



# **Resiliency on the Border: Cross Border Risk Management**

## **Trade and Transportation Perspective**

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# Agenda

- **The U.S. – Mexico Border**
- **Border Crossing Processes**
- **Border Security Threats**
- **Border Shut Down**

# *Land Port of Entry*

## **POE Purpose**

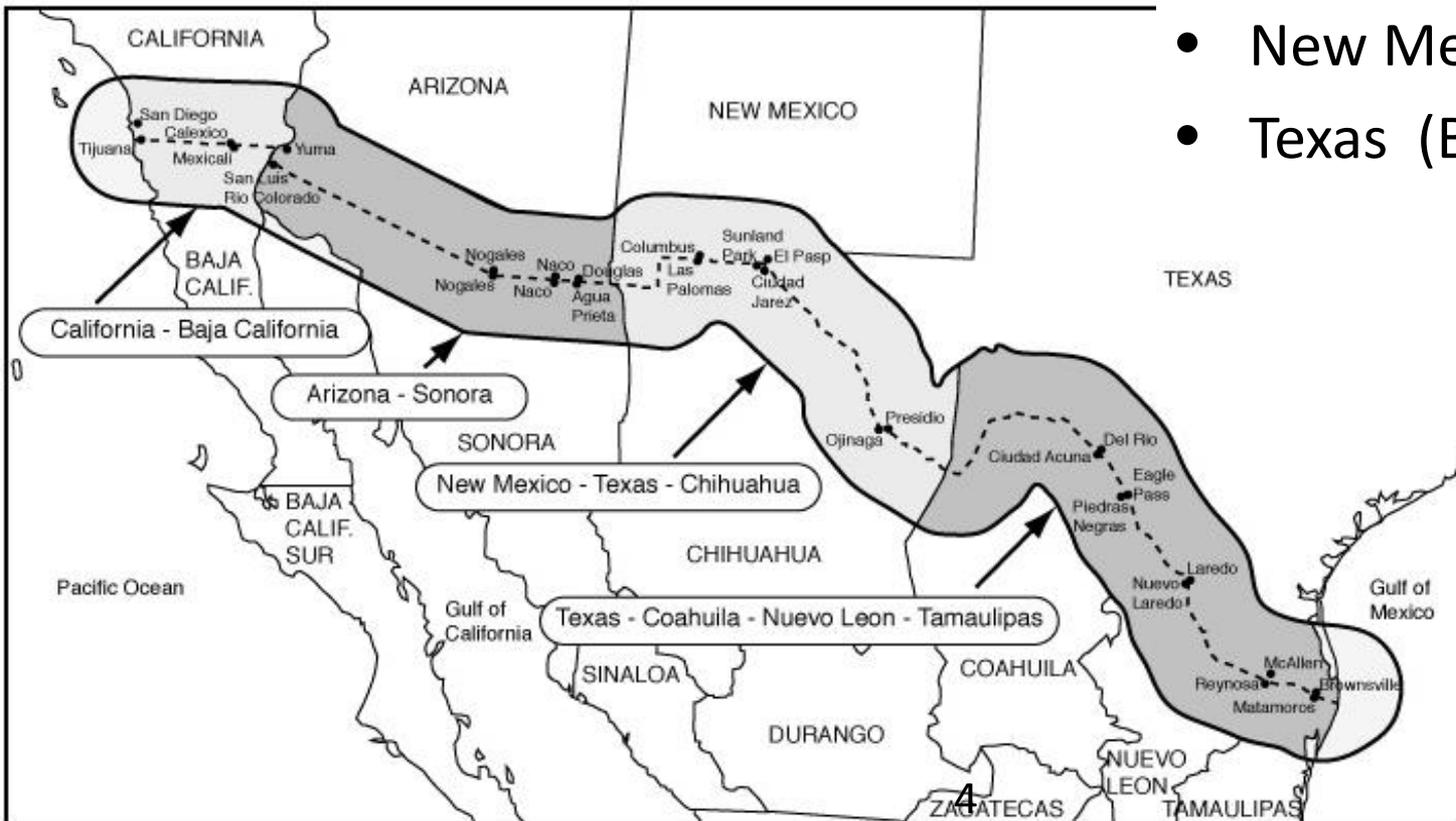
- Control entry/exit of travelers, items and conveyances
- Prevent unwanted objects or persons from entering
- Collect revenues
- CBP: Agency responsible for enforcing laws at POE
  - Immigration inspections
  - Customs inspections
  - Agriculture inspections



