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Temporary re-assignment of CBP officers to Border Patrol Sectors

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Field Operations is temporarily re-assigning up to 750 CBP officers to Border Patrol Sectors that are confronting the unprecedented humanitarian and border security crisis on the Southwest border.

The Office of Field Operations is re-assigning CBP officers from ports of entry in the San Diego, Tucson, El Paso and Laredo Field Offices areas of responsibility, which will impact CBP's ability to process trade and travel.

Border Patrol processing facilities on the Southwest border have far exceeded capacity and the Border Patrol does not have the personnel to process, care for, and transport individuals in custody without help from its partners.

CBP officers will support Sectors with care and custody responsibilities, including hospital watch and transportation.

The Office of Field Operations and the Office of Trade are working closely with the Trade community, local authorities and other partners to mitigate the impact of reduced staffing at the Southwest border ports.

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Please view Commissioner McAleenan's **press conference** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkoyLD5-rcQ&feature=youtu.be>) for more information about the humanitarian and border security crisis on the Southwest border.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with securing the borders of the United States while enforcing hundreds of laws and facilitating lawful trade and travel.

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