

INSTAGRAM SETTINGS

FIRST A HEADS UP

Before we go into the settings, you should be aware that Instagram is inherently dangerous from a privacy perspective. Most commonly, people post photos and videos from their daily activities. This can provide a potential adversary with a lot of information about your lifestyle, interests, family and friends, their facial recognition data, where you live, where you frequent, and more. While Instagram seems to strip EXIF (e.g. location) data from photos posted to Instagram, Facebook, Instagram's parent company, certainly has access to all of that information. So be careful. If you're a member of Gen Z or a younger millennial, you probably can't completely abandon Instagram without attracting attention to yourself or losing the ability to monitor what's posted about you there. If you're not in that demographic, consider walking away and deleting your account.

Now, on a desktop/laptop, go to:

<https://www.instagram.com/accounts/edit/>

EDIT PROFILE

Start by reviewing your profile:

- * **Name.** Change your name to either an alias or just your first name. Don't use your full name.
- * **Username.** Change your username to something without your name in it, e.g. "AtomicBlossom."
- **Remove bio information.**
- * **Uncheck "Similar Account Suggestions."** Uncheck the box at the bottom that says "Include your account when recommending similar accounts people might want to follow."
- **Hit Submit button.**

If you're not sure if you want to delete your Instagram account or not and want to see what it's like without it, you can temporarily disable it by clicking the "temporarily disable my account" link to the right of the submit button.

Next, go to **Change Password** tab on the left menu.

CHANGE PASSWORD

On the change password tab, you can, well, change your password. Set a new secure password generated by your password manager.

Next, go to **Apps and Websites** tab on the left menu.

APPS AND WEBSITES

Review. Recommend; unlink any apps or websites listed here.

Instagram Settings (Twitter on opposite side)

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Next, go to **Email and SMS** tab on the left menu, review and then **Push Notifications** tab.

EMAIL AND SMS AND PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Review these two tabs. You can manage your notifications.

Next, go to the **Manage Contacts** tab on the left menu.

MANAGE CONTACTS

- * **Delete/Disconnect any synced contacts.** Syncing contacts gives Facebook a metric ton of information on your friends, family and colleagues and their addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

Next, go to the **Privacy and Security** tab on the left menu.

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Under Account Privacy heading:

- * **Check "Private Account."** If this setting isn't checked then everything you post is public.
- **Uncheck "Show Activity Status."** This can be used by adversaries to track your online patterns and activity.
- * **Uncheck "Allow Sharing."** If you leave this checked, it effectively allows anyone to bypass your privacy and open your posts up to anyone.
- **Review comment settings.** This page can be used to add keywords that automatically hide any comments that contain them. You can put your last name, for example, to hide any comment that mentions your last name, or any other identifying information you don't want the world to associate with your Instagram account. Just be aware that you are also telling Facebook what information you believe is sensitive.
- **Set "Photos of You" to add manually.** This lets you control what gets associated with your profile (it doesn't let you control what people choose to post of you).
- **Turn on Two Factor Authentication.** Click the "edit two factor authentication settings" link. Set up two factor authentication. Instagram requires you first set up text message authentication, but you can then add an authentication app as another method.

HOW TO PERMANENTLY DELETE YOUR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

You can permanently delete your Instagram account by going here:

<https://www.instagram.com/accounts/remove/request/permanent/>

TWITTER SETTINGS

TWITTER TIPS

Like Reddit (below), Twitter accounts don't need to be associated with your name. If you just like lurking on Twitter, you can set a very private profile and use it to read tweets. If you're going to engage in Tweeting, try to separate your Twitter identity from your real one. Some tips:

- Use a username (your @) that is not affiliated with your name, is not used on other services, and would not be something someone who knows you would guess might be you.
- Avoid tweeting information that could be used to identify you.
- To further minimize a username's association with you, register using an email alias that doesn't contain your name and that you don't use elsewhere.
- If you have a Twitter account associated with your name, or if you post things that might identify you, at least make your account private.

Now, on a desktop/laptop, start by going here:

<https://twitter.com/settings/account>

ACCOUNT SETTINGS

Under Login & Security header:

- **Review username**, and change as desired.
- If you don't have a phone number attached to your account, add one for extra account security. You can use a virtual number (i.e. Google Voice) if you want to keep your account anonymous.
- **Change email and password as appropriate**. Use your password manager to set a new complex password.
- **Click Security**.
 - o **Check "password reset protect."** Follow prompts to enable it.
 - o **Next enable Two Factor Authentication**. Click the tab for Two Factor Authentication and then check the box for "authentication app." Follow the prompts to set it up with your token app of choice. Then return to the account tab.
- You can delete your Twitter account by clicking "Deactivate your account" at the bottom of this menu. Your account will be deactivated for 30 days and then Twitter will start deleting it.