# The U.S. / Mexico Border

## Ports of Entry (POE)

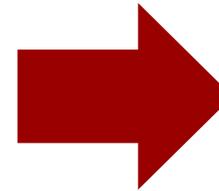
- California 7
- Arizona 7
- New Mexico 2
- Texas (Bridges) 11



# *The U.S. / Mexico Border*

## 2008 statistics

- 4,866,252 trucks
- 10,262 trains
- 2,981,814 loaded truck containers
- 1,862,436 empty truck containers
- 332,578 loaded rail containers
- 443,807 empty rail containers
- 78,856,542 personal vehicles
- 157,981,839 passengers in personal vehicles
- 266,414 buses
- 3,455,630 bus passengers
- 44,841,640 pedestrians



**295,921,230**  
**total**  
**inspections**

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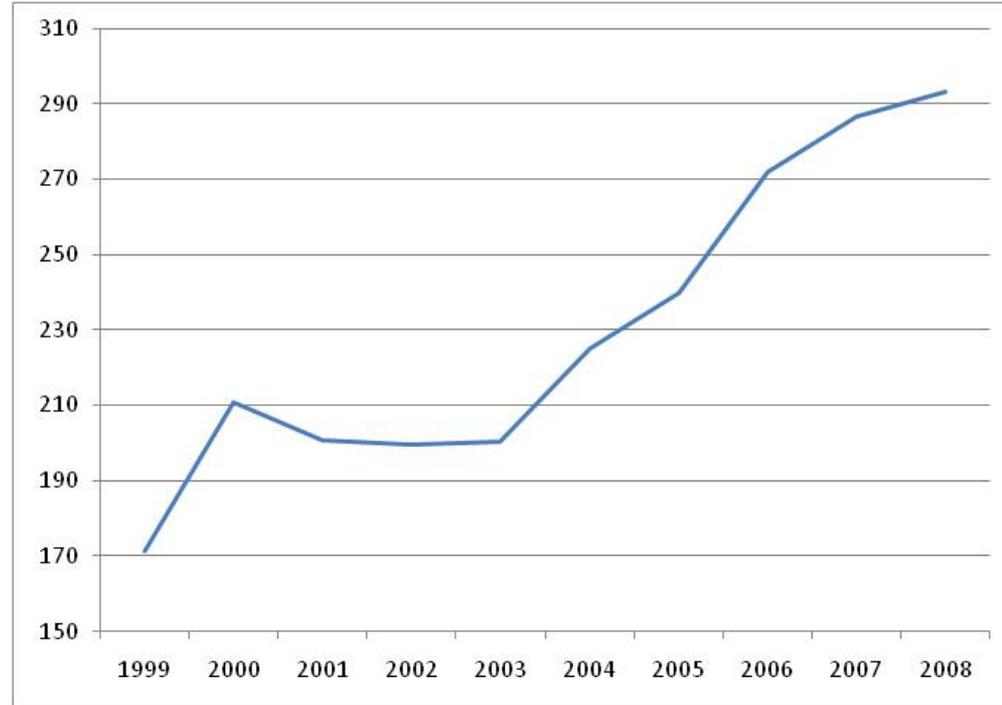
## Trade

