



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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INNOVATION IN ACTION: Meet **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)**

Brainchild Behind TSA History Flagship Exhibit

"Remembering the past, informing the future," is the theme of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Mission Hall at its Springfield, Virginia headquarters. The exhibit, developed by Visual Information Specialist **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)**

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) tells the story of how TSA was born and how the agency has evolved over its 21-year history. "My vision was to preserve TSA's history and tell our story to headquarters visitors and the workforce," said **(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)**

"We have (artifacts) that explain aviation history prior to 9/11, events that happened during 9/11 that caused the birth of the agency, and then it tells the rest of TSA's history to people who visit the building." To mark TSA's 21st anniversary, the virtual Mission Hall experience is available so anyone can feel like they're going through the physical exhibit.

STILL PROUDLY SERVING: Veterans Spotlight on (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is an Executive Protection Agent for Deputy Secretary Tien in the Office of the Chief Security Officer at DHS headquarters in Washington, DC. A veteran of the U.S. Army and National Guard, he has been with DHS for seven years. He says, "I'm still proudly serving because it gives me a sense of pride to know that I am still serving my country and making a difference."

WHO'S WHO AT CISA: Meet (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Meet (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of CISA's Region 8. She is the first woman in the nation to serve as a Chief of Protective Security, where she oversees Region 8's team of six protective security advisors in support of the region's operational vision. "I've enjoyed working with amazing teams to protect my community," said (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). My passion for protecting critical infrastructure stems from the beginning of my career, working to build water security. Very quickly, I learned that protecting critical infrastructure had a broad and significant impact."



IN THE NEWS



Fox 5 Atlanta | U.S. Secret Service Agent's Kidney Transplant Surprise for High School Athletic Director

McIntosh High School Athletic Director Leon Hammond in Fayette, Georgia recently got a surprise from U.S. Secret Service (USSS) Agent Joe Reeves, his soon to be kidney donor. Reeves was a Peachtree City, Georgia policeman and the school resource officer at Hammond's school before joining USSS. After Reeves' wife told him about Hammond's need for a transplant, he got tested and was a match. The transplant is scheduled for this February at the Piedmont Transplant Institute in Atlanta. [Watch the video.](#)

Fox News | US Merchant Marine Academy Appoints First Female Superintendent in School's History

Retired U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Rear Admiral Joanna M. Nunan will be the first woman to lead the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Nunan, who spent more than three decades in the USCG, has commanded units at every level both afloat and ashore. Earlier in her career, she served as the Military Advisor to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson and as the Military Assistant to

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. She also served more than nine years at sea — including commanding two buoy tenders — and previously served as the Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District and as Commander of Coast Guard Sector Honolulu.

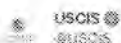
Federal News Network | Meet the Guy Who Makes Sure FEMA Arrives at a Disaster Fully Prepared

Eric Leckey, FEMA Mission Support associate administrator and a newly named fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, joined the Federal Drive with Tom Temin to talk about how FEMA ensures the right money, equipment, and people are in place after a disaster strikes. “We are essentially the backbone of the agency. We provide all the business administrative services to achieve business excellence here at FEMA, in support of the mission,” said Leckey. Click here to [listen to the podcast](#) or [read the transcript](#).

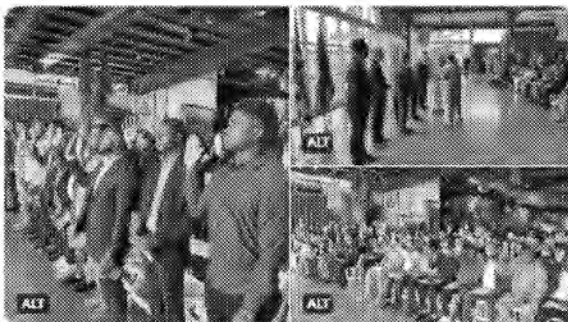
Forbes | Amazon Packages of Garden Stones Are Being Used to Smuggle Meth, Feds Say
Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is working with Amazon to investigate a global narcotics organization. According to HSI, the narcotics traffickers are distributing “kilogram quantities of controlled substances destined for international sale” via Amazon in packages falsely labeled as ornamental stones used for hobbies. Police seized packages that contained bulk controlled substances, including one intercepted by Customs and Border Protection in Louisville, Kentucky. HSI agents in Michigan inspected another package containing nearly six kilograms of meth.