Next, click the **Privacy and Safety** tab on the left hand side of the page.

PRIVACY AND SAFETY

Under Privacy and Safety and Tweets headers:

- * **Check "protect your tweets" box.**

Twitter Settings (Instagram on other side)

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- * **Click "Location information" tab**

- o **Ensure "add location information to my Tweets" is unchecked.**
- o **Click "delete all location information"** and confirm. Return to the Privacy and Safety menu.

- * **Click "photo tagging" tab**

- o **Ensure "photo tagging" is turned off.** Return to the Privacy and Safety menu.

Under Direct Messages header:

- **Uncheck "Receive messages from anyone."**

- **Check "quality filter."**

- Review "read receipts" and choose your preference.

Click "discoverability and contacts" tab

- Under discoverability, **recommend you uncheck both boxes** (let people find you by email or your phone number).
- * **Click "manage contacts"**
 - o **Turn off any contact syncing that is set up.**
 - o **Click "remove all contacts" and confirm.** Return to the Privacy and Safety menu.

Review settings under safety header.

- ** **Click "personalization and data" tab.**

- At the top, toggle off "personalization and data"
- Check to see that all of the boxes are unchecked.

Review the other settings tabs.

LAST, REVIEW YOUR PROFILE

Visit: https://twitter.com/i/flow/setup_profile

Follow the menu to review your profile photo, background photo, and bio. **This information is all public.** Recommend you use an avatar or other image instead of a profile, and avoid using photos taken at a place associated with your without removing EXIF information.

REDDIT SETTINGS

FIRST, SOME REDDIT TIPS

Reddit can be hypothetically anonymous. While the company can almost certainly identify you through your IP addresses, devices, etc, your presence on the platform can be refreshingly private when managed properly. To achieve this:

- Choose a username that is not affiliated with your name, is not used on other services, and would not be something someone who knows you would guess might be you.
- Avoid posting about anything that could be used to identify you. If you want to post things like that, create a separate username for those posts (many Reddit apps let you use/manage multiple accounts). Think of each username like an identity.
- To further minimize a username's association with you, register using an email alias that doesn't contain your name and that you don't use elsewhere.
- To minimize the data Reddit collects on you while still getting a lot of functionality, **use a third-party app**. Apollo is both an improvement over the default Reddit app, and more private.
- Be aware that if you use Reddit for a number of years, the combination of your posts, comments, and subscribed subreddits can probably be used to identify you.

Now, on a desktop/laptop, go to:

<https://www.reddit.com/settings>

ACCOUNT SETTINGS

- **Update your email and password** as appropriate. Set a new complex password with your password manager.
- **Ensure your account is not linked to Twitter.** Disable/unlink if it is.

You can deactivate your account by clicking the red "deactivate account" at the bottom of the page.

Next, click **Profile** tab at the top of the page.

PROFILE SETTINGS

- * **Reddit profiles are public and completely optional.**
Recommend: delete anything here.
- * **Ensure "content visibility" and "active in communities visibility" are unchecked.**

Next, click **Privacy and Security** tab.

PRIVACY AND SECURITY SETTINGS

* Under "privacy" header, review and untoggle/deselect all options.

Under the "advanced security" header:

- **Turn on "Use two-factor authentication."** Follow prompts to set up your chosen authentication app for 2FA.

REVIEW OTHER TABS

Review the other tabs to set notification, and chat preferences.

Message

From: ACTING COMMISSIONER MORGAN (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Sent: 9/15/2020 1:04:59 PM
Subject: National Hispanic Heritage Month: "Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past and Embrace the Future"

As we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, CBP is proud to recognize the vast accomplishments of Hispanic Americans who continue to demonstrate dedicated service and commitment as essential members of our workplaces and communities. The theme for this year's observance is, "Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past and Embrace the Future."

Fifty-two years ago in 1968, the observation of Hispanic Heritage week began under President Lyndon Johnson. Two decades later, President Ronald Reagan extended the observance to 30 days.

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15 and ends October 15 to celebrate the national independence anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile and Belize. Hispanic Americans represent the largest ethnic or minority group in the United States, and the second largest demographic group within CBP.

When we take the time to recognize and honor the unique qualities of our diverse workforce, we strengthen our teams and our nation. Embracing our differences and encouraging inclusion develops a unified team founded on mutual understanding and respect. Mission success cannot happen any other way.

