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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There were 1,217 incidents of violence in FY 2010 at and between the Ports of Entry (POE) against CBP Agents and Officers, resulting in a 13 percent decrease from FY 2009 (1,405).
- Ninety Four percent (1,144) of all incidents against CBP Agents and Officers occurred on the Southwest Border (SWB).
 - There were 1,061 incidents of violence in FY 2010 against Border Patrol Agents between the POEs, a decrease of 1 percent, when compared to FY 2009 (1,073). The Southwest Border accounted for 1,049 incidents, or 99 percent of all incidents of violence against Border Patrol Agents.
 - There was a 5 percent increase in Rocking Assaults in FY 2010 compared FY 2009, in all other categories of assaults FY 2010 saw a decrease when compared to FY 2009.
 - Tucson Sector saw a 61 percent increase in overall assaults for FY 2010 (421) compared to FY 2009 (261).
 - El Paso Sector had the greatest percentage increase, with 134 percent for FY 2010 (117) compared to FY 2009 (50).
 - San Diego Sector saw the largest decrease in assaults, with 122 fewer assaults for FY 2010 (130) compared to FY 2009 (252).
- There were 138 incidents of violence involving CBP Officers at the Ports of Entry in FY 2010, as compared to 332 incidents of violence in FY 2009, for a 58 percent decrease.
- There were 19 incidents of violence involving CBP Air and Marine Officers in the Air and Sea environment in FY 2010, as compared to 11 incidents of violence in FY 2009, for a 73 percent increase
- There were a total 52 land incursions at and between the Ports of Entry for all CBP components in FY 2010, as compared to 48 in FY 2009, this represents a 8 percent increase for FY 2010. The Office of Air and Marine recorded 45 Air Incursions in FY 2010, representing a 96 percent increase compared to FY 2009 (23).





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BORDER VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE PORTS OF ENTRY

- The number of assaults against Border Patrol Agents during FY 2010 (1,061) indicates a decrease of 1 percent compared to FY 2009 (1,073). When compared to FY 2008 (1,093), there was a decrease of 3 percent.
- Of the 1,061 assaults against Border Patrol Agents during FY 2010, 99 percent occurred on the Southwest Border (1,049). This represents a decrease of 1 percent compared to FY 2009 (1,056) Southwest Border assaults against Border Patrol Agents.
- During FY 2010, there was an increase in the number of Rocking Assaults (793) compared to FY 2009 (756); however, FY 2010 saw a decrease in other types of assaults:
 - Physical Assaults (-4%)
 - Vehicle Assaults (-42%)
 - Shooting Assaults (-14%)
 - Other Assaults (-17%)
- In FY 2010, only 3 Southwest Border Sectors reported an increase in assaults, Tucson Sector (61%), El Paso Sector (134%), and El Centro Sector (4%). All other Sectors experienced a decrease in assaults. Of note, however, is that Rio Grande Sector finished the year with significantly more assaults in every category except Rocking Assaults.





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OBP ASSAULTS AND AGENT INVOLVED SHOOTINGS BY REGION AND SECTOR FY 2010 COMPARED TO FY 2009

Sectors by Region	FY09 Assaults	FY10 Assaults	% Change
San Diego	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-48%
El Centro	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	4%
Yuma	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-36%
Tucson	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	61%
El Paso	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	134%
Marfa	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-33%
Del Rio	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-65%
Laredo	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-58%
Rio Grande	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-16%
Southwest Border TOTAL	1,056	1,049	-1%
Blaine	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-67%
Spokane	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Havre	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Grand Forks	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	100%
Detroit	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	400%
Buffalo	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-83%
Swanton	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	100%
Houlton	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Northern Border TOTAL	11	10	-9%
New Orleans	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-67%
Miami	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-50%
Ramey	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-100%
Coastal Border TOTAL	6	2	-67%

Sectors by Region	FY09 Shootings	FY10 Shootings	% Change
San Diego	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-88%
El Centro	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Yuma	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-100%
Tucson	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	67%
El Paso	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-57%
Marfa	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Del Rio	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-100%
Laredo	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	-60%
Rio Grande	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	7%
Southwest Border TOTAL	49	37	-24%
Blaine	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Spokane	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Havre	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Grand Forks	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Detroit	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Buffalo	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Swanton	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Houlton	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	100%
Northern Border TOTAL	0	1	100%
New Orleans	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Miami	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Ramey	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)	NC
Coastal Border TOTAL	0	0	NC





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ASSAULTS AGAINST BORDER PATROL AGENTS



- The majority of assaults were:
 - Rocking Assaults (75%)
 - Physical Assaults (14%)
 - Shooting Assaults (4%)
 - Vehicle Assaults (3%)

Agent Involved Shootings Comparison (Oct 1 - Sept 30)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	% Change FY 2009 - FY 2010
Number of Incidents	32	49	38	-11 (-22%)
Number of Agents who Fired	35	64	47	-17 (-27%)
Suspects Fatally Wounded	1	2	5	+3 (+150%)
Suspects Wounded/Injured	6	11	8	-3 (-27%)

Agents had to defend themselves or others by discharging their firearms on 38 separate occasions during Fiscal Year 2010. This represents a 22 percent decrease as compared to Fiscal Year 2009.