ON SOCIAL MEDIA



A special ceremony at the Baltimore Museum of Industry @BMIatWork was part of our national tribute to #VeteransDay. 20 #ServiceMembers and one military spouse were among the 48 #NewUSCitizens who were treated to a special welcome from @ENERGY @SecGranholm. Congrats to all!

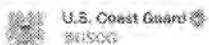


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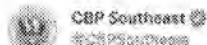
Comradery. Family. Friends. Partners. People are critical to building CISA's #ChemicalSecurity programs and working together to enhance the security and resilience of facilities across the nation: cisa.gov/cfats-15-anniv. #MoreThanAJob #InfrastructureResilience #CFATS



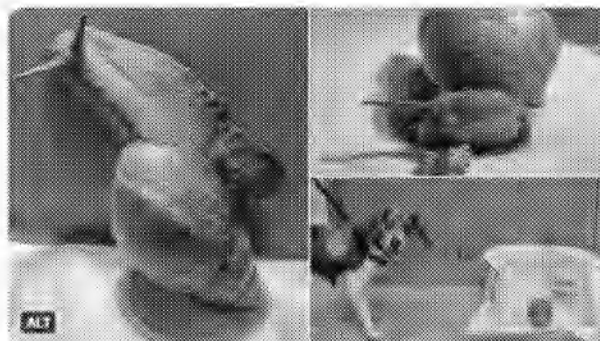
More Than a Job - The People Behind the CFATS Program



After being away from its homeport for 124 days, the #CoastGuardCutterHealy crew returned home last week and were warmly welcomed by family and friends.



Yes, @CBP intercepted a live Giant African Snail in a travelers baggage after arriving at @ATLairport "Mox" a #Beagle Brigade member was on the front line, #TravelTuesday bit.ly/3t0kpi9



Meet Emily!

She is a Community Planner with FEMA Region 8's Mitigation Division. Emily joined FEMA in the Fall of 2019 with a background in land-use planning.

Emily's job is all about hazard mitigation. So, what does that mean? #IAMFEMA

Learn more! fema.gov/blog/iamfema-e



Maps of U.S. waterways are going digital! S&T has been working with partners to develop a new waterway system that will benefit:

- International trade
- Recreational boaters
- Commercial fishermen
- The Coast Guard

Learn more about it here: dhs.gov/science-and-research





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This Week at DHS



October 21, 2022

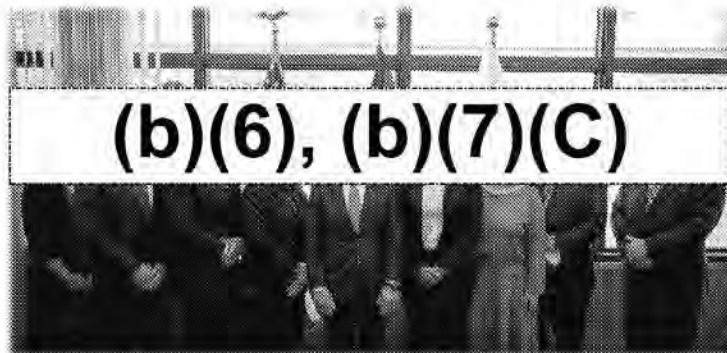
Secretary Mayorkas Visits DHS Colleagues in Asia, Meets with International Partners to Enhance Cybersecurity

Secretary Mayorkas visited members of the DHS workforce in Singapore and Tokyo this week, and also met with international partners to enhance our cybersecurity.

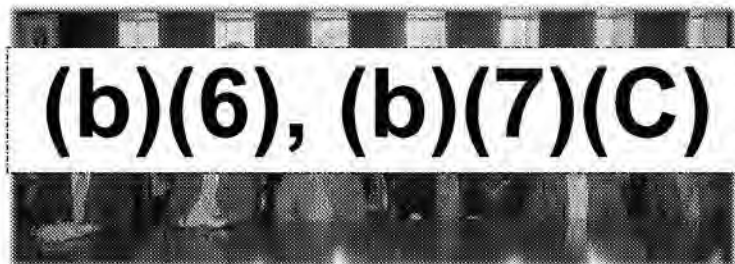
In a keynote address to Singapore International Cyber Week attendees, he explained how the world can better address the increasing threats posed by cyber attacks through a collaborative approach. He encouraged other nations and businesses to work with the United States and model their cybersecurity efforts after several successful DHS-led public-private partnerships that keep critical infrastructure and communities safe like CISA's Shields Up initiative, the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative, the Computer Emergency Readiness Team, the U.S. Coast Guard's work facilitating the Global Maritime Transportation System Cybersecurity Initiative, and the Cyber Safety Review Board's efforts to protect us from emerging vulnerabilities.