We honor the significant contributions of our Hispanic American colleagues who continue to fortify CBP's rich heritage of service and legacy of excellence.

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we encourage all CBP employees to participate in your local Diversity and Inclusion Program Committee activities. For programs in your area, please visit the Privacy and Diversity Office website and review the [gallery of events](#). If you have any questions, please contact your [servicing Equal Employment Opportunity Officer](#).

Mark A. Morgan
Acting Commissioner

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner

Message

From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRIVACY AND DIVERSITY; (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)
Sent: 5/4/2021 6:53:38 PM
Subject: CBP Celebrates Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2021

CBP Celebrates Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2021

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is proud to recognize Jewish American Heritage Month. This year's theme, "A Time to Remember," pays tribute to the history of Jewish Americans and their contributions to our Nation. Holocaust survivors and other Jews crossed the Atlantic seeking safety, better lives and opportunities for their families. As with every group that arrived, the Jewish communities and our Nation grew stronger. Today, we continue to see their accomplishments in almost every neighborhood making progress as scientists, teachers, wise leaders, politicians, and loving parents in every facet of American life. Although our Nation has always been both a haven and a home for Jewish Americans, they have maintained their own unique identity.

As we celebrate Jewish American Heritage month, let us honor the invaluable contributions Jewish Americans have made for our Nation. In honor of Jewish American Heritage Month, I encourage all CBP employees to participate in Privacy and Diversity Office programs in your area. Please visit the Privacy and Diversity Office website and review the [gallery of events](#). If you have any questions, please contact your servicing [Equal Employment Opportunity Officer](#) and remember, diversity is our strength.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Executive Director
Privacy and Diversity Office

Message

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 9/2/2020 10:39:14 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Hard Core (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Hey (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

It was great to see you the other day in Yuma with Trump and again on TV during the RNC when Trump gave you guys a shout out. And then Dan Bongino does an interview on Fox News and thanks you for helping him out when you all were leaving the White House. You're all over the place and seem to be doing very well for yourself. I'm always proud to say you're a classmate. Hard Core (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sincerely,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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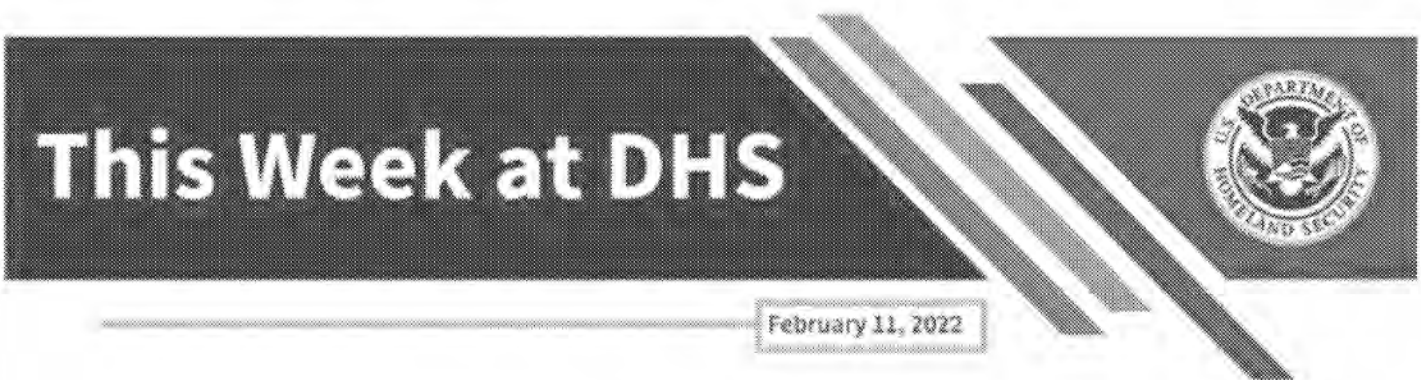
From: DHS Employee Communication (b)(7)(E)
Sent: 2/12/2022 12:31:23 AM
Subject: This Week at DHS (February 11, 2022)

Colleagues,

We proudly present This Week at DHS, a weekly newsletter designed to highlight the outstanding work of our Department. What you do every day matters. It helps us meet our mission and serve the American people, and it is our priority to share your achievements with our colleagues across DHS.

If you have a story to share, email (b)(7)(E)

We look forward to hearing from you!



Are You Ready for Some Football?
DHS Behind the Scenes to Help Secure Super Bowl LVI

More than 500 DHS employees will support local law enforcement in Los Angeles and Inglewood, California to keep fans, employees, and players safe during this weekend's big game. On land, in the air, at sea, and in cyberspace, DHS is there.

