



## Standing Operating Procedures

### Part One: General

#### ***Behavior in General***

Volunteers will realize that they represent TBV at all times, and their behavior should be characterized by self-control and maturity. The interviewing process will clarify to prospective members our founding principles, and confirm their commitment to these principles.

The TBV board and officers have developed good working relationships with law enforcement agencies. We will at all times respect and honor their jurisdiction and cooperate with them. We remain in compliance with all laws: local, state and federal.

Communicating to news media about TBV or disseminating controversial information to other persons or organizations, except via designated functional channels, is prohibited.

Reference to other organizations should be avoided in written communication. Judicious use of emails is encouraged. Significant problems/questions addressed by telephone will ensure confidentiality and rapid feedback.

Participation in political activities outside of sanctioned TBV operations must be conducted with discretion and restraint. Public protests are to be avoided.

#### ***Behavior in Locale of Operations***

Volunteers are especially visible during scheduled operations. The community should have a favorable impression of any TBV volunteer they encounter, so courtesy with local residents, ranch owners, local businesses and all law enforcement personnel is essential. Information about our operations should not be shared with local residents.

Vehicle registration, inspection stickers and insurance coverage must be current and documentation kept at hand.

## ***Behavior on Land Owner's Property***

TBV deploys on private property. There will be strict compliance with all instructions given by the Director of Border Operations (DBO), who is the primary liaison with landowners. Start no fires, leave no trash, go and remain only where you are assigned.

Waivers will be signed and returned immediately when they are required.

Handguns may be carried according to state law and with DBO's knowledge. No open display or cleaning of weapons is permitted in or near the common area. Cleaning of weapons will be done in your motel room, travel trailer, or at your personal campsite.

No other weapons are allowed except as directed and approved by the DBO. This means no long guns will be brought on property, whether in your vehicle or otherwise without the consent of DBO or Chief Scout. Violation of this rule is grounds for dismissal.

No discharge of weapons is allowed except for defensive purpose, in which case a report must be submitted immediately to the DBO.

Address all persons with respect. Say "Yes Sir" and "No Sir."

## ***Minimum Training Requirements***

Volunteer can demonstrate thorough understanding of Communication procedures.

Volunteer can demonstrate understanding of behavior at a post.

Volunteer spent 2 hours observing radio operations at HQ or front gate.

Volunteer has completed at least one shift at a post with an experienced volunteer.

An operations officer has determined that the individual is ready to post.

## ***Posting Assignments***

Posting assignments are not negotiable. Special requests must be presented on the sign up sheet. The scouts and operations officers spend the day tracking and planning. Each position on a post has been selected to provide the best combination of safety, equipment, experience, concealment and opportunity for spotting illegal traffic.

Absence from a position or presence in an unauthorized position will trigger a response from operations and the rapid response team. This will sacrifice concealment and compromise our operation. Any change of position requires authorization by the operations officer on duty.

Our purpose during deployment is only to spot illegal traffic and report to HQ.

HQ will determine the next call.

Remain quiet and still, and avoid any contact or communication with trespassers. Begin radio report when it is safe to do so. If your location is revealed, the post is no longer effective.

Smoking is not permitted upon deployment.

Drinking alcohol before or during deployment is not permitted.

## Equipment List

### Essential:

2 charged 18 mile or better GMRS radios	Cell Phone
Ear bud	Lots of Water
Dark or camouflage outerwear	Camouflage or dark chair
Any medicines you may need	Camouflage for vehicle
Binoculars	Good Flashlight
Extra batteries for everything	Camo Boonie style hat

### Recommended:

Red lens flashlight	Blanket
Night vision	Poncho
Unscented Insect repellent	Camera
ATV	Appropriate footwear
Snake guards or snake boots	First Aid Kit

## Part Two: Mission/Theater Specific Procedures

Fully trained volunteers approved for specific missions by the Head Scout will be on time for the posted briefing and ready to deploy.

Standing Operating Procedures will always be in effect, however the Head Scout will determine variables for each mission.

Further, each volunteer is open to scrutiny by any supervisory personnel regarding competency for service. Issues considered may include but are not limited to:

- Age and/or mobility
- Physical fitness and stamina
- Special skills
- Medical condition and need for medication
- Personal judgment
- Drug, alcohol, or tobacco use
- Being disruptive
- Hardware requirements

Violations of the Standing Operating Procedures may be cause for removal from property or dismissal.