



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.

Participation in political activities outside of sanctioned TBV operations must be conducted with discretion and restraint.

Behavior in Locale of Operations

Volunteers are especially visible during scheduled operations. Information about our operations should not be shared with local residents. Try to keep a low profile in Falfurrias and surrounding communities.

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. Start no fires, leave no trash, go and remain only where you are assigned. Help to keep our HQ and camp areas clean and orderly.

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

Handguns only may be carried according to state law, concealed at all times. Volunteer must be in possession of a State of Texas recognized CHL. 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.

These Standing Operating Procedures will always be in effect. However, in extraordinary situations, a majority of the Executive Committee in attendance at a watch can determine variables that must be approved by the landowner on whose land an operation is to be conducted. No discharge of weapons is allowed except for defensive purposes, in which case a report must be submitted immediately.

Minimum Training Requirements

Volunteer has completed TBV Training Power Point Presentation
Volunteer can demonstrate thorough understanding of Communication procedures.
Volunteer can demonstrate understanding of behavior at a post.
Volunteer has completed at least one shift at a post with an experienced volunteer.
Volunteer has a reasonable knowledge of our posting locations.
HQ has determined that the individual is ready to post.

Posting Assignments

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 must be approved by HQ. Our purpose during deployment is only to spot illegal traffic and report to HQ.
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 Midland GMRS radios	Cell Phone
Ear bud with boom mike	Lots of Water
Dark or camouflage outerwear (ACU preferred)	Camouflage or dark chair
Any medicines you may need	Camouflage for vehicle
Binoculars	Good Flashlight
Extra batteries for everything	

Recommended:

Blanket	
Night vision	Poncho
Unscented Insect repellent	Camera
Compass or GPS	Appropriate footwear

Snake guards or snake boots optional

First Aid Kit

Part Two: Mission/Theater Specific Procedures

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

No physical contact will be made by any volunteer with a suspected alien except in the case of an extreme emergency. Volunteers are directed to maintain a 30-foot distance from suspected illegal's.

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

Safety of each volunteer and his/her partner is critical, each volunteer is open to scrutiny by any supervisory personnel regarding competency for service. Issues considered may include but are not limited to:

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

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