



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

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Media Advisory

El Centro Sector Border Patrol Hosts Border Safety Event

Imperial, Calif. – Please join El Centro Sector Border Patrol as we host a one-of-a-kind event highlighting the dangers of entering the U.S. through the mountainous region. Participants will simulate being a group of undocumented migrants and hike from the International Border fence at the U.S./Mexico border through the mountainous Jacumba Wilderness, while making their way to a rescue beacon approximately 1 mile away and wait for Border Patrol agents' response.

This event will also include insight into the collaboration between the El Centro Sector Foreign Operations Branch Missing Migrant Program, Foreign Consulates and Non-Government Organizations which together strive to avoid deaths in the desert due to abandonment and lack of humanity by Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCO).

This event will be monitored and performed in the western area of responsibility of the El Centro Sector, with the assistance of El Centro Sector's Foreign Operations Branch, and BORSTAR.

There will be opportunities to interview Chief Bovino and other personnel in English and Spanish after the event.

WHO: El Centro Sector Border Patrol Chief Patrol Agent Gregory K. Bovino.

WHAT: An immersive experience highlighting the dangers of illegally entering the U.S. at other than designated Port of Entry.

WHEN: June 18, 2024

TIME: 8 a.m.

WHERE: El Centro Sector
211 W. Aten Rd.
Imperial, Ca 92251

NOTE: Media and other guests must RSVP to attend this event at (760) 335-5795 by **5 p.m. on June 12, 2024.** This event will be a **first come, first served** basis as there is **limited space available.**

Registered media and guests will meet at 211 W. Aten Road, Imperial Ca, 92251 at 8:00 a.m.

***Participants in the demonstration should bring appropriate attire (i.e., hat, sunscreen, water, and snacks).**

Contact the El Centro Sector Border Patrol Public Affairs Office at (760) 335-5795 for more information.

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