- 1999-2008 average annual growth rate of 6.2%
- 70% higher than in 1999

### 2008

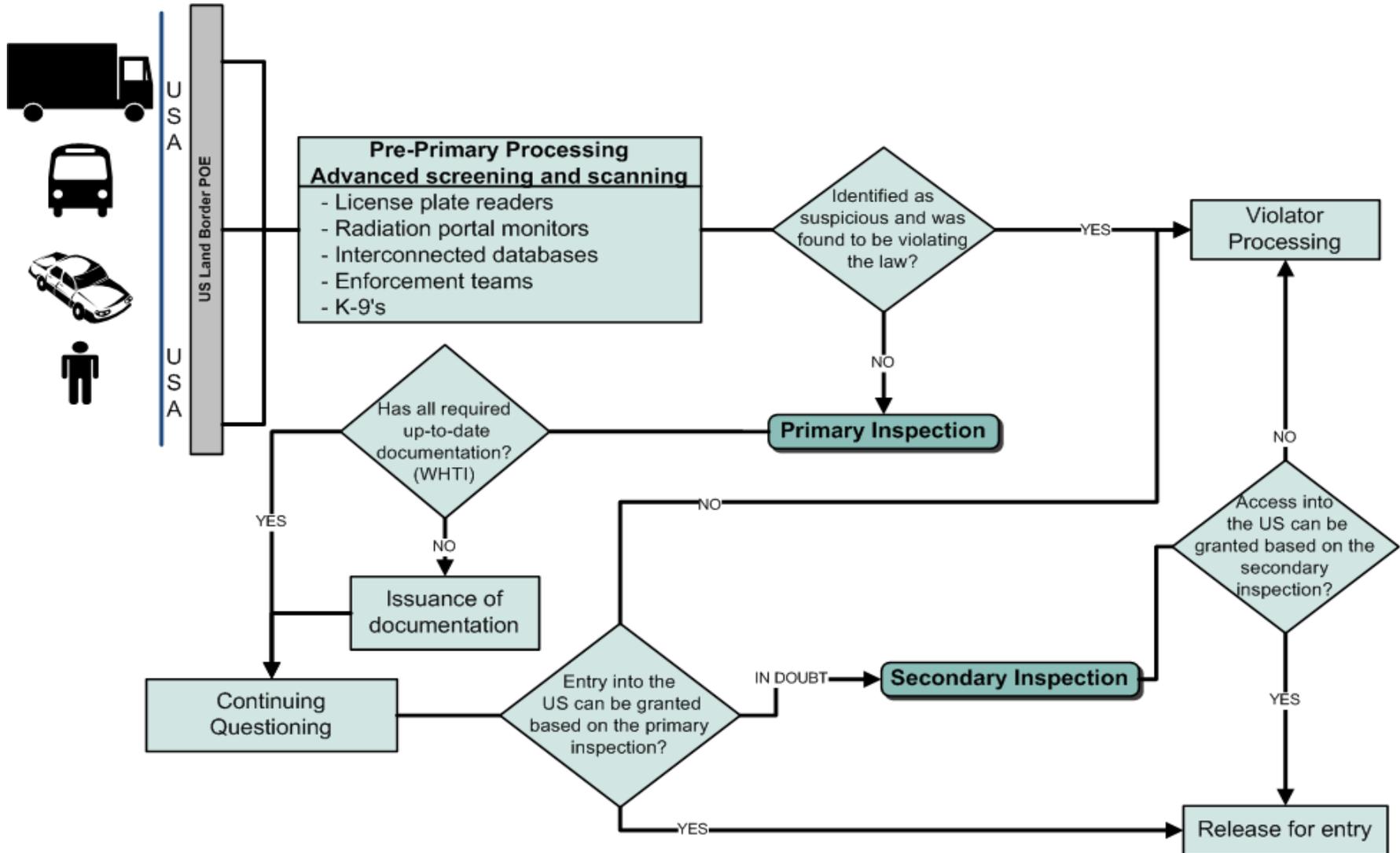
- U.S. imports from Mexico \$163.5 billion dollars
- U.S. exports from Mexico 129.6 billion dollars

U.S. – Mexico Land Trade (\$ Billion)



