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BorderStat Violence

FY 2009 Year in Review

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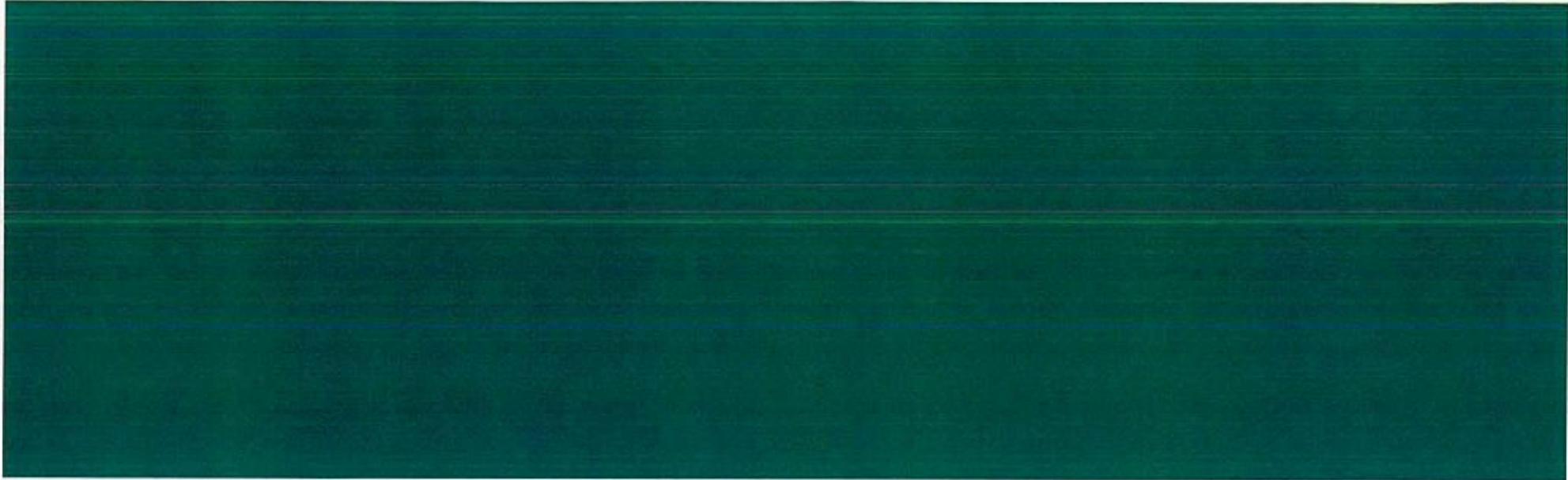
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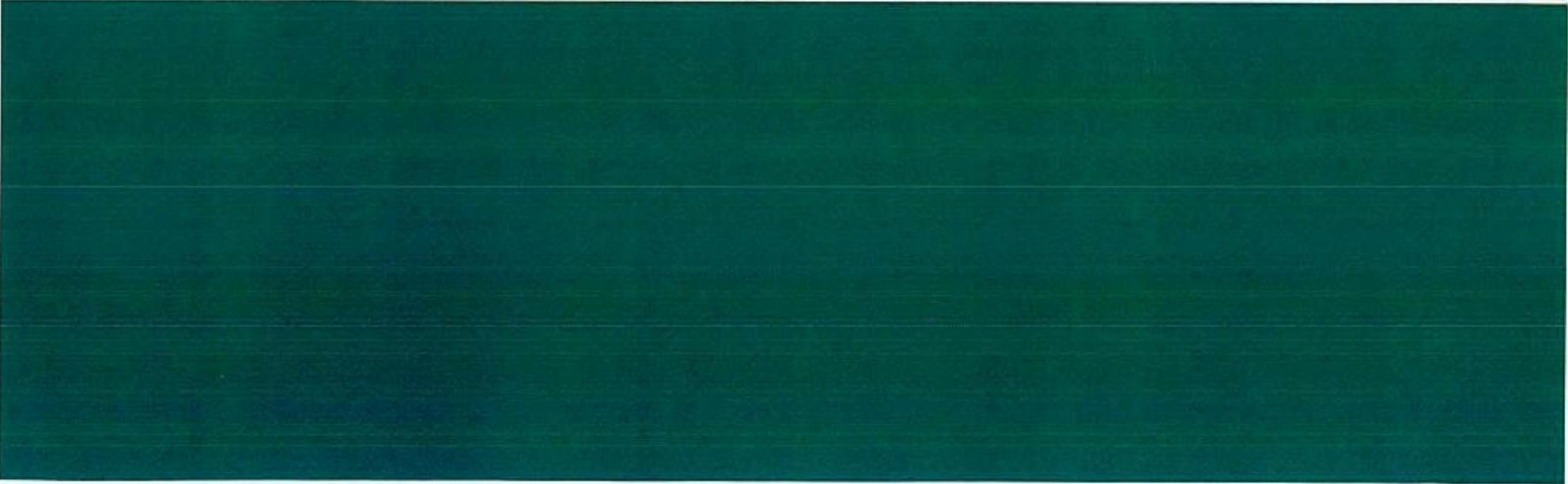