Earlier this week, Secretary Mayorkas was in Los Angeles to review security preparations and meet with partners from state and local law enforcement and the National Football League (NFL). Secretary Mayorkas also had the opportunity to thank to some of our DHS colleagues.



Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas
@SecMayorkas

Met with the amazing DHS personnel who are helping keep the #SuperBowl safe. This is the type of work the men and women of @DHSgov do every day.
#DHSxSBLVI



WATCH:



CBS Mornings
@CBSMornings

Just days away from Super Bowl LVI, local and federal agencies are on high alert, preparing for potential security threats.

@carterevans spoke exclusively with Homeland Security Secretary @SecMayorkas to find out how they are preparing for the big game.



S1-on-1 with Chief Ortiz



Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas recently sat down for a one-on-one conversation with Raul Ortiz, Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol.

This is part of the new series "S1-on-1" where Secretary Mayorkas will interview people from across the Department so we can all learn more about our colleagues as we serve this important mission together.

WATCH HERE: <https://www.dhs.gov/employee-resources/news/2022/02/11/s1-1>



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

WE ARE DHS: Meet FEMA's

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) with FEMA's Field Leadership Cadre. Since joining FEMA in January 2017, Constance has supported more than 20 Presidentially-declared major disasters across the nation, including appointment as the FCO in support of the 2019 historic floods in Nebraska.

GOOD CATCH: CD Player Not What It Appears at Phoenix Sky Harbor

For those that remember what a CD player is: a suspicious CD player was found in checked baggage at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) last week. After the bag alarmed, Officers (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) quickly got to the bottom of the so-called music box and found the tampered CD player had gun parts and ammunition concealed inside.

GIRL POWER: International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2022

In recognition of International Day of Women & Girls in Science, S&T's Communications & Outreach Division went right to the experts – women scientists and engineers at S&T – to find out how they got hooked on science and to get their best thinking about how to get more girls today interested in a career in science. [Read more](#) about what they had to say.

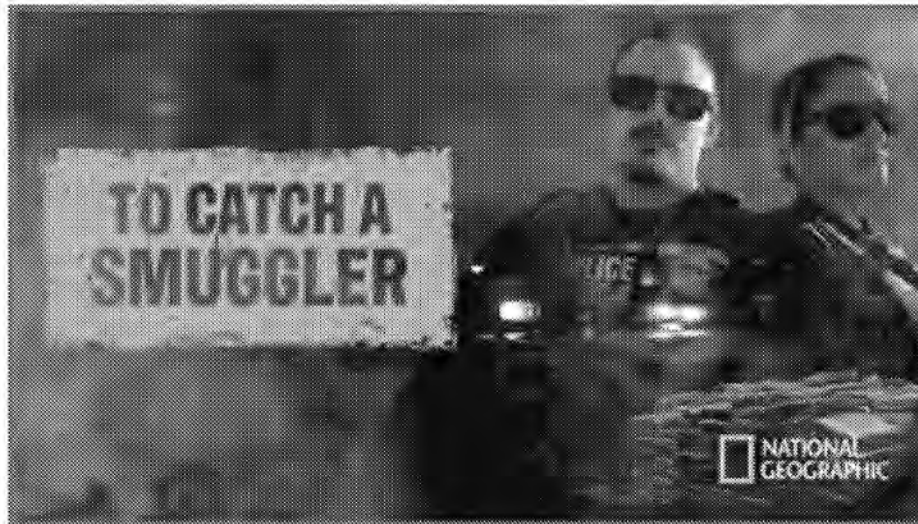
Recognizing Black History Month



S&T Spotlights (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for Black History Month

Dr. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) an inorganic chemist by training, works to protect the homeland from threat chemicals. "A variety of CSAC [Chemical Security Analysis Center] projects are dedicated to studying chemicals that could be bad for the country if they got into the wrong hands," said (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). And what is most interesting to me is that we must coordinate with many different federal agencies and components to determine what chemicals are of concern across the interagency."

Stay tuned to DHS Connect as we mark Black History Month with new employee features every week.



From illicit shipments at the border, to mules delivering drugs to stash houses, *To Catch A Smuggler's* new season premieres this month with weekly episodes of CBP Office of Field Operations and ICE Homeland Security Investigations Officers and Agents hard at work across the country.

YOU ARE INVITED: A virtual screening exclusively for DHS employees is available for your viewing pleasure beginning February 15th at 7pm ET. The screening will remain open through February 20.