# Border Crossing Process

## General Border Crossing Flow



# ***Border Crossing Process***

## **Border Security Programs**

### **Identity verification**

- WHTI
- US-VISIT

### **Trusted Traveler Programs**

- NEXUS
- SENTRI
- FAST

# Border Crossing Process

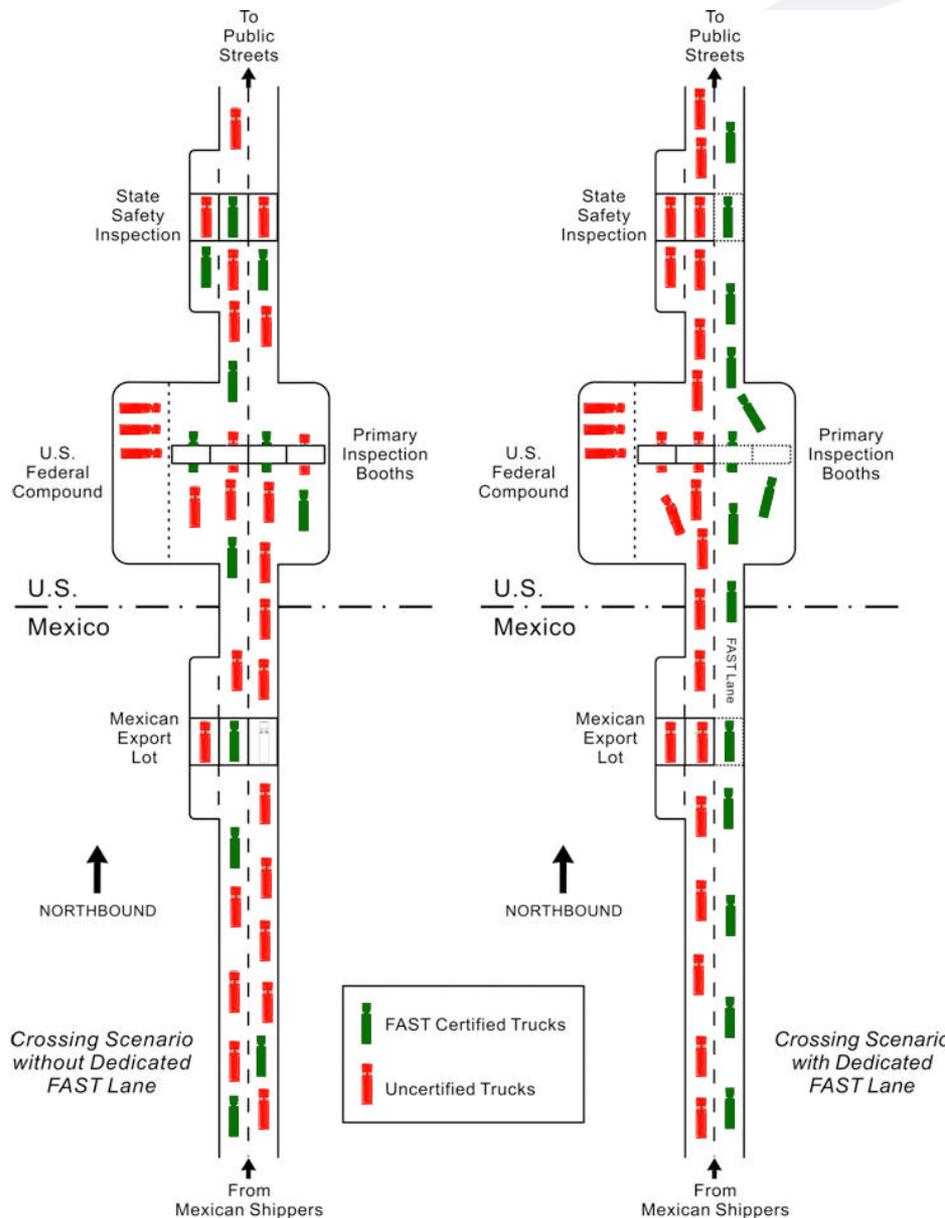
Free and Secure Trade

**FAST**

Segregation of vehicles based on previously obtained information

**C-TPAT Certified**

- ✓ Shipper
- ✓ Receiver
- ✓ Carrier
- ✓ Driver

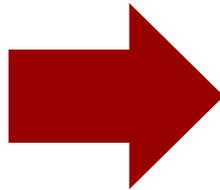


# ***Security Threats***

## **Security Threat Prevention at the POE Level**

- Prevent the entrance of the sources that attempt to degrade the quality of life of the inhabitants.
- Look out for the safety of the Officers and travelers while they are at the POE.