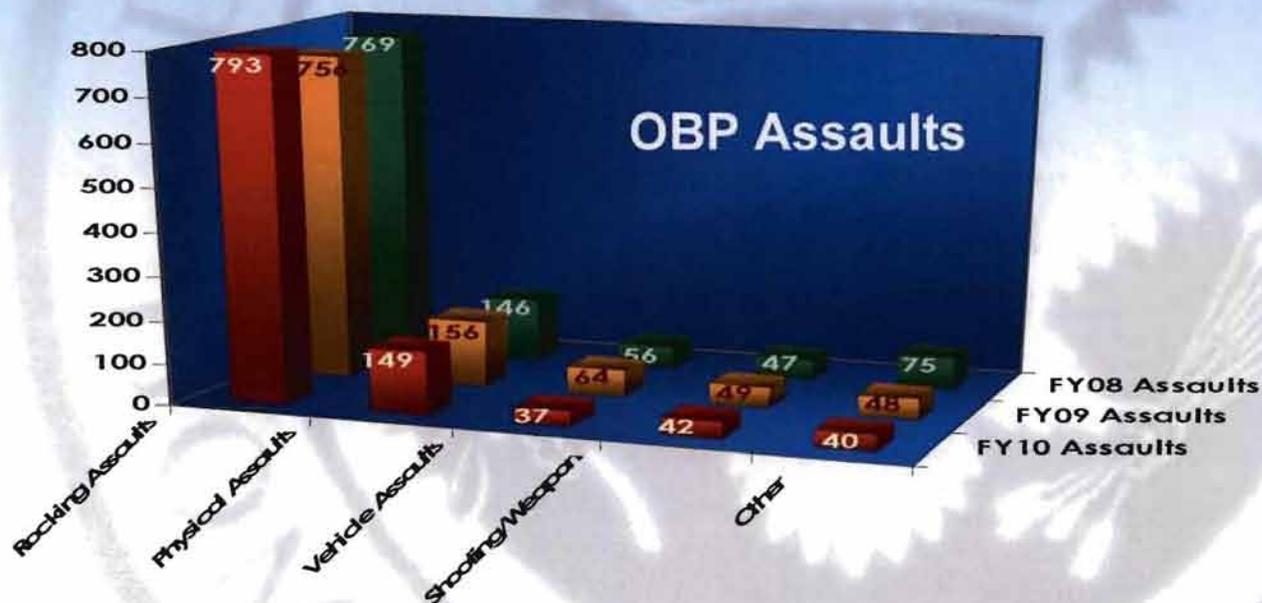


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ASSAULTS ON BORDER PATROL AGENTS – COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Three Year Comparison	FY 2010	Up/Down	% Change	FY 2009	Up/Down	% Change	FY 2008
Rocking Assaults	793	37	5%	756	-13	-2%	769
Physical Assaults	149	-7	-4%	156	10	7%	146
Vehicle Assaults	37	-27	-42%	64	8	14%	56
Shooting/Weapons	42	-7	-14%	49	2	4%	47
Other	40	-8	-17%	48	-27	-36%	75
Total Assaults	1,061	-12	-1%	1,073	-20	-2%	1,093





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ASSAULTS BY CATEGORY

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FY 2010 Total Assaults by Category	1,061
Rocking Assaults	793
Physical Assaults	149
Vehicle Assaults	37
Shooting/Weapons	42
Other	40

Assaults within the "Other" category include: threat, bottles, paintball, blunt instrument, knife, bats, ball bearings, sticks, cans, rebar, steel pipes, cinder blocks, sling shots, animal, boat.