"We can work together to protect one another and embolden and enable nations and people around the world to live freely, invent, create, and share without fear of reprisal or fear for their safety." ~Secretary Mayorkas

While in Asia, the Secretary also met with DHS colleagues from USCG, CBP, TSA, and ICE HSI stationed in Singapore and Tokyo. He thanked these amazing colleagues for safeguarding America's interests, advancing our security mission, and working as a highly respected team with our international partners.



Secretary Mayorkas meets with DHS personnel in Tokyo.



Secretary Mayorkas meets with DHS personnel in Singapore.

Recognizing Our Employees with Disabilities

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and DHS is proud to recognize the incredible contributions that our colleagues with disabilities make each and every day.

One of the ways that DHS shows its commitment to equal employment opportunity and diversity is through the DHS Disability Mentoring Program. This is a great way for employees with disabilities to connect with a mentor who can offer insight and career advice to help support and navigate the next stages of their career.

Interested in being a mentor or a mentee? Apply [here](#) before November 16.



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LENDING A HELPING HAND: Gibraltar Agents Thwart Child Abduction

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Border Patrol agents from Gibraltar Station in Michigan were recently monitoring a police radio frequency when they became aware of a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle's driver abducted a child using a handgun, assaulting the child's mother in the process. During the pursuit, one of the local police vehicles was disabled and no other law enforcement officers were in the area to assist. Border Patrol agents stepped in, located the vehicle in question, and cared for the infant they found

inside until the child's family arrived. The suspect was later arrested by local police. "Our strong, established partnerships allowed for seamless communication and quick resolution to this dangerous situation. I am amazed every day by the work of Border Patrol agents and our partners to protect our communities," said U.S. Border Patrol Chief Patrol Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of the Detroit Sector.

RING THE ALARM: Newark TSA Officer Helps Police Catch Wedding Ring Thief

Recently, a traveler approached Supervisory TSA Officer (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) to report that his wedding ring was missing after he placed it in a bin going through checkpoint screening. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) knew she had to act quickly. When reviewing the security footage, she spotted another passenger snatching the ring from the bin and putting it in his pocket. She provided the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) with a photo of the suspected thief and information about their flight. A short time later, the suspected thief was arrested at his departure gate as he was waiting to board his flight. Police returned with the wedding ring in hand! (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Federal Security Director at EWR, commended (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for her work and said TSA maintains a great partnership with stakeholders at the airport like PAPD. "Not only did this story end with the arrest of a thief and a grateful victim of that theft, but the critical relationship between TSA and Port Authority Police was further strengthened due to her actions," (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) said.

WHO'S WHO at CISA: Meet (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

As CISA's Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans Executive Officer (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is responsible

for business operations and administration, ensuring his teammates have the tools, information, and resources needed to execute the mission and be successful. Initially interested in an advertising career, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 changed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) outlook on life and encouraged him to enlist in the Air National Guard. He proudly served for 6 years, before joining the U.S. Air Force Reserves, where he continues to serve today. In his new military capacity (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) supports his fellow airmen as a trainer and career advisor, and shares his experiences while mentoring the next generation of leaders and innovators (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) lives by the philosophy, "Rank is not reflective of how far you've come, but how many you get to take with you."



IN THE NEWS

AP | 98 Migrants Rescued from Boat off Florida Coast Lacked Food

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter spotted a 40-foot cabin cruiser overloaded with 53 men, 35 women, and 10 children about 20 miles east of Boca Raton, Florida, last week. An apparent smuggling attempt, the passengers (collectively from Haiti, Uganda, and the Bahamas) told Coast Guard crew members that they had been at sea for a week and lacked food and water during the last two days. "Smugglers do not care whether you live or die," said Capt. Robert Kinsey of the Coast Guard's District Seven, citing the lack of sustenance and the overloaded vessel. "These people are lucky to be alive." The passengers were transferred to Bahamian authorities on Sunday with no injuries reported.

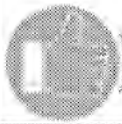
Fox News | Texas Border Agents Seize Over \$1M in Alleged Fentanyl

The Office of Field Operations at the Pharr International Bridges Cargo Facility in Texas recently intercepted more than one million dollars in alleged fentanyl. Officers assigned to the cargo facility encountered a commercial tractor-trailer arriving from Mexico and referred the vehicle for further inspection. Utilizing non-intrusive inspection equipment and screening by a canine team, CBP found 19 packages of alleged fentanyl that had been concealed in the tractor. Officers seized the narcotics, as well as the vehicle. The case remains under investigation by HSI.