**Main Focus  
of border  
protection**



**Prevent Terrorism**

*“CBP's priority mission [at the ports of entry] is **preventing terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States, while also facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel.**”*

# ***Security Threats***

## **Terrorism** *(U.S. Department of Defense)*

“The calculated use of unlawful violence or threat of unlawful violence to inculcate fear; intended to coerce or to intimidate governments or societies in the pursuit of goals that are generally political, religious, or ideological.”

### **Types of terrorism**

- Narcoterrorism
- State Terrorism
- Bioterrorism
- Cyberterrorism
- Ecoterrorism
- Nuclear Terrorism

### **Types of terrorist attacks**

- Biological attack
- Chemical attack
- Nuclear attack
- Radiological attacks

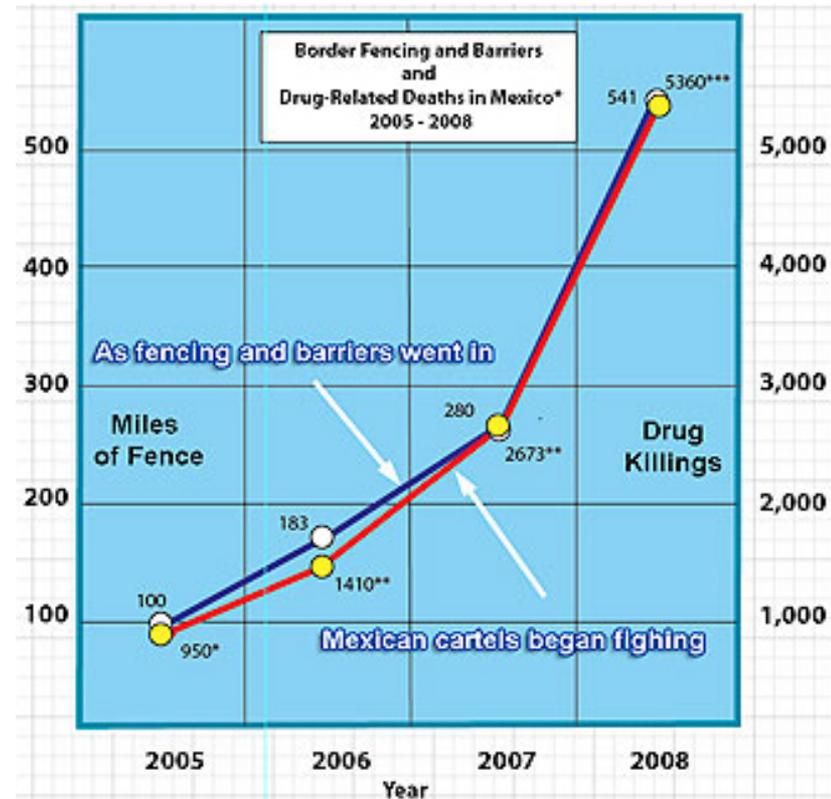
# Security Threats

## Narcoterrorism

- Narcotic traffickers
- Try to influence policies
- Use of systematic threat or violence
- US – MX border is transit zone



Source: <http://www.nationalterroralert.com/updates/2008/04/30/narco-terrorism-spreading-to-north-america/>



Source: <http://www.rightsidenews.com/200910066742/border-and-sovereignty/conference-on-the-us-mexico-drug-war.html>

# ***Security Threats***

## **Threats at POEs**

- Smuggling of illicit objects or persons
  - Drugs / Weapons / Currency / Human trafficking
- Physical Infrastructure
- Information Systems Infrastructure
- Safety of officers and travelers

# ***Border Shut Down***

## **Potential Impact**

- Economic damage
  - Trade
  - Employment
  - Production
- Infrastructure damage
- Safety
  - Physical
- Psychological impact
- Social and political instability

# ***Border Shut Down***

## **Preparedness for best response**

- Communication / Information sharing
  - Inform if approaching a danger zone
  - Announce alternative routes
  - Call for resources or help
- Contingency plans
  - Government
  - Industry
- Available infrastructure
  - Mobilizing people away from danger zone
  - Divert traffic through other alternative crossings

# ***Border Shut Down***

## **Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP)**

- Technology, facilities and personnel plans
- Redundant systems to ensure continuation of operations
- Table top exercises

Important that “Incident Commander” include all stakeholders