Visit: [To Catch A Smuggler \(shift.io\)](https://shift.io) | **Passcode:** (b)(7)(E)



IN THE NEWS

[FOX News | ICE Teams up With Guatemala Police to Bust 10 Suspected Human Smugglers Linked to 19 Murders](#)

Just over a year after 19 people were stopped, shot and burned on their way to the U.S. in an attack blamed on Mexican police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced Monday the arrests of 10 Guatemalan nationals accused of organizing the human smuggling attempt. ICE HSI officers handled the case along with the Guatemalan National Police and the country's special prosecutor for illicit migrant trafficking.

[CNN | Coast Guard Rescues 10 Cuban Migrants Aboard Sinking Vessel off Florida Coast](#)

A Coast Guard crew first spotted the migrants roughly 40 miles off Key Largo. The migrants did not have life jackets or safety equipment aboard the vessel. "If the air crew hadn't found them

on the patrol, these people would not have survived the night," said Captain Shawn Koch, the commanding officer of Air Station Miami.

CNN | Immigration Agency Adds 'Respect' and 'Welcome' to Mission Statement After Trump-Era Controversy

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced a new mission statement: "USCIS upholds America's promise as a nation of welcome and possibility with fairness, integrity, and respect for all we serve."



ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Homeland Security
@DHSgov

.@SecMayorkas issued a National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin today regarding the heightened threat environment across the United States. Read the full #NTAS Bulletin here: dhs.gov/news/2022/02/0...

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U.S. Secret Service
@SecretService

Secret Service's Los Angeles Special Agent in Charge Jesse Baker briefs @DHSgov @SecMayorkas on the extensive federal support to the local security operations ahead of the #SuperBowl. #SuperBowlLVI



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#DYK? @CBPAMO aircrews will work closely with @DeptofDefense partners, like @1stAF, to enforce flight restrictions above @SoFiStadium during #SuperBowlLVI.

This is just one way we work together to keep the communities safe.

#DHSxSBLVI

1st AF/America's AOC @1stAF · 22h

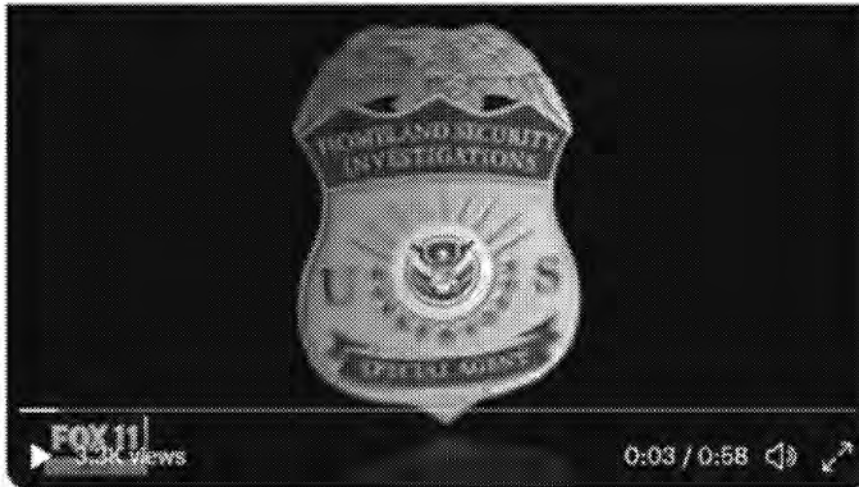
You watch the game; we'll watch the skies! On Feb. 9, CONR and interagency partners discussed how they support NORAD with securing the skies over Super Bowl LVI during Media Day at March AFB, California.



ICE @ICEgov

See how ICE @HSILosAngeles ramps up efforts to catch traffickers and rescue human trafficking victims during big events like #SBLVI [: ICE.gov/features/super...](https://www.ice.dhs.gov/features/super-bowl) #HSIatSB56 #EndTrafficking #DHSxSBLVI

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#HSI is on the frontlines in the fight to #EndTrafficking



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Email the link to:

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: 5/13/2022 8:28:10 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Amazing!

My brother! Outstanding job today on FOX news!

Lots of props to you.