The Times of India | US Restores 307 Antiquities, Valued at Nearly \$4 million, to India

In the single largest restoration yet, U.S. authorities on Monday returned to India 307 antiquities valued at \$4 million, most of them among the stolen cache of idol smuggler Subhash Kapoor, who helped traffic items from Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other countries. The 307 antiquities were

returned during a repatriation ceremony at the Indian consulate in New York that was attended by India's consul general Randir Jaiswal and HSI Acting Deputy Special Agent in Charge Tom Lau. From 2011 to 2022, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and HSI has recovered more than 2,500 items valued at over \$143 million that have been trafficked by Kapoor and his network.



ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Secretary Alejandro Mayores
@alejandro_mayores

I had very productive meetings at @AOP2022 in TX. In discussions w/ law enforcement leaders from across the country, we addressed ways to strengthen partnerships to advance public safety & homeland security.

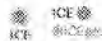
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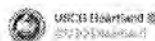
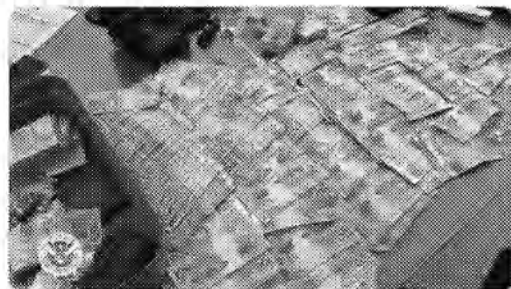
This afternoon I saw firsthand the critical work our team is doing to help jumpstart Floridian's recovery at a Disaster Recovery Center in Sarasota County.

Over 41,000 survivors have registered for disaster assistance in this county alone.



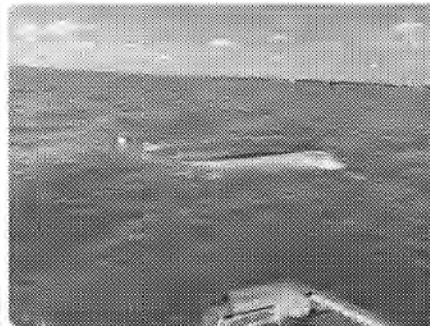
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An investigation by the Brazilian Federal Police, @HSI_HQ and multiple law enforcement partners led to the disruption of a transnational cryptocurrency fraud ring based in Brazil.



USCGC Heald
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A boat crew from @USCGC Station Houston rescued 4 men from a capsized vessel in Galveston Bay, @Texas today. Read more: <https://www.uscg.mil/News/2022/09/01/USCGC-Heald-Rescues-4-Men-From-Capsized-Vessel/>





Chemistry is a critical part of the work happening at S&T. #NationalChemistryWeek

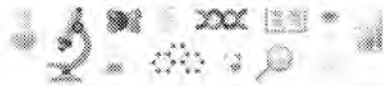
Recent research has revealed the future possibility of first responder gear eventually being powered by solar-power harnessing fabrics. ☀️

Learn about this discovery: dhs.gov/science-and-tech



NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

Read About S&T's National Labs



Our Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) are as unique as the communities they serve. Next time you're at an airport, feel free to say hello! Until then, check out these stories of our employees: bit.ly/23DfLSz #RespectingOurOfficers