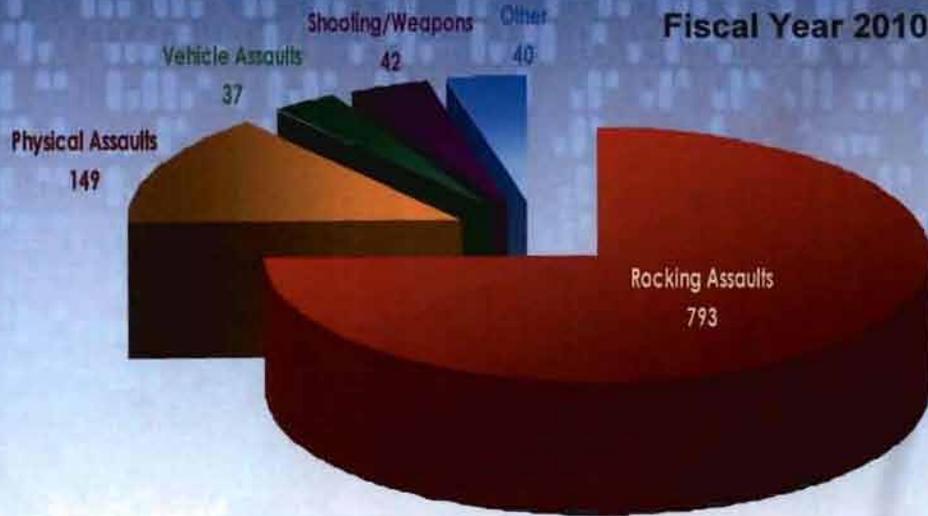




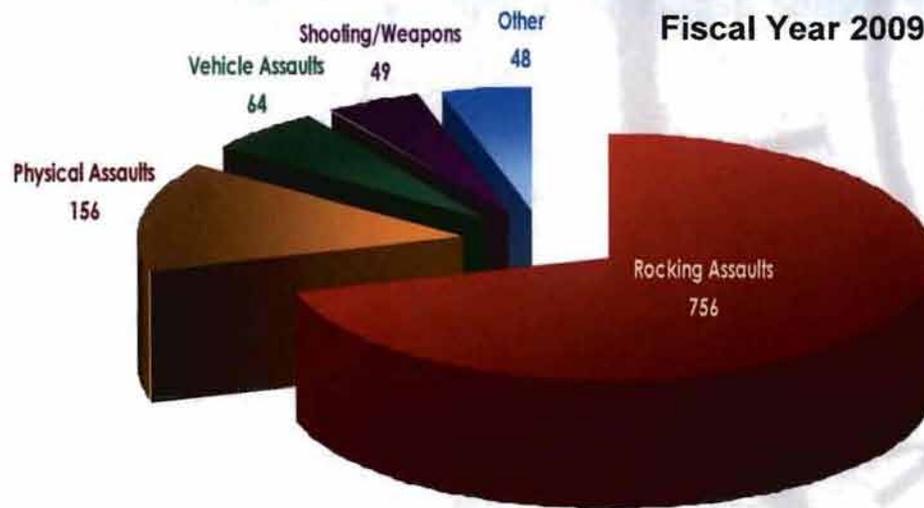
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ASSAULT TYPE COMPARISON FY 2009 TO FY 2010



FY 2010 Total Assaults by Category	Count
Rocking Assaults	793
Physical Assaults	149
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Shooting/Weapons	42
Other	40



FY 2009 Total Assaults by Category	Count
Rocking Assaults	756
Physical Assaults	156
Vehicle Assaults	64
Shooting/Weapons	49
Other	48





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FISCAL YEAR 2010 VIOLENCE TOTALS ON THE SOUTHWEST BORDER – MAPPED BY SECTOR

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NUMBER OF BORDER PATROL ASSAULTS – SOUTHWEST BORDER SECTORS

Tucson (61%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

El Centro (4%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

El Paso (134%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

San Diego (-48%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

Yuma (-36%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

Rio Grande Valley (-16%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

Laredo (-58%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

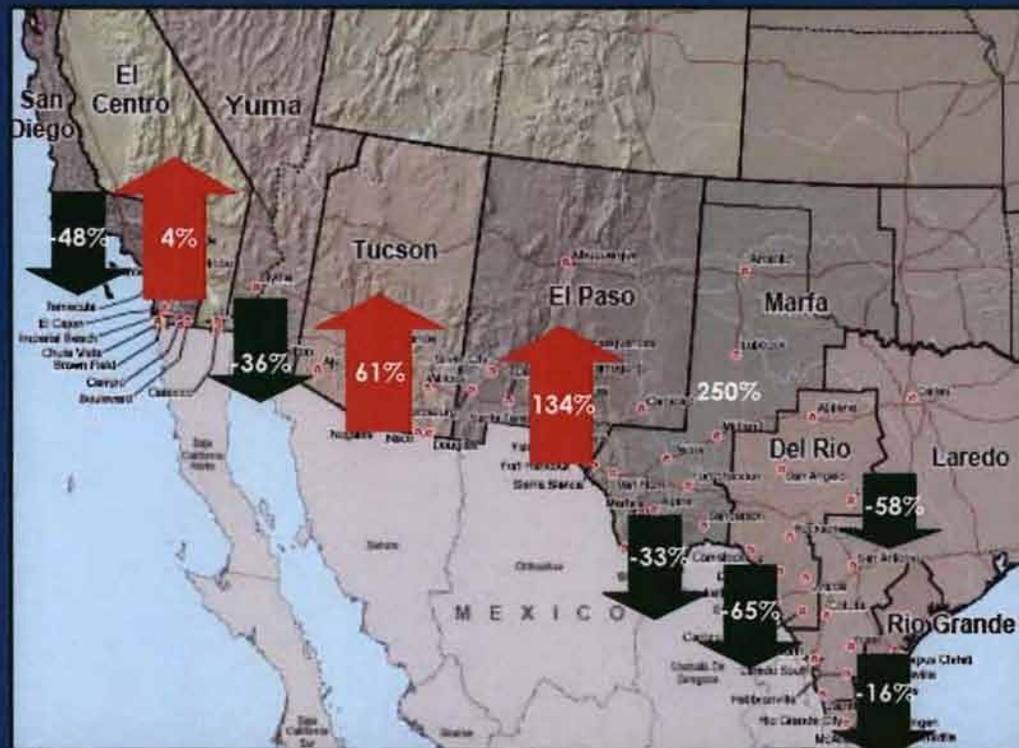
Del Rio (-65%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