Executive Summary

- There were 1,405 incidents of violence in FY 2009 Year-to-Date (YTD) at and between the ports of entry (PoE) against CBP agents and officers, resulting in a **6 percent increase from FY 2008 YTD (1,325)**.
- **Ninety-nine percent (99%) of all incidents of violence against CBP agents and officers occurred on the Southwest Border.**
 - There were 1,073 incidents of violence in FY 2009 YTD, against Border Patrol agents between the ports of entry, a decrease of 2 percent when compared to FY 2008 YTD reporting (1,097). The Southwest Border accounted for 1,056 incidents, or 99% of all incidents of violence against OBP.
 - There was a **3 percent increase in physical assaults against Border Patrol agents** on the Southwest Border in FY 2009 YTD (151) as compared to FY 2008 YTD (146).
 - Border Patrol agents were required to discharge their weapons while in defense of themselves or others in **49 incidents during FY 2009 YTD**. This represents a 53 percent increase as compared to FY 2008 YTD (32).
 - Vehicle assaults against Border Patrol agents totaled 63 for FY 2009 YTD. This represents an increase for the past three years, as compared to FY 2008 YTD (60) and FY 2007 YTD (56).
 - The Laredo sector sustained **the largest increase in assaults for FY 2009 YTD (168%)** when compared to FY 2008 YTD.
 - **The El Paso sector experienced the largest decrease for FY 2008 (43%)** when compared to FY 2008.
- There were 332 incidents of violence involving CBP officers at the ports of entry in FY 2009, as compared 227 in FY 2008, an increase of 46 percent. The majority of the incidents were not direct assaults against CBP officers. There were 17 CBP officers assaulted in FY 2009.
- There were a total of 48 land incursions at and between the ports of entry for all CBP components in FY 2009 YTD, as compared to 69 incursions in FY 2008 YTD, a decrease of 30 percent. For FY 2009 YTD, the Office of Air and Marine (A&M) recorded 239 air incursions, an increase of 206 percent as compared to FY 2008 YTD (78).



Office of Border Patrol



OBP Incidents of Violence Between the Ports of Entry

- The number of assaults against Border Patrol agents for FY 2009 Year-to-Date (YTD) (1,073) indicates a decrease of 2 percent as compared to FY 2008 YTD (1097). When comparing the data to FY 2007 YTD (987) there was a 9 percent increase.
- Of the 1,073 assaults against Border Patrol agents during the FY 2009 YTD, 99 percent occurred on the Southwest Border (1,056).

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- In FY 2009 YTD, the Laredo sector saw a 168 percent increase in assaults (118), when compared to FY 2008 YTD (44).
- The El Paso sector experienced the largest decline for the year, a 43 percent decrease in violence for FY 2009 YTD (50) when compared to FY 2008 YTD (88).