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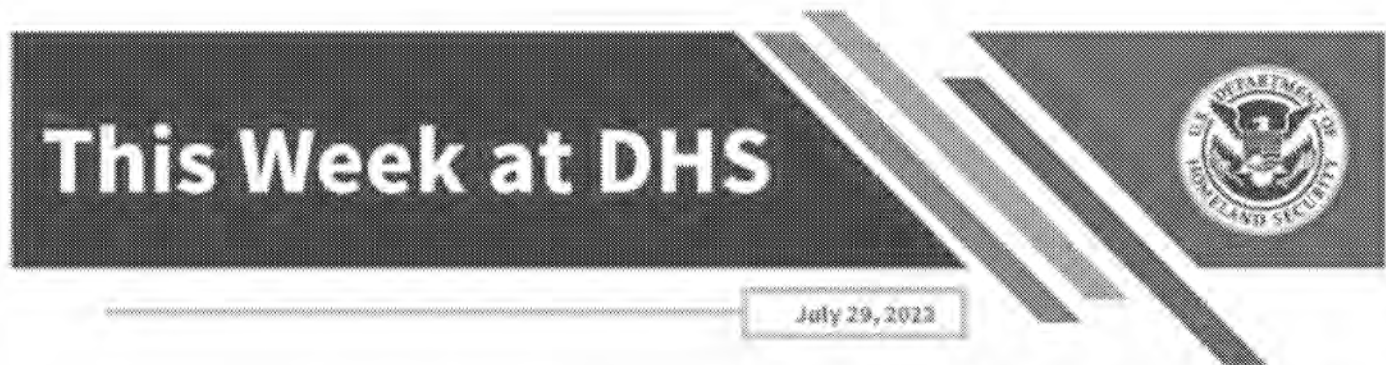
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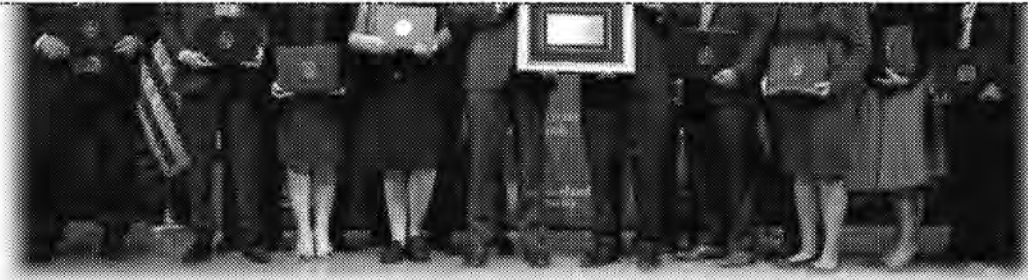
Congratulations to the 2022 Secretary's Awards Winners!

Apprehending car jackers, stopping active shooters, saving lives, championing diversity, and ensuring access to critical resources, were just some of the incredible stories from the winners of the Secretary's Awards.

Deputy Secretary Tien hosted the final Secretary's Awards Ceremony at DHS Headquarters on Monday. Over the last four months, DHS hosted twelve Secretary's Awards ceremonies across the country including in D.C., California, Florida, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

Who are these incredible colleagues of ours? See the [view the 2022 Secretary's Awards picture gallery](#) or [watch past ceremonies](#).

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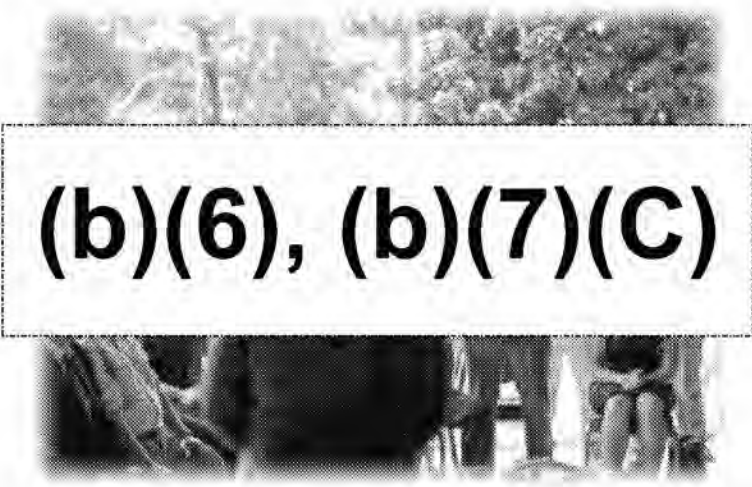


Secretary Mayorkas Meets with Officials in Honduras

On Tuesday, Secretary Mayorkas traveled to Honduras to meet with President Xiomara Castro and other security and law enforcement officials to discuss mutual interests and to address ongoing migration challenges.



While there, Secretary Mayorkas met with DHS personnel working in Honduras.



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ABOVE AND BEYOND: HSI Phoenix Special Agent Recognized for Excellence

HSI Phoenix Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was recently recognized with a Regional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Award for his contribution to a Greater Phoenix area law enforcement task force. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) helped implement the Strategic Planning and Enforcement Action Reform (SPEAR) initiative that

brought together law enforcement agencies from all levels to coordinate weekly enforcement activities. To date, the task force has seized more than 700 pounds of methamphetamines, more than 2 million fentanyl pills, 92 guns, and more than \$1 million in currency and other assets. "It's my pleasure to publicly recognize the outstanding work by Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and congratulate him on his success," said Special Agent in Charge (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) "I'm exceedingly proud of the combined work by all our partners who have undoubtably made our state safer."