Marfa (-33%)

FY09 (b) (7)(E) to FY10 (b) (7)(E)

Total Border Patrol assaults are down 1 percent for FY10 (1,061) as compared to FY09 (1,073). Of all 1,061 reported assaults against Border Patrol Agents in FY10, 1,049 occurred on the Southwest Border.



*Comparing of FY09 and FY10





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INCIDENTS BY SOUTHWEST BORDER SECTORS

SWB Assaults – the San Diego, Tucson, Yuma and El Centro Sectors accounted for approximately 75 percent of all assaults Between the Ports of Entry.

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ASSAULTS FOR NORTHERN & COASTAL SECTORS

Assaults in the Northern and Coastal Regions accounted for approximately 1 percent of all Assaults Between the Ports of Entry.

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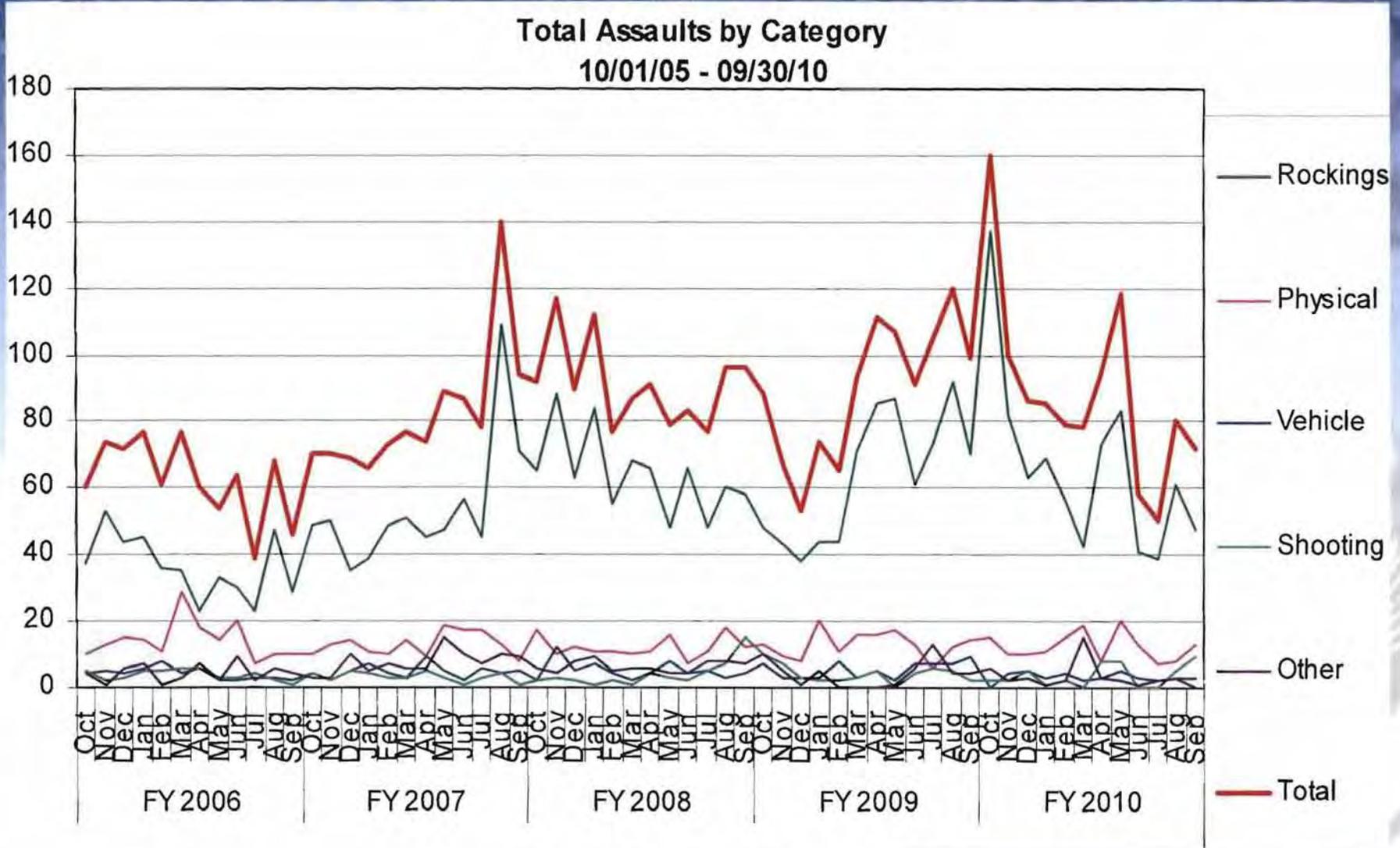