Respectfully,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
HSI Program Manager, HQ AFU – TEOAF
AFU SharePoint Asset Forfeiture Unit SharePoint Site
iPhone (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Message

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Sent: 5/27/2022 10:32:52 PM
Subject: This Week at DHS (May 27, 2022)

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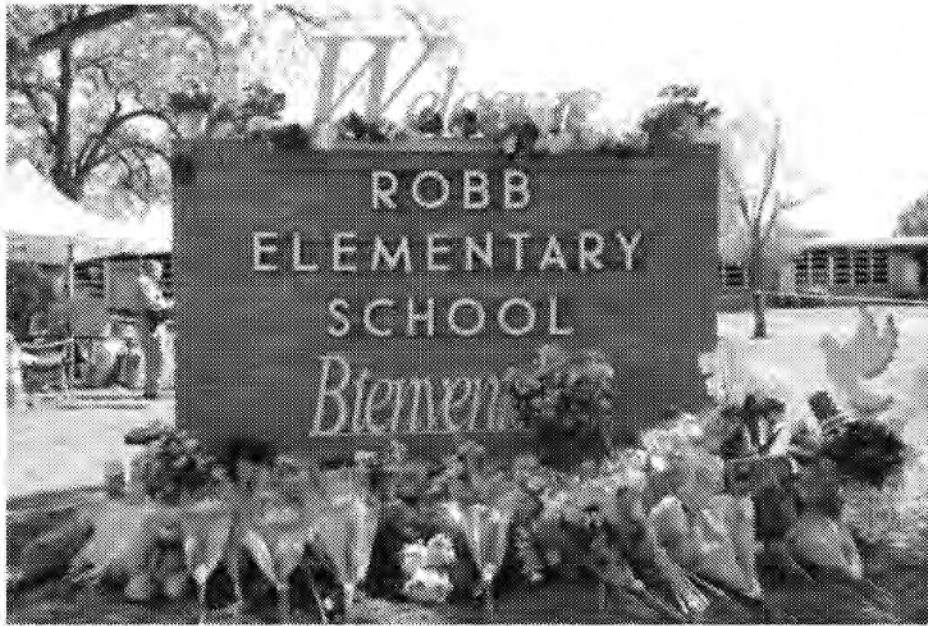


Grieving with Uvalde

"All of us grieve with and pray for the families and loved ones of the children and teachers who were murdered on Tuesday at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. We grieve with the community of Uvalde, and we pray for the full and fast recovery of those who suffered injuries and the many others affected by this senseless tragedy. They include members of our DHS family.

"We are eternally grateful for the courageous members of our United States Border Patrol, who immediately responded to the scene along with state and local law enforcement. Without hesitation, they put themselves in harm's way to protect children and prevent more lives being lost." — Secretary Mayorkas

We also thank our ICE colleagues for responding to Tuesday's events to help deliver medical aid and support.



In Uvalde this week, CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus and Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz met with CBP employees, state and local law enforcement partners, and community members following Tuesday's tragic events.



Resources for Our Colleagues and DHS Families

Such devastating loss and trauma will continue to impact many of our DHS families for a long time to come. If you are struggling, we encourage you to pursue the resources available to

you and your families through our [Employee Resources page](#). The [Employee Assistance Program](#) is available to you for free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Message from Secretary Mayorkas on the Observance of Memorial Day

"Memorial Day is a day when we remember and pay tribute to the brave members of our military who lost their lives in the service of our country. It is a solemn and important day. We have many men and women in our Department who wear the law enforcement uniform and serve our country on the front lines. This is uppermost in my mind today, as our country continues to reel from the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas and we are in awe of and indebted to members of the Border Patrol who risked their lives to end the gunman's rampage, witnessed unimaginable horror, and saved many children. I ask that you take time to remember those who gave their lives in the service of our country, and give thanks to those who risk their lives to protect us all." —Secretary Mayorkas



IN THE NEWS

FOX NEWS | Mayorkas Praises Border Patrol for Response to Uvalde Shooting, Says Heroism 'Saved Lives'

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Wednesday praised Border Patrol agents who responded to the deadly shooting in Uvalde, Texas -- saying that their heroism "saved lives." "We are grateful for the courageous members of our Border Patrol, many of whom are part of the Uvalde and surrounding communities, who immediately responded to the scene along with local and state law enforcement," Mayorkas said in a statement.

WKRG | Coast Guard Rescues Kayaker Near Dauphin Island

A kayaker whose boat overturned in rough waters off Dauphin Island swam to shore and called the Coast Guard. He'd gone kayaking with another person and couldn't see her from the shore. The Coast Guard Response Boat crew found the missing kayaker and brought her to Station Dauphin Island. Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Moore, a Sector Mobile command duty officer, said wearing life jackets helped save their lives. "This case highlights the importance of utilizing essential life-saving equipment while boating," said Moore. "The fact that both kayakers were wearing life jackets was most likely a huge factor in the positive outcome of this case."