Assaults Against Border Patrol Agents



- OBP assaults were as follows:
 - Rockings (71%)
 - Physical assaults (14%)
 - Vehicle assaults (6%)
 - Weapon assaults (suspect shootings) (4%)
 - Other (5%)



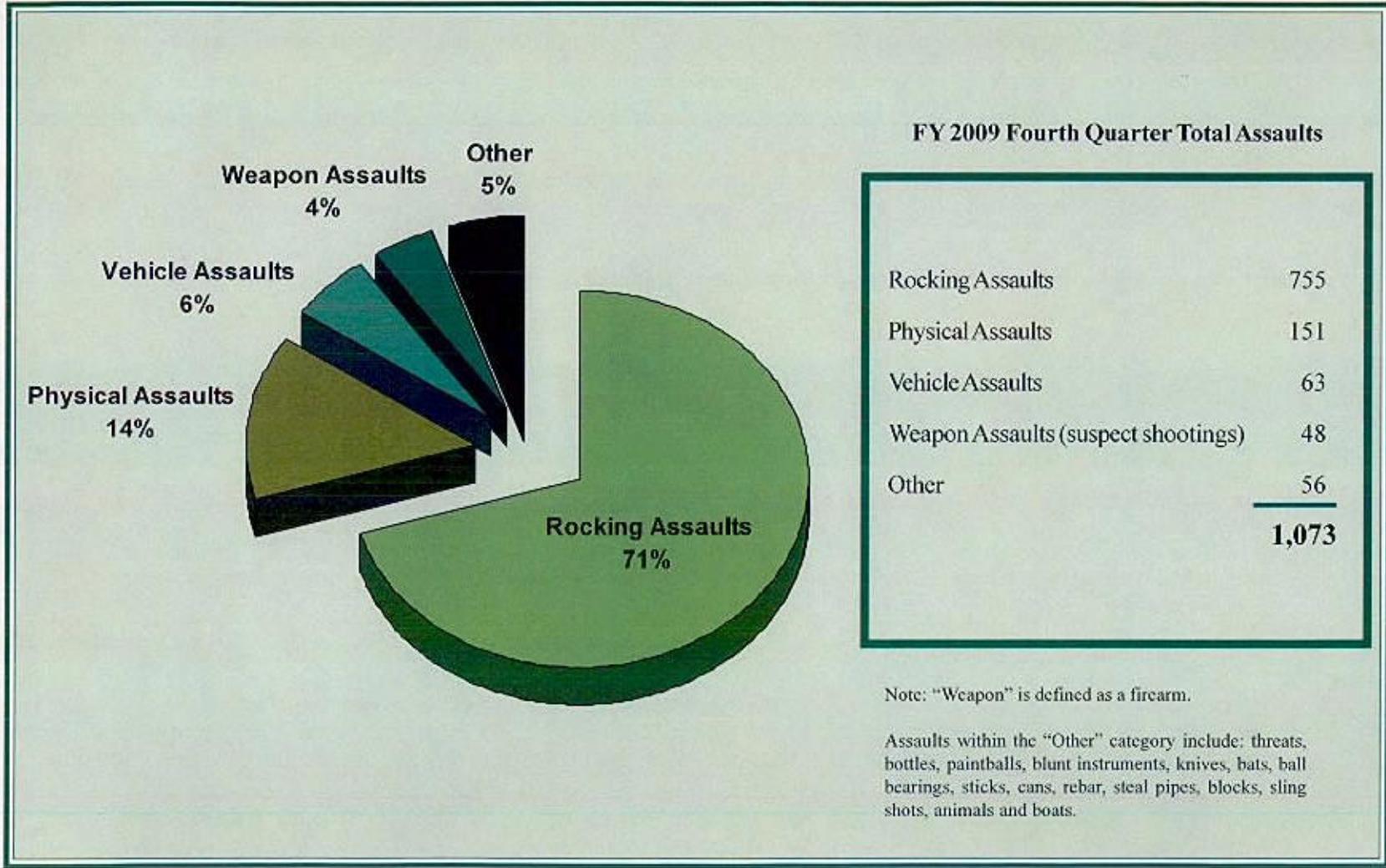
Agent Involved Shootings
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Totals:	49
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Agents had to defend themselves or others by discharging their firearm on 49 separate occasions for FY 2009 Year-to-Date, this is a 53 percent increase as compared to FY 2008 YTD (32).