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ASSAULT CATEGORY COMPARISON FY 2006 THROUGH FY 2010





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Office of Field Operations (OFO)





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BORDER VIOLENCE AT THE PORTS OF ENTRY

- The Office of Field Operations (OFO) defines violent incidents as physical threats or elevated use of force occurring in reaction to a legitimate or perceived threat to OFO personnel.
 - Along with physical assaults, violent incidents may involve:
 - ✓ A Vehicle Being Operated in a Manner that Posed a Risk for Injury or Harm
 - ✓ The Use or Intended Use of a Deadly Weapon
- The Office of Field Operations has standardized requirements for border violence reporting so as to provide a more robust and uniform method of capturing and tracking violence data and significant incidents.
- OFO catalogs border incidents as incursions, assault on US Officers, assault on private US infrastructure, and the discovery of deceased persons.
 - There were 138 incidents of violence reported by the Ports of Entry during Fiscal Year 2010. This represents a 58 percent decrease as compared to Fiscal Year 2009 (332).
 - Of the 138 incidents of violence that were reported by the Office of Field Operations, 69 percent of events for Fiscal Year 2010 (95) occurred at the Ports of Entry along the Southwest Border. This figure includes direct assaults against CBP Officers and all other categories of violence and significant incidents as reported by OFO.
 - During Fiscal Year 2010, there were 527 incidents reported by the Field Offices, of which 138 were assaults against Officers; 293 incidents involved individuals that ran the Port utilizing a vehicle; 96 individuals attempted to run the Port on foot. During FY 2010, there were also 87 bomb threats.





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OFO BOMB THREATS BY FIELD OFFICE

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Field Office	Number of Threats
Atlanta	(b) (7)(E)
Baltimore	
Boston	
Chicago	
Detroit	
El Paso	
Houston	
Laredo	
Los Angeles	
Miami	
New York	
Preclearance	
San Francisco	
San Juan	
Tampa	
Tucson	
Total	87





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REPORTED INCIDENTS BY FIELD OFFICE

Field Office	Absconder	Port Runner	Total	Percentage of Total
San Diego	(b)	(7)	(E)	
Laredo				
Tucson				
Seattle				
El Paso				
Buffalo				
Boston				
Detroit				
San Francisco				
New York				
Miami				
Houston				
Total Incidents				

NOTE: There were 96 Absconder incidents during Fiscal Year 2010. These are incidents where a subject or subjects were under some form of CBP control, but escaped from Primary, Secondary, or other holding areas. In addition, there were 293 Port Runner incidents, where the subject or subjects were never under CBP control, and drove through closed Ports, out the inbound lanes, crashed through barriers, etc.





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ABSCONDER AND PORT RUNNER BY FIELD OFFICE

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REPORTED VIOLENCE BY FISCAL MONTH

Fiscal 2010 Month	Absconder	Port Runner	Total	Percentage of Total
October	10	34	44	11%
November	8	43	51	13%
December	14	29	43	11%
January	6	27	33	8%
February	5	18	23	6%
March	4	28	32	8%
April	10	25	35	9%
May	15	19	34	9%
June	5	31	36	9%
July	10	14	24	6%
August	5	12	17	4%
September	4	13	17	4%
Total Incidents	96	293	389	100%

NOTE: Through May, the incident count was based only on AC's Bullets. Beginning June 2010, the count has been augmented by reviewing Port Runner IOILs that were not subject of a Bullet.





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ABSCONDERS AND PORT RUNNERS BY FISCAL MONTH





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OFO ABSCONDER AND PORT RUNNER HIGH ACTIVITY PORTS OF ENTRY

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Office of Air and Marine (OAM)





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BORDER VIOLENCE IN THE AIR AND SEA ENVIRONMENT

- The number of assaults against Office of Air and Marine Agents during Fiscal Year 2010 (19) indicates a relatively significant increase compared to Fiscal Year 2009, when there were 11 recorded incidents of violence.





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OAM ASSAULTS BY CATEGORY



	Assaults
Rocks/Projectiles	12
Lasers	4
Weapons *	1
Vehicle/Vessels/Aircraft	1
Other **	1
Physical (Hand to Hand)	0
Total	19

* Weapons fired at/near OAM Personnel, Aircraft and/or Vessels, also includes edge weapons, impact devices, etc.
 ** Captures off duty incidents and verbal threats.