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The Tucson Sector Border Intelligence Center is forwarding the following Situational Awareness on behalf of the (b)(7)(E) regarding (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E)

If you would like more information, please contact the originator listed below.

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Please read the attached document for further information.

TCA – Border Intelligence Center (TCA-BIC)
U.S. Border Patrol
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Tucson, AZ 85711
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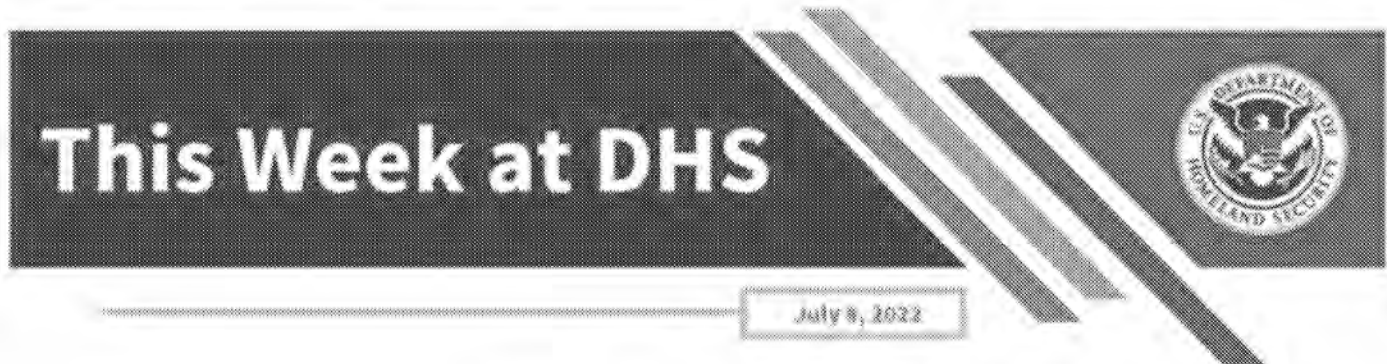
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SAVE THE DATE: Secretary's Awards

Deputy Secretary Tien invites you to virtually join the **Secretary's Awards ceremony hosted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA on Wednesday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. EDT**, where our colleagues will be presented with awards for their extraordinary accomplishments.

Watch live at (b)(7)(E)

This is part of a series of Department recognition events happening across the country. To view past ceremonies, click [here](#).



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

FROM ATHLETE TO AGENT: Worlds Collide for Former
Goalkeeper Turned Secret Service Agent

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) once served as the last line of defense for the **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** professional women's soccer team, but now she keeps elected officials and foreign leaders safe with the United States Secret Service. She first tried another career path but says "it didn't fill that void that was left by the sense of teamwork, accomplishment, [and] sense of pride that you have when you put a uniform on." **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** said the Secret Service has a pathway for former athletes to begin their training within months of their retirement from professional sports, and that she wishes she knew that sooner. "So that's why I'm here," **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)** said. "To tell these young women that they can apply, that they can become an agent right after playing."

AN OUTSTANDNG PERFORMANCE: HSI Special Agent Receives Prestigious Award for

Tracking Down Child Predator

For her efforts in investigating and prosecuting a child predator, HSI Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was recently recognized for outstanding performance by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware. While assigned to HSI Wilmington, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) supported the investigation of an online sexual predator. The defendant was sentenced to serve 240 months of incarceration for coercion and enticement of a minor to produce child pornography.

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SCIENCE AND SERVICE: Meet S&T's (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a self-described "Gen X-er," who grew up as a quiet, shy kid with an active imagination. While entertainment media like MTV captivated his peers, his mother introduced him to the sciences and taught him how to use evidence, facts, and logic to understand the world around him. A part of the S&T team since April 2022, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) looks forward to elevating the Department's contributions to the government's larger scientific capabilities. When (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) reflects upon his career choice he says, "Why am I a scientist in government...? Well, my mother imparted to me her love of science and logical thinking. And both my father and my uncle served in Vietnam. From them I learned that nothing is more important than service to one's country."



IN THE NEWS

Fox Business | TSA on Track to Confiscate Record Number of Firearms

TSA officers have stopped over 3,000 firearms from passing through security checkpoints within the first six months of 2022. On average, agents have stopped 17 firearms at checkpoints each day, according to TSA spokesperson Lisa Farbstein. At this rate, the number of intercepted firearms for the year could even outpace 2021's record. "If that pace continues, firearm catches will eclipse the current full year-record of 5,972 firearms intercepted at the nation's checkpoints in 2021," the TSA announced Tuesday.

