



Standing Operating Procedures

Part One: General

Volunteers must realize that they represent Texas Border Volunteers (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, officers and members 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 watches should not be shared with local residents. Members 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 headquarters and camp areas clean and orderly.

Handguns only may be carried according to state law, concealed at all times. Volunteer must be in possession of a State of Texas recognized Concealed Handgun License. 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 discharge of weapons is allowed except for defensive purposes, in which case a report must be submitted to Mission Control immediately.

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.

Minimum Training Requirements

Volunteer must complete TBV Training Power Point Presentation

Volunteer can demonstrate thorough understanding of Communication procedures, and 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.

Mission Control has determined that the individual is ready to be assigned to a post.

Posting Assignments

Each post has been selected to provide the best combination of safety, concealment and opportunity for spotting illegal traffic.

Absence from a position or presence in an unauthorized position will trigger a response from Mission Control and the rapid response team. This will sacrifice concealment and compromise our operation. Any change of position must be approved by Mission Control. Our purpose during a watch is only to spot criminal trespassers and report them to Mission Control.

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 while on watch.

Drinking alcohol before going on watch or while on watch is not permitted.

Equipment List

Essential:

Highly recommend 36 mile Midland GXT1000 or GXT1050 radios
Camouflaged or dark chair
Headset, recommend Midland Surveillance, AVP-H3
ACU's or any dark/camouflage outerwear
Extra batteries for everything

Water
Any medications you may need
Camouflage for vehicle
Good Flashlight

Recommended:

Blanket	Cell Phone
Night vision	Poncho
Unscented Insect repellent	Camera
Appropriate footwear (Snake boots/ heavy boots/ snake guards)	Compass or GPS

Part Two: Mission Specific Procedures

Volunteers will be on time for each announced briefing and ready to deploy at the appropriate time.

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

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Safety of each volunteer 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
- Medical condition and need for medication
- Personal judgment
- Drug, alcohol, or tobacco use
- Being disruptive
- Hearing, vision or mobility issues

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