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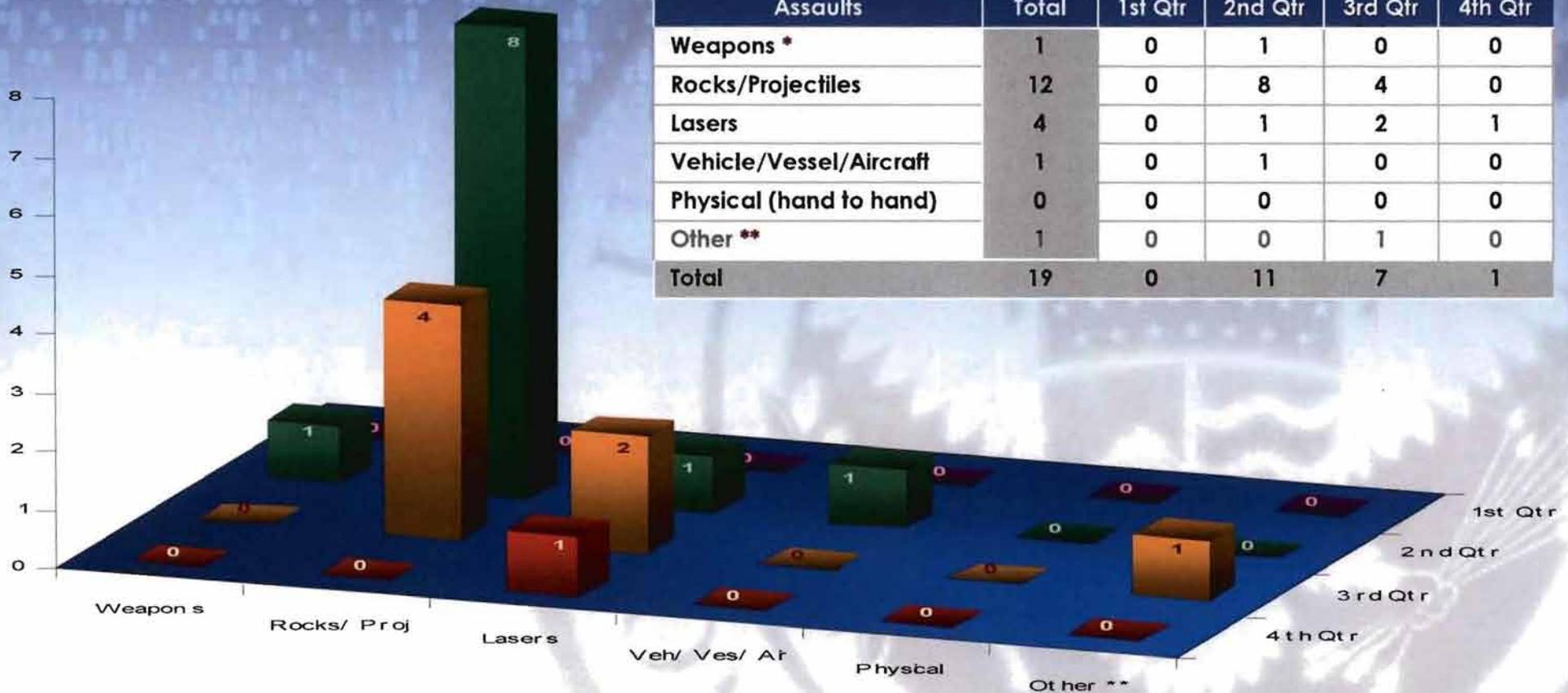
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OAM INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN THE AIR AND SEA ENVIRONMENTS

* Weapons fired at/near OAM Personnel, Aircraft and/or Vessels, also includes edge weapons, impact devices, etc.

** Captures off duty incidents and verbal threats.

Assaults	Total	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Weapons *	1	0	1	0	0
Rocks/Projectiles	12	0	8	4	0
Lasers	4	0	1	2	1
Vehicle/Vessel/Aircraft	1	0	1	0	0
Physical (hand to hand)	0	0	0	0	0
Other **	1	0	0	1	0
Total	19	0	11	7	1





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AIR AND MARINE VIOLENT INCIDENT

High Profile Incident: On June 9, 2010, a CBP McAllen Air and Marine Helicopter, while on patrol, observed a Chevrolet Suburban (b) (7)(E). Closer scrutiny identified several subjects transferring narcotics from the vehicle to nearby rafts. Suddenly the crew heard a loud pop, and observed a rock projecting from the left Plexiglas door and impacting the windshield. The pilots immediately executed precautionary measures, and landed the aircraft in a safe location. Additional Air and Marine units and Border Patrol Agents responded to secure the area. The Palm View Police Department took custody of the vehicle, which had been reported as stolen. No subjects or narcotics were apprehended or seized.





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Foreign Incursions





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FOREIGN INCURSIONS

A Foreign Government Incursion is an unauthorized crossing of the international border by individuals who are, or appear to be, foreign government personnel, whether intentional or unintentional. The majority of Foreign Government Land Incursions are perpetrated by Mexican Law Enforcement Officers.

