



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## 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.

# On a Typical Day in Fiscal Year 2008, CBP...

## Processed:

- 1,087,069 passengers and pedestrians
  - 256,897 incoming international air passengers
  - 43,188 passengers/crew arriving by ship
  - 786,984 incoming land travelers
- 70,451 truck, rail, and sea containers
- 331,347 incoming privately owned vehicles



# On a Typical Day in Fiscal Year 2008, CBP...

## Executed:

- 2,796 apprehensions at and in between the ports of entry for illegal entry
- 614 refusals of entry at our ports of entry
- 73 arrests of criminals at ports of entry intercepted:
  - 76 fraudulent documents
  - 1 for terrorism related/ national security concerns



# On a Typical Day in Fiscal Year 2008, CBP...

## Seized:

- 7,621 pounds of drugs
- \$295,829 in undeclared or illicit currency
- 4,125 prohibited meat, plant materials or animal products, including 435 agricultural pests a ports of entry

## Rescued:

- 3 illegal crossers in distress or dangerous conditions between ports of entry



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# On a Typical Day in Fiscal Year 2008, CBP...

## Deployed:

- 1,275 canine enforcement teams
- 18,276 vehicles, 275 aircraft, 181 watercraft, and 252 horse patrols

## Protected more than:

- 5,000 miles of border with Canada
- 1,900 miles of border with Mexico
- 95,000 miles of shoreline



# On a Typical Day in Fiscal Year 2008, CBP...

Employed approximately:

- 51,553 employees, including:
  - 19,726 Field Operations Officers
  - 17,4999 Border Patrol agents
  - 2,277 Field Operations Agriculture Specialists
  - 1,090 Air and Marine agents including
    - 140 Air enforcement officers
    - 769 Air Interdiction agents
    - And 181 Marine Interdiction agents



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# On a Typical Day in Fiscal Year 2008, CBP...

Managed:

- 327 ports of entry
- 144 Border Patrol stations within 20 sectors,
  - With 35 permanent checkpoints



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# CBP Dual Role:

Facilitate  
Travel



Ensure  
Safety  
&  
Security



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# Partnership



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# Partnership with Industry

- CBP and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) have been meeting for several years to address issues in the cruise environment
- These meetings have fostered a strong partnership between government and industry
- Through working group meetings, this partnership has been instrumental in developing new policy for processing cruise passengers



# Background: Example

## Miami - Tampa Cruise Pilot

- July 07 – Tampa/Miami implemented a pilot program
- Results:
  - Miami Pilot reduced number of officers required and overall processing times by 60 minutes on average
  - Tampa Pilot increased FIS processing by aprox. 30 minutes, but significantly reduced pre-debark processing times and document handling by the vessel

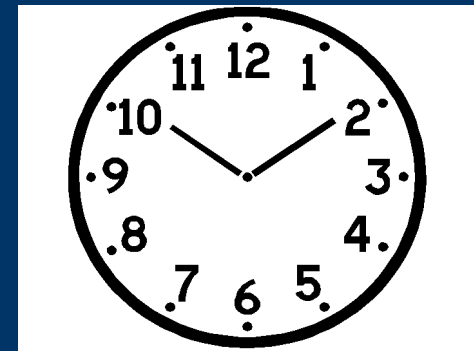


# History

- March 08 – Proposal submitted to further streamline the process and engage industry
- April 08 – CBP/CLIA Passenger Processing Workgroup was formed
- July 08 – Finalized CBP/CLIA Workgroup Recommendations



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# Result: A new process for cruise passengers

- CBP developed internal policy guidance for the processing of travelers on U.S.-based cruise ships.



- In August 2008, Assistant Commissioner Winkowski signed a memorandum outlining new procedures for the modified processing of cruise passengers.



# The Modified Process

- The policy changes for the modified process were contingent upon industry compliance and cooperation between CBP and the individual cruise lines.
- In order to successfully implement these changes, each port was required to evaluate the operational feasibility of the process on a terminal by terminal, line by line basis, in coordination with the individual cruise lines.
- For successful implementation, cooperation between the local Port Authorities, the cruise industry and CBP was a key factor.



# Our Way Forward

- CBP and CLIA have proven that their partnership can produce mutually beneficial results
- CLIA and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) has an existing partnership
- CBP hopes to foster a similar relationship with the AAPA





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# Laying the foundation

- In order for CBP to “Move People Faster” in a manner that meets our mission as an agency, a solid basis of communication between all areas of industry is necessary
  - Local Port Authorities are already working with local CBP offices to streamline operations
  - With continued local coordination and partnership, CBP, the cruise industry, and the Port Authorities can continue to refine their procedures to more efficient
- These are the building blocks for fostering a productive partnership



# Key Factors for Moving Faster:

- Facilities
- Flow
- Staffing



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# A Success Story for Partnership

Bringing the Oasis of the Sea to Ft. Lauderdale



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# Summary

Through communication, cooperation, and the spirit of partnership, we can realize our mutual goals, including



Moving People Faster.



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