PUTTING OUT FIRES: Lead TSA Officer to the Rescue in Milwaukee

Earlier this month, a fire broke out in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and without hesitation (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and his crew hit the ground running (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a part-time lead TSA officer at General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) who also serves as Brookfield's full-time assistant fire chief. "I've always had a passion to help people. That's one of the reasons I do what I do," said (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). In recognition of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)'s heroic actions, TSA Wisconsin Federal Security Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) said, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a great asset to our employees and the traveling public."

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ANNIVERSARY: DHS Employees Reflect on ADA Impact

Pictured from left to right:

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

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

July 26 marked the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). DHS employees shared how they were impacted by the ADA.

"The ADA has leveled the playing field for me and allowed me to not only work in the program management field, but also to contribute significantly to the mission of OBIM and DHS," said Program Specialist (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). To read more from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and fellow colleagues (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

[click here.](#)

Commemorating World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

July 30 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Nearly every DHS component and office

has equity in our Departmentwide efforts to combat human trafficking.

The DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking invites you to join its annual Human Trafficking Seminar on August 15 and 16. The two-day training will be virtual and will provide the opportunity to learn more about the Department's work to end this heinous crime.

The training will air from **9am to 5pm EST on August 15 and 16**. Click [here](#) to watch.



IN THE NEWS

Fox News | Washington Men Arrested After 91,000 Fentanyl Pills are Discovered Hidden Inside Chip Containers

Two Washington State men were arrested after an investigation into the pair's connections to a transnational criminal organization that imports bulk quantities of fentanyl pills. HSI agents, working with the local sheriff's office, received information that there was an arrangement for 91,000 fentanyl pills that was going to be delivered. Agents watched the hand-off between the pair and made the arrest. HSI Special Agent in Charge, Robert Hammer, said, "The dangers of fentanyl cannot be understated, more so in an area where there have been recent overdose deaths attributed to fentanyl-laced pills."

The Washington Post | CISA's Jen Easterly Wants to Cut the Nerdspeak

To the average person, cybersecurity can be a subject overflowing with technologically dense, often impenetrable terms and concepts. The head of the federal government's cyber agency, Jen Easterly, says that in her one-year tenure she has spent the most time establishing her organization as one that people want to come work at, and she also wants to convince everyone else to take better care of their own computers and phones — which means cutting out the "nerdspeak." Easterly is trying to demystify cyber with different messages and terminology, whether she's talking to a K-12 student or a company chief information officer. "Every engagement that I have, I am incredibly deliberate about the messaging and the communications behind that," she said. "People who are technical and in cyber, I think, are not as deliberate as they should be about being good storytellers."

KVPR | Fresno Community Leaders Appointed USCIS Citizenship Ambassadors

Pao Yang and Margarita Rocha were two of the eight individuals that USCIS recently selected as citizenship ambassadors. Pao Yang is the president of the Fresno Center, where he helps

people of all nationalities navigate the naturalization process. Yang works closely with Margarita Rocha, who is the director of Centro la Familia, which is another organization that does similar work for the Latino community in Fresno. Rocha and Yang are determined to help their community overcome barriers that prevent them from becoming citizens. "The Citizenship Ambassadors will work closely with the USCIS staff," says Sharon Rummery, the Public Affairs Officer for USCIS, "in spreading the word about the naturalization process and encouraging people in their community who might be eligible to apply for citizenship."



ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Doreen Crowell
@FEMA_Doreen

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Applauding Lytwaive Hutchinson this #WorkforceWednesday & wishing her a happy retirement after 41 years of federal service!

Lytwaive's dedication & leadership has been a critical part of maintaining infrastructure & communication for our workforce, especially during COVID-19.



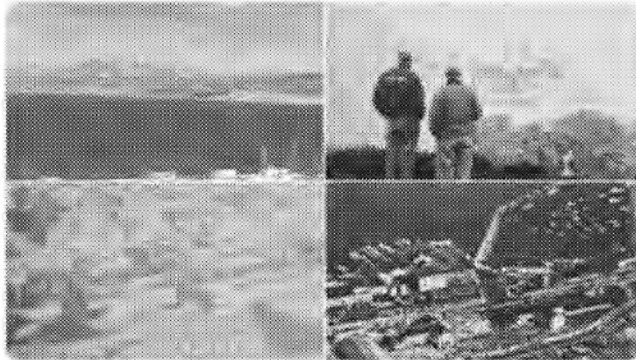
It's amazing to think they were serving our country in the @USArmy before they were even citizens. Congratulations to our newest Americans who bravely defend our freedoms

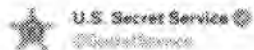
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It was an honor to welcome 36 @USArmy #ServiceMembers during a special naturalization ceremony @FortBlissTexas. They came from 22 different countries and took the Oath of Allegiance together to become #NewUSCitizens. Congratulations to all and thank you for your service!