- Foreign Government Land Incursions
 - 52 Total Reported Land Incursions
- Foreign Government Air Incursions
 - 45 Total Reported Air Incursions
- Unidentified Incursions
 - 45 Air Incursions into the US Not Positively Identified
 - ✓ 6 Southwest Border
 - ✓ 39 Northern Border
 - Unidentified incursions are considered of interest from a law enforcement perspective due to their possible nexus with illicit activity.
- High Profile Incidents
 - None Reported



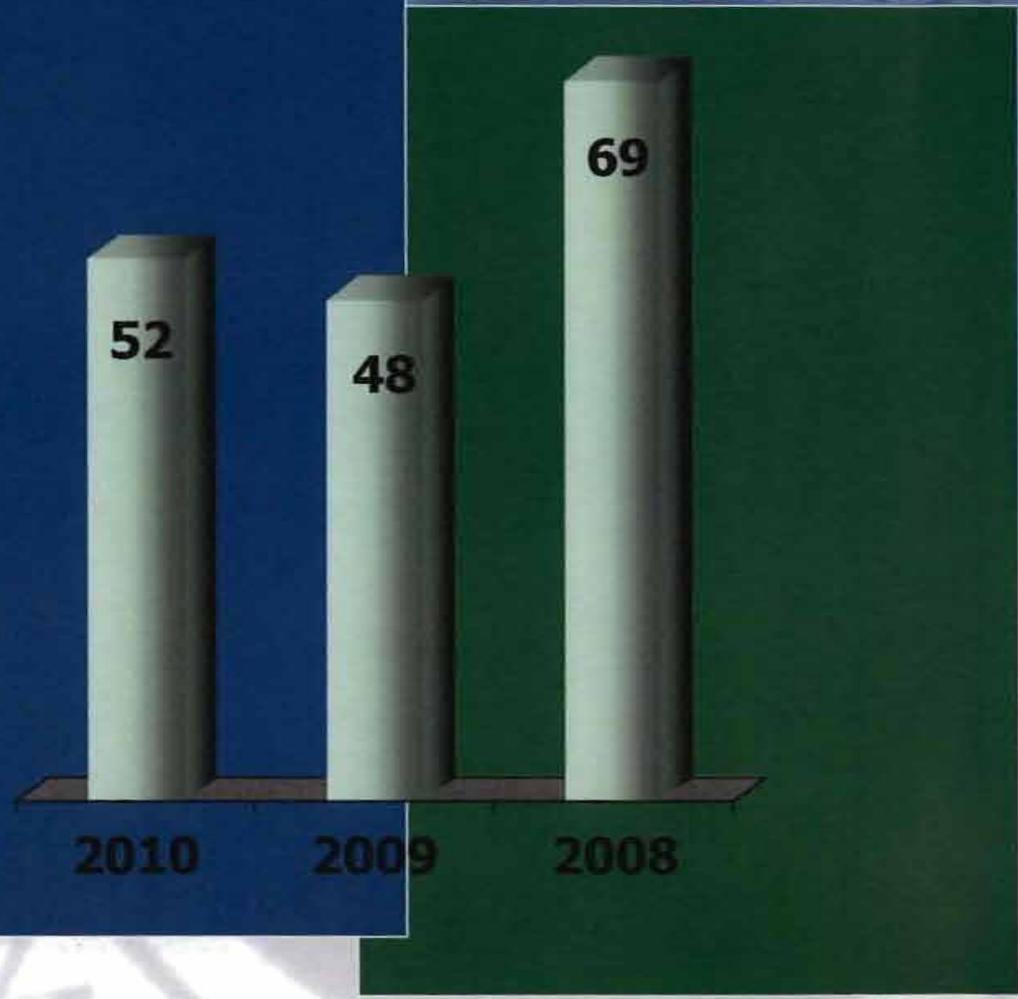
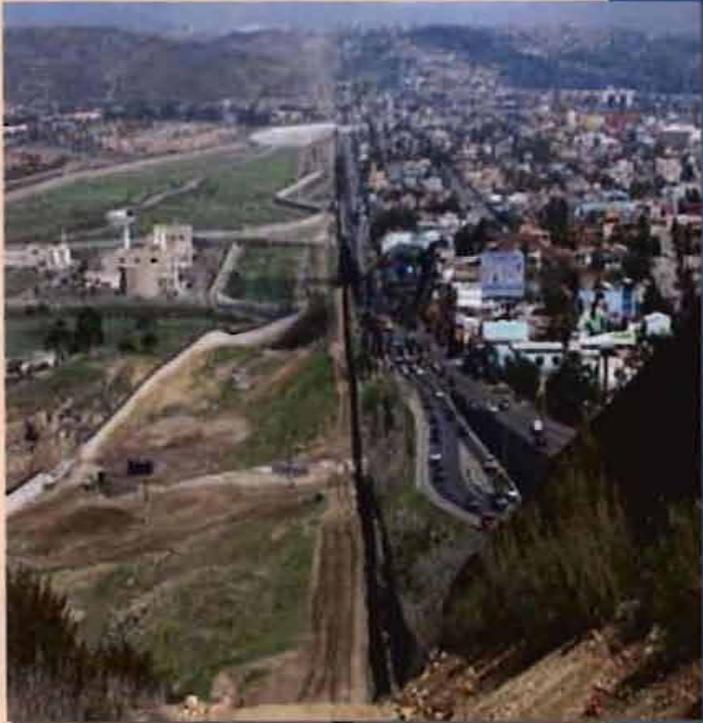


