

# Border Patrol Industry Academy







## **Border Patrol Industry Academy Inaugural Class 001 2015-2016 Report**

The 2015-2016 Border Patrol Industry Academy was an unprecedented, in-depth, one year program designed to strengthen Industry collaboration and knowledge of the Border Security mission. It consisted of quarterly sessions, beginning with the opening session at Border Patrol Headquarters led by Chief Fisher and his Senior Staff, selected Southwest and Northern Border Sector tours, and concluding with training and a graduation ceremony at the U.S. Border Patrol Academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

This Inaugural Class consisted of 50 Senior Industry Executives, all of whom have a broad organizational authority and responsibility and were able to share comprehensive Industry knowledge and communicate Border Security knowledge back across their organization. The one year program was organized such that USBP knowledge and understanding was built with each successive quarterly session.





## Quarterly Sessions

Session I: CBP Headquarters

October 14-15, 2015

Session II: Rio Grande Valley/McAllen, Texas

January 27-29, 2016

Session III: San Diego/ Blaine Border Tour

March 6-March 11, 2016

Session IV: Buffalo Sector

May 10-11, 2016

Session V: U.S. Border Patrol Academy

July 18-22, 2016

Conclusion: Graduation Dinner

September 14, 2016





## Session Summaries

### Session I: CBP Headquarters

US CBP Senior Leadership, along with Chief Fisher, kicked off the program with a discussion focused on major USBP priorities. This two day HQ session included plenary sessions and small groups to discuss various broad and strategy-based topics with USBP Senior Staff. It concluded with a reception with USBP leadership and CBP Deputy Commissioner Kevin McAleenan.

### Session II: Rio Grande Valley, McAllen, Texas

The first interactive session began in McAllen, Texas, hosted by Sector Chief Manuel Padilla and sector staff, where participants toured the McAllen Border Patrol Station's Area of Responsibility and the MCS Combined Processing Center. This trip also included marine displays at Anzalduas Park, a briefing with the RGV Horse Patrol at Morillo Banco Horse Stables, and an Aerostat briefing with a special operations scenario.

### Session III: San Diego/ Blaine Border Tour

Participants began in San Diego, where they toured the Border Infrastructure System, Brown Field Station, and Liberty Stations, along with other San Diego Facilities. At these locations, participants observed agents, horse units, and a BORTAC and K9 demo while being briefed on sector operations. They also received a briefing and demonstration on firearms and defensive tactics personnel at the Force Operations Training Branch San Diego Sector Range.

The group then departed for Blaine, Washington where they met with Acting Chief Patrol Agent Tony Holladay to tour the Bellingham Border Patrol Station. Participants received taser training at the Use of Force and Training Facility and toured Blaine Harbor and Peace Arch State Park. This session also included participation in a monthly meeting with all local, Congressional, state, tribal, and Border Patrol Law Enforcement Officials.

### Session IV: Buffalo Sector

At the Buffalo Sector, participants were briefed by Sector Staff including Special Operations Supervisor, Allen Filarecki. The session also included trips to Wilson Harbor, Fort Niagara, Beaver Island State Park, Sturgeon Point, and Devil's Hole. During this session, participants specifically learned about the environment and land and marine operations.

### Session V: U.S. Border Patrol Academy

During the final session of the inaugural class, the group traveled to Artesia, New Mexico for a hands on training session. Participants were introduced to various scenarios and the management and operations aspects of these scenarios. They also received training on physical and defensive techniques as well as tactical awareness and firearms training. The session concluded with a graduation ceremony for BPIA Class 001.

### Conclusion: BPIA Final Dinner

The Academy concluded with a dinner at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., where participants were able to reflect on their experiences and celebrate their hard work and dedication to the Border Patrol mission.