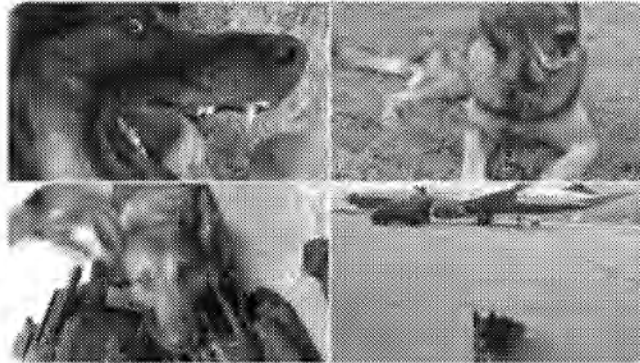


Did you know #CoastGuardStationMonterey, Calif., has been operational since 1945? President Roosevelt authorized its development in 1939 due to the increased size of the fishing fleet and vessel traffic along the extremely rugged coastline. #ThrowbackThursday



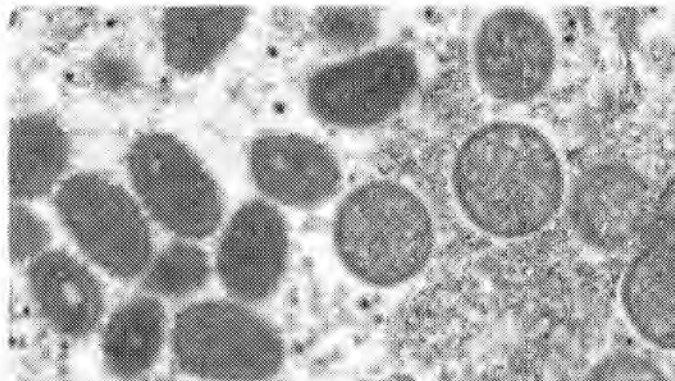


We are saddened to announce the passing of #SecretService #UniformedDivision Explosive Detection canine Benzie, who succumbed to an aggressive form of cancer this past weekend. He was a very good boy and will be missed by his handler and the entire #SecretService family.



Monkeypox cases have been reported in the United States since May of this year, and the rate of transmissibility is a growing concern.

Learn more about this virus and how it is transmitted in S&T's master question list on the subject:
[dhs.gov/science-and-te...](https://dhs.gov/science-and-technology)





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February 10, 2023

DHS Teams Up to Secure Super Bowl LVII in Arizona

Over 600 employees from across the Department are working with state, local, and federal partners to keep employees, players, and fans safe at Super Bowl events this week across the Phoenix, Arizona area and at Sunday's big game.

Secretary Mayorkas was on the ground in Arizona this week to hear from our colleagues and see security preparations firsthand. "...In Phoenix, I met with each of our DHS teams. Incredible public servants with incredible talent. Intel, investigations, security vetting, canine teams, biodefense, you name it. Our people are the very best in the world," said Secretary Mayorkas.

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DHS employees are on the ground working hard to ensure that Super Bowl LVII is secure.

Watch this video featuring DHS employees on the ground sharing their mission to secure Super Bowl LVII, and learn more about the important work we're doing to secure the event.



DHS@20: Do You Know DHS History?

The Nov. 25, 2002, signing of the Homeland Security Act formally created DHS and marked the largest re-organization of the federal government since the National Security Act of 1947. A few months after the Act was signed, agencies were transferred to DHS and new offices were established. ***Can you name the agencies that transferred to DHS in March of 2003?*** Send your response to by Wednesday, Feb. 15 and

we'll share the first person to reply with the correct answer in an upcoming edition of This Week at DHS!

Share Your DHS Story

Reminder, we want to hear from you! Whether you have been with the Department since the beginning or have joined us along the way, share your stories, photos, and memories with us. You may be featured online, on DHS Connect, or in a future *This Week at DHS* newsletter. [Submit your story here.](#)

Vote Now! Help Choose the DHS Combined Federal Campaign Flag Design

Voting for the DHS Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Flag Design Contest is open until **Friday, Feb. 17!** Department leadership will vote on the top design chosen by employees, and the winning design will be used to create the Department's newest annual CFC award for excellence. By placing your vote, you are helping to decide the design for a future permanent fixture of the DHS Combined Federal Campaign legacy. [Learn more.](#)



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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

DHS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY: Spotlight on (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) joined TSA in February 2020 and is a Transportation Security Officer at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. What makes (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) most proud of her heritage is how she was raised to be prepared for those things that affect her community and loved ones. "I am grateful for those that lived through very difficult situations, years before I was born; situations, and historic events, that afforded me the privilege to live a life where I can vote, get an education, and have the freedom to live wherever I choose, and to become whatever I want," said (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). "Like many, I was taught how to work hard; I was raised to understand that nothing comes easy and the only way to achieve or apprehend the things you want is through your faith, good education, and the acceptance of those around me, regardless of the color of their skin."