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INCIDENTS OF FOREIGN INCURSIONS – LAND BORDER CROSSINGS

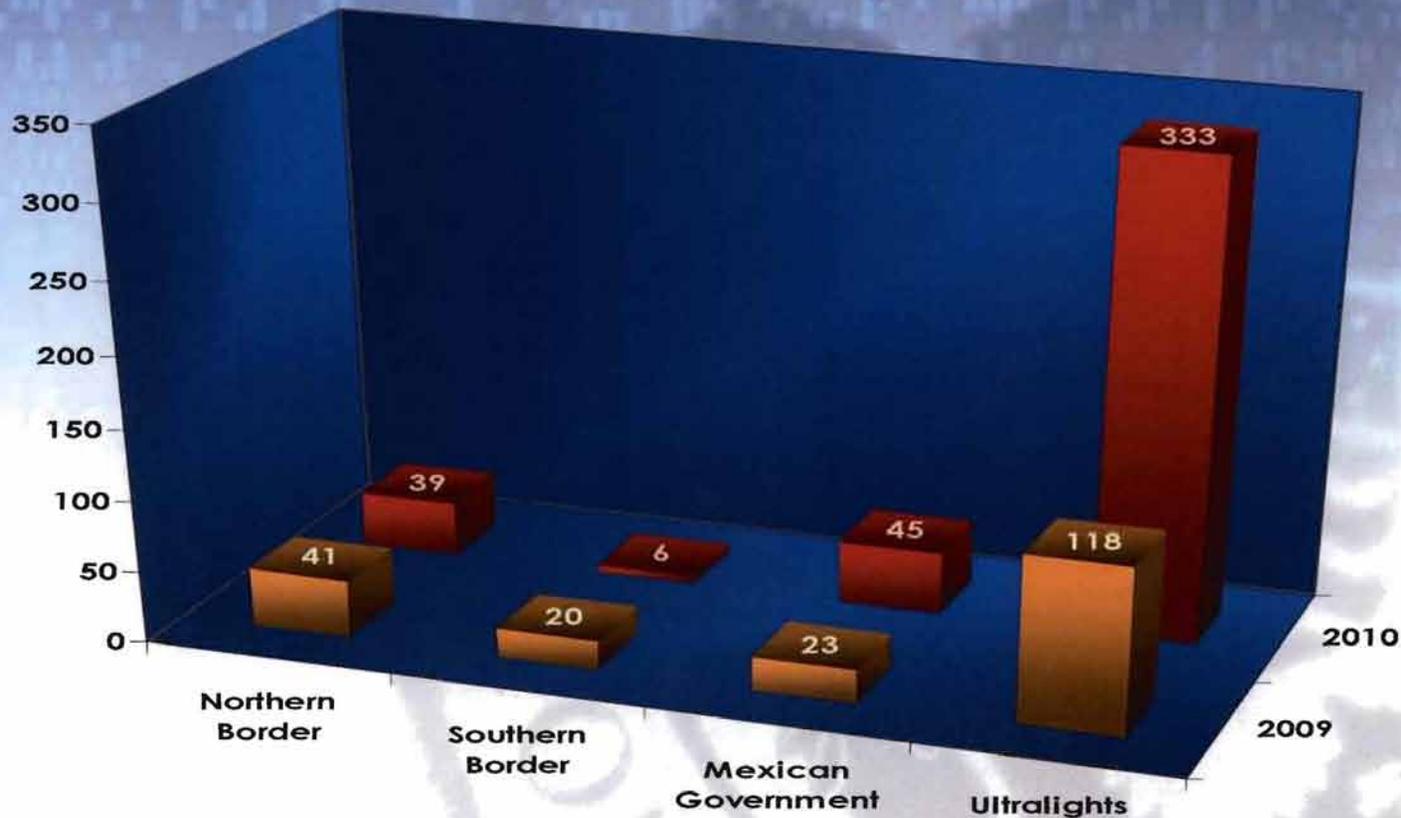




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OAM INCIDENTS OF FOREIGN INCURSIONS





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INCIDENTS OF FOREIGN INCURSIONS BY CBP OPERATIONAL OFFICES

Office of Field Operations	
El Paso Field Office	6
Laredo Field Office	18
Tucson Field Office	6
San Diego Field Office	10
Total FY 2010	40

Office of Air and Marine	
Northern Border	39
Southern Border	6
Mexican Government	45
Ultralights	333
Total FY 2010	423

Office of Border Patrol	
Southwest Region	12
Northern Region	0
Coastal Regions	0
Total FY 2010	12





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