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Ana Hinojosa Elected World Customs Organization Director



Ana B. Hinojosa, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Office of International Affairs, was recently elected Director of the World Customs Organization (WCO) Compliance and Facilitation Directorate.

"I couldn't be more pleased to congratulate Ana Hinojosa on her election to this important role," said CBP Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske. "Ana's 28 years of experience with the legacy U.S. Customs Service and CBP have prepared her to serve the international Customs community and lead the WCO into the future."

She was elected to the post by leaders of Customs Services from around the world during the opening of the 125th/126th World Customs Organization Council Meeting.

In her new role, Hinojosa will supervise the WCO's critical global efforts related to compliance and facilitation, which include many of the most pressing issues facing Customs Services today, such as supply chain security, data harmonization,

coordinated border management and enforcement. She will assume the post January 1, 2016.

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CBP Office of Air and Marine Black Hawks Credited with Arizona Rescues



In the early morning hours of June 19, 2015, agents with U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Office of Air and Marine (OAM) responded to a group of five illegal aliens, who had called 911 complaining of heat distress, reporting that two individuals were vomiting blood and another was unconscious.

Upon receiving the call, a Tucson-based AS-350 crew immediately responded to the scene. However, after locating the subjects, the crew determined it was unable to land and conduct a rescue, and reported back to the Tucson Air Branch that the only aircraft and crew capable of responding swiftly and successfully to evacuate the injured people was the UH-60 Black Hawk. Because it was an emergency, the Tucson Air Branch called in an off-duty UH-60 Black Hawk crew, an OAM Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and a Border Patrol Search, Trauma, and Rescue paramedic. The UH-60 Black Hawk crew landed, deployed the EMT and paramedic to render

medical treatment, and then transported all five subjects to the Ajo Border Patrol Station, where they could receive further assistance.

In a separate event earlier that day, the OAM Tucson Air Branch received a call from the Joint Intelligence and Operations Center, which coordinates federal law enforcement air support throughout Arizona. The Air Coordinator relayed that six distressed Border Patrol agents were in need of extraction from the Baboquivari Mountains. The agents had been tracking drug smugglers when they ran out of water, and were no longer able to continue the pursuit due to extreme heat. The Tucson Air Branch launched one of its newest UH-60L Black Hawks to the location where the crew performed seven hoist operations to retrieve the agents and three bundles of marijuana they had seized while pursuing the smugglers.



The UH-60 Black Hawk is a large, powerful helicopter that can carry heavy loads without sacrificing range and speed, and is well-suited to conduct search and rescue operations over land and water because of its extensive interior, which allows aircrew to assess and stabilize injured persons. The UH-60 Black Hawk and the skilled agents that operate it, provide a unique and critical capability in CBP's efforts to protect the American public from threats of terrorism and drug smuggling.

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Fighting Fraud: CBP Laboratories Featured in International Customs Magazine



WCO News, the official magazine of the World Customs Organization (WCO), recently featured the vital role of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) [Laboratories and Scientific Services](#) (LSS) in

keeping the public safe from counterfeit, substandard, and fraudulent goods and protecting the U.S. economy.

Fraudulent goods cause American businesses staggering economic losses, estimated conservatively at hundreds of millions of dollars per year. They can also be very dangerous. CBP laboratories, by using a multitude of advanced forensic and scientific analyses, have intercepted toothpaste tainted with anti-freeze chemicals, pharmaceutical products containing untested combinations of ingredients, mislabeled fish, honey contaminated with antibiotics, counterfeit computer chips, substandard building materials, transshipped products attempting to circumvent import duties and fees, and much, much more. LSS scientists support CBP's trade, border security, and anti-terrorism missions and are constantly adapting to, anticipating, and keeping abreast of new smuggling techniques and changes in technology to keep American businesses thriving and the general public safe.

CBP is a member of the [WCO](#), whose mission is to provide leadership, guidance, and support to Customs administrations to secure and facilitate legitimate trade, realize revenues, protect society and build capacity. The magazine is widely distributed to 179 countries in two languages. The full WCO News article, written by Marcy Mason, is available on the WCO website in [English](#) and [French](#).

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Malaysian Representatives Participate in CBP's Air Cargo Interdiction Training



U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Office of International Affairs (INA) recently hosted ten participants representing Royal Malaysian Customs and Malaysian Immigration for an International Air Cargo Interdiction Training (IACIT) at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. INA conducts several types of security training programs for foreign law enforcement

agencies with the intent of sharing expertise and experience to improve border operations and enhance capabilities for addressing global challenges and threats.

IACIT covers a variety of border enforcement techniques focused on the airport environment, including cargo and passenger targeting, aircraft searches, warehouse searches, canine operations, outbound operations, and the role of CBP's Laboratory and Scientific Services. IACIT involves several practical exercises in actual airport settings where participants observe real-time CBP operations.

During the course, the group observed CBP officers search two inbound flights from the Caribbean and conduct outbound currency exams on a Dubai-bound flight. Additionally, the Malaysian participants witnessed CBP officers make four significant seizures of drugs and firearms during the course, highlighting the effectiveness of CBP's interdiction techniques. During a warehouse visit, the delegation observed the discovery of an unmanifested assault rifle; documentation required to detain the weapon; labeling; and the process to secure the weapon.

The class was the third piece of an extensive, five-part training program sponsored by the Department of State's [Export Control and Related Border Security Program](#) to help prepare Royal Malaysian Customs to stand up their National Targeting Center in January 2016.

For additional information on CBP's international training programs, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

CBP Enforcement News



CBP Officers Seize Counterfeit Toys from China

On June 18, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Tampa, FL, seized a shipment of counterfeit toys that arrived in a shipment from China. CBP officers selected the shipment for inspection and immediately noticed that the merchandise was substantially indistinguishable from the federally registered LEGO copyrighted design. The officers provided samples to CBP import specialists who recommended seizing the counterfeit items. In Fiscal Year 2014, CBP made more than 23,000 seizures of counterfeit goods worth an estimated \$1.2 billion.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom](#) for the full story.



Border Patrol Canine Team Detects Drugs Concealed in Vehicle

On June 27, 2015, El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents assigned to the Highway 86 checkpoint arrested a man suspected of drug smuggling after discovering more than \$700,000 worth of heroin and cocaine in his vehicle. A Border Patrol canine detection team alerted to the vehicle and agents referred the driver to secondary for further inspection. After a more intensive search, agents discovered a false compartment located underneath the cargo area of the vehicle. The compartment contained 20 packages of heroin and cocaine

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