SECURING VALENTINE'S DAY ESSENTIALS: CBP Ensures Valentine Flowers Make the Cut

CBP agriculture specialists have inspected nearly 850 million cut flowers for insects, pests, and diseases that could harm the agricultural and floral industries of the United States. As shipments continue, the 2023 numbers of cut flowers could exceed those of the previous three years, each topping 1 billion stems by the end of the season. "Every year in the lead-up to the Valentine's Day holiday, our CBP agriculture specialists are tasked with inspecting tens of millions of flowers every day, ensuring that floral shops across the U.S. are well supplied for the demand, while also safeguarding our nation's agriculture," said CBP Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison Acting Executive Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) "I am proud that our frontline men and women are able to step up to the challenge and accomplish our mission."

WHO'S WHO AT CISA: Spotlight on (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is a Senior Strategist in CISA's Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans. Starting his career at a small government contracting firm supporting DHS in performance management, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) eventually joined the National Protection and Programs Directorate, which became CISA in 2018. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) favorite thing about his job is the people, as the cross-agency coordination required in his role promotes relationship building and camaraderie. A mentor once told him to "go where you can make the most impact," and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) feels that CISA provides him the greatest opportunity to do that in DHS.



IN THE NEWS



CBS News | Secretary Mayorkas Outlines DHS Efforts to Keep Super Bowl LVII Safe

Secretary Mayorkas sat down with CBS Nightly News to outline the work DHS is doing to keep the fans, players and visitors safe at this year's Super Bowl. "... We are vigilant 24 hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of the event," said Secretary Mayorkas. "We screened everything that comes into this stadium, not just the people, but the merchandise, the food, the concessions, we screened everything." [Watch the video](#) (clip starts at the 11:30 mark).

ABC News Arizona | CBP Patrols Phoenix Skies for Super Bowl LVII

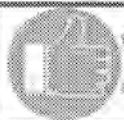
Jose Muriente of CBP's Air and Marine Operations took ABC News over the State Farm stadium to give a first-hand look at how aerial patrol will work during Super Bowl LVII. When asked how securing the super bowl compares to securing the border, Muriente shared, "The technique and tactics used for Super Bowl LVII are no different than what we do at the border. However, the terrain at the border is austere, and a lot more dangerous than what we'll experience here." [Watch the video](#).

Fox News | Coast Guard Rescues Wanted Man Seconds Before Massive Wave Capsizes Boat

Members of the USCG were conducting a training mission at the mouth of the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington state when they received a mayday signal from a boat in distress. As Petty Officer 1st Class Branch Walton was lowered from the helicopter to rescue the boater, a wave slammed the boat, throwing the man into the surf. Walton, who was on his first rescue mission, managed to locate the man in the surf and pull him to safety aboard the helicopter. "It's a bit of a christening for a new rescue swimmer," said Petty Officer Michael Clark. In an odd twist to the heroic story, Astoria police said the man who was rescued stole the boat after leaving a dead fish at a nearby home popularized in the 1985 classic film, "The Goonies."

Homeland Security Today | S&T Stoking Oregon Wildfire Resilience

This winter, S&T is deploying two types of wildfire and smoke detention sensors across Oregon's Willamette Valley. The sensors are designed to detect telltale wildfire particulates in the air. "This work is crucial not only to protecting communities in the short-term, but to mitigating the impacts of a changing climate on natural and social systems for generations to come," said S&T Sensors and Platforms Technology Center lead Jeff Booth. "Environmental events like a wildfire can be incredibly dynamic. The real-time data from these sensors will provide great insight as we protect the public and build resilience."



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Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas

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Yesterday, Secretary Carlson and I met with presidents of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as we continue working in partnership to strengthen HBCU campus safety and resilience. Our partnerships with HBCUs and other academic institutions are critical to the safety of our communities and security of our nation. We also discussed the importance of improving workforce access and increasing diversity. We at DHS are committed to cultivating a workforce that reflects the diversity of the country we serve.

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