OBP Assaults by Category



Agent Line of Duty Death



Fallen Agent **Robert Rosas**

On Thursday, July 23rd, 2009, Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas was shot and killed while on duty near Campo, California, after responding to suspicious activity in an area notorious for alien and drug smuggling.

Reports indicate that Agent Rosas exited his vehicle in the vicinity of Shockey Truck Trail to track a group of individuals. Border Patrol Agents patrolling nearby heard gun shots in the vicinity and tried to contact Agent Rosas. After he failed to respond, they rushed to locate him. They found Agent Rosas' body near his service vehicle, shot several times.

An excerpt from Chief Aguilar's remarks to those assembled to honor the life and service of Border Patrol Agent Robert W. Rosas

"On that tragic evening, Robert did what he and so many of his partners and peers have done so many times before: confront a situation where uncertainty and doubt abound and are generally the foundation to all situations that they take on. But there was no hesitation, no indecision, or ambiguity in Robert's actions. On that tragic night, Robert acted on his life's decision to challenge evil."

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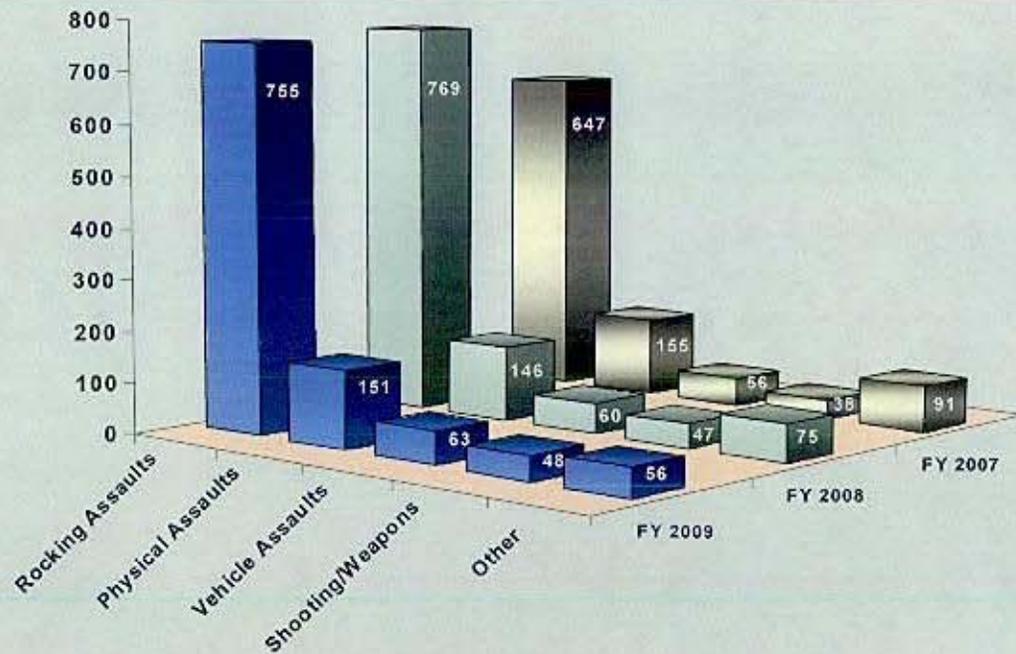
Assaults on Border Patrol Agents

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