individual their residence and begin to a relationship with the individual as a GR3
- The initial interaction with CBP provides the JTTF with a pretext to visit the individual and the information developed during the secondary allows the JTTF to vet the individual and assess CAS potential
- Important information elicited during the CBP secondary/interview was POB, not just country but district / village, current / former employment, US / overseas contacts etc...
- CBPOs also make an initial statement of the domicile of the individual and the potential for re-contact.

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## CBP Mission Statement

### Our Mission

We are the guardians of our Nation's borders.  
 We are America's frontline.  
 We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.  
**We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.**  
 We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel.  
 We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism.

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