



# Newsletter

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## The Texas Border Volunteers Inc.

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### **Chairman**

Due to our non-profit status it has been a long standing policy that TBV as an organization does not publicly advocate for or against persons running for political office. As a result, the following announcement should not be considered as an endorsement.

TBV member, Maria Espinoza, has officially announced her candidacy for the U.S. Congress, District 7. Her campaign just announced that Kent Terry, brother of slain Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, has endorsed Maria in glowing terms. More information can be obtained at Maria's website, <http://mariaforamerica.com/>.

**Dr. Mike V.**

### **VP/ VP of IT**

On Facebook, our likes are up 376 in November and 157 more at the time of this submission! Excellent total reach numbers for November, at 125,691 as well, which means you're "liking" the posts and sharing them a lot, which is fantastic! Thanks for your continued efforts; they DO make a difference! Our top 2 posts in November were <http://yellowhammernews.com/politics-2/illegal-aliens-arrested-in-alabama-for-running-sex-trade-operation/> and

<http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2015/03/15/how-and-why-isis-will-use-texas-to-enter-the-us-if-they-choose-to-cross-the-border/>

One encouraging sign is over the last 28 days, 21% of the people reached by our posts have been under the age of 35, so big thanks for sharing the illegal alien issue with the younger among us. In my opinion it is vital that we get more of them educated and engaged on the issue! Our website traffic is also up 11% over the previous month including over 200 first time visitors and 4% of the traffic from outside the U.S.

Thanks again for your continued support and participation in TBV and I'd like to wish

you and yours happy holidays, Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2016!

**Ken B.**

### **Chief of Staff**

This is a busy family time of the year so excuse the brevity of this Newsletter. Apprehensions by Falfurrias Border Patrol are far lower this past fiscal year. This is contributed to increased technology and also to increased efforts down on the Rio Grande River by the state of Texas. Coupled with the very same technology used in this area, more apprehensions are occurring further south. This is exactly what Border Patrol was hoping to achieve with an increased number of apprehensions directly on the Rio Grande River and a decrease of illegals in the area of Brooks County!

**Linda V.**

### **VP of Public Events**

As I have said before, we cannot be a driving force without sufficient funds to do our work. Yes, we have used money from gun shows and presentations to buy enough ATV's and night vision to do an adequate job for our watches, but we need more! We have started gun shows in the Dallas Fort Worth, Midland, Houston and San Antonio areas. And presentations have brought in nice cash donations. Let's all try to find ways to bring in some extra cash!

**Dennis M.**