

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND WEBB COUNTY OFFICIALS
GRANTING ACCESS TO THE RANGE TO SERVICIO DE ADMINISTRACION
TRIBUTARIA (SAT)

I: Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) and The County of Webb to grant access to Servicio de Administracion Tributaria (SAT) to utilize Webb County property (firing range) to conduct joint training.

II: Purpose

This document is intended to mutually define the expected relationship, scope and procedures for CBP, the “Requestor”, to request permission, and for Webb County to grant permission for such training.

III: Background

In September 2013, SAT deployed six (6) Mexico Customs officers to the Laredo International Airport to conduct pre-inspection activities further strengthening U.S. and Mexico relations. At Laredo International Airport, Mexican Customs officials pre-inspect air cargo shipments for the auto, electronics, and aerospace industries destined to Mexico.

SAT Liaison Officers authorized to carry a firearm for purposes of this pilot, are to be designated by CBP as U.S. Customs Officers for the limited purpose of permitting him/her to carry their Government of Mexico-issued (side) firearm while carrying out their activities at the Laredo International Airport. SAT Liaison Officers who are designated as U.S. Customs Officers are to adhere to all CBP-issued instructions pertaining to such authorization, and to complete training provided by CBP. Authorized SAT Liaison Officers are not permitted to remove their firearms from the Laredo International Airport premises and are to store their government-issued firearms in a SAT-provided firearms cabinet at the Laredo International Airport at the end of their shift.

IV: Guidelines & Procedures

SAT Port Director will coordinate with CBP to transport ammunition to the Airport for storage.

SAT Port Director will transport the ammunition via Juarez Lincoln Bridge where SAT Port Director will turn ammunition over to CBP.

CBP will transport ammunition to the Airport for storage.

CBP will transport weapons and ammunition to the Firing Range during scheduled SAT qualifications.

CBP will maintain control and direct oversight at all times.

NOTE: SAT will not have access to Webb County property unless escorted by A U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers. All training will be conducted to familiarize both agencies with each other's equipment. This will allow for a quicker response time in case of an emergency

V: End State

In order to show continued support and CBP's commitment to working together with the Government of Mexico, the Port of Laredo, Texas requests for approval of Mexican SAT Officials to have access to Webb County-owned Firing Range for training purposes.

VI: Amendment of the MOU

Any amendment of this MOU must be agreed to by both parties, made in writing, and signed by both Designated Representatives and their successors listed below.

VII: Signatures by Parties

The Parties, through their authorized officials, hereby approve the terms of this MOU. This MOU becomes effective on the day that all signatures of the required parties noted below have been ascribed herein.

Gregory Alvarez
Port Director,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge
The County of Webb

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Margie Ramirez-Ibarra
Webb County Clerk

Marco A. Montemayor
Webb County Attorney

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