CNN | James Murray: Secret Service Director to Retire at the End of July

US Secret Service Director James Murray, who has served in the role under President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump, will retire on July 30th. Murray spent 27 years with the Secret Service and ascended to the director position in 2019. After retirement, he will join a technology company as the head of global security. Biden and first lady Jill Biden thanked Murray for his service, saying, "Jim embodies the meaning of service over self, and

protected the families of U.S. Presidents like they were part of his own. We are incredibly grateful for his service to our country and our family."

Fox News | Alaska Plane Crash Survivors Rescued by Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued two people after their plane crashed just above the high tide line at Montague Island in Alaska. The survivors called for help with a satellite communication device, inReach. A helicopter crew from the Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak arrived at the crash site and found the two survivors and took them to the hospital for treatment. No injuries were reported, and they were in stable condition, authorities said. "The quick response by the aircrew in Cordova helped these two get the help they needed," said Chief Petty Officer Katie Brown, Sector Anchorage command duty officer. "It's incredible these two people made it out okay, and the fact that they had communication equipment readily available really aided in our response time."



ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas

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Statement on yesterday's tragic shooting in
#HighlandPark

dhs.gov/news/2022/07/0...

STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY MAYORKAS ON SHOOTING IN HIGHLAND PARK

Yesterday's celebration of our nation was punctured by tragedy, with yet another mass shooting. In Highland Park, Illinois, families gathered for a patriotic Fourth of July parade fell victim to gunfire and profound loss.

We commend the exceptional work of law enforcement to respond to this violence. The security of our homeland requires more; it requires all of us, together, to address the epidemic of targeted gun violence, including the development and implementation of new community-based models of prevention and intervention.

The Department of Homeland Security will redouble its work in this critical area and help lead the effort to prevent violence in communities across our country.

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Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas
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Congratulations to the fantastic personnel of @TSA for working so hard to successfully screen and assist more than 11.3 million travelers this holiday weekend. Helping facilitate travel while keeping our country safe – this is the great work that TSA performs every single day.

TSA @TSA · Jul 5

NEWS: TSA screened over 11 million travelers during Fourth of July weekend and continued to stop about 17 firearms per day during the first half of 2022. Read more at: bit.ly/3oSetGt



U.S. Secret Service
@SecretService

Yesterday we celebrated the birth of our country and today we celebrate the birth of our storied agency! 157 years ago today, the Secret Service was born.
#SecretServiceBirthday



The birthplace of the American flag was the perfect venue to help celebrate #IndependenceDay2022 and recognize 13 children as #NewUSCitizens during a special citizenship ceremony @BetsyRossHouse. The children derived citizenship through their parents. Congratulations to all!



Update: We have provided over \$2.6 billion to over 410,000 families to assist with COVID-19-related funeral costs. We're still accepting applications & encourage you to apply if you lost a loved one due to the virus.

Get more info about the program here: fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus

Did you pay funeral expenses after losing someone due to COVID-19?



If so, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020.

For more information: www.fema.gov/funeral-assistance
 Apply by calling: 844-852-6223 (TTY: 800-462-7592)
 Monday - Friday / 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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Colleagues,

We proudly present This Week at DHS, a weekly newsletter designed to highlight the outstanding work of our Department. What you do every day matters. It helps us meet our mission and serve the American people, and it is our priority to share your achievements with our colleagues across DHS.

If you have a story to share, email (b)(7)(E)

We look forward to hearing from you!

This Week at DHS



November 18, 2022

President Biden Honors DHS Civil Servants

Each year the President recognizes a select group of career employees with the Presidential Rank Award, one of the country's highest civil service honors. 29 individuals across 12 components at DHS received this honor, more than most other federal agencies.

"The Department of Homeland Security's personnel embody the values of service, selflessness, dedication to mission, and patriotism.," We are so proud to have 29 of our personnel receive the prestigious Presidential Rank Award, reflecting and representing the best of who we are. Congratulations to the Award recipients and the 250,000 DHS personnel whom they represent."

~Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas

Congratulations to our colleagues below:

Distinguished SES Rank Awards

The Distinguished Rank Award is presented to leaders who achieve sustained extraordinary accomplishments and is given to only 1 % of career SES members.

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Meritorious SES Rank Awards

The Meritorious Rank Award is presented to leaders for sustained accomplishments and is awarded to only 5% of career SES members and SL/ST employees.

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Distinguished Senior Professional Winners

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Learn more about this year's recipients.

Take the Pulse Survey Before Nov. 30!

What do you need to do your job well? Take the two-minute pulse survey today and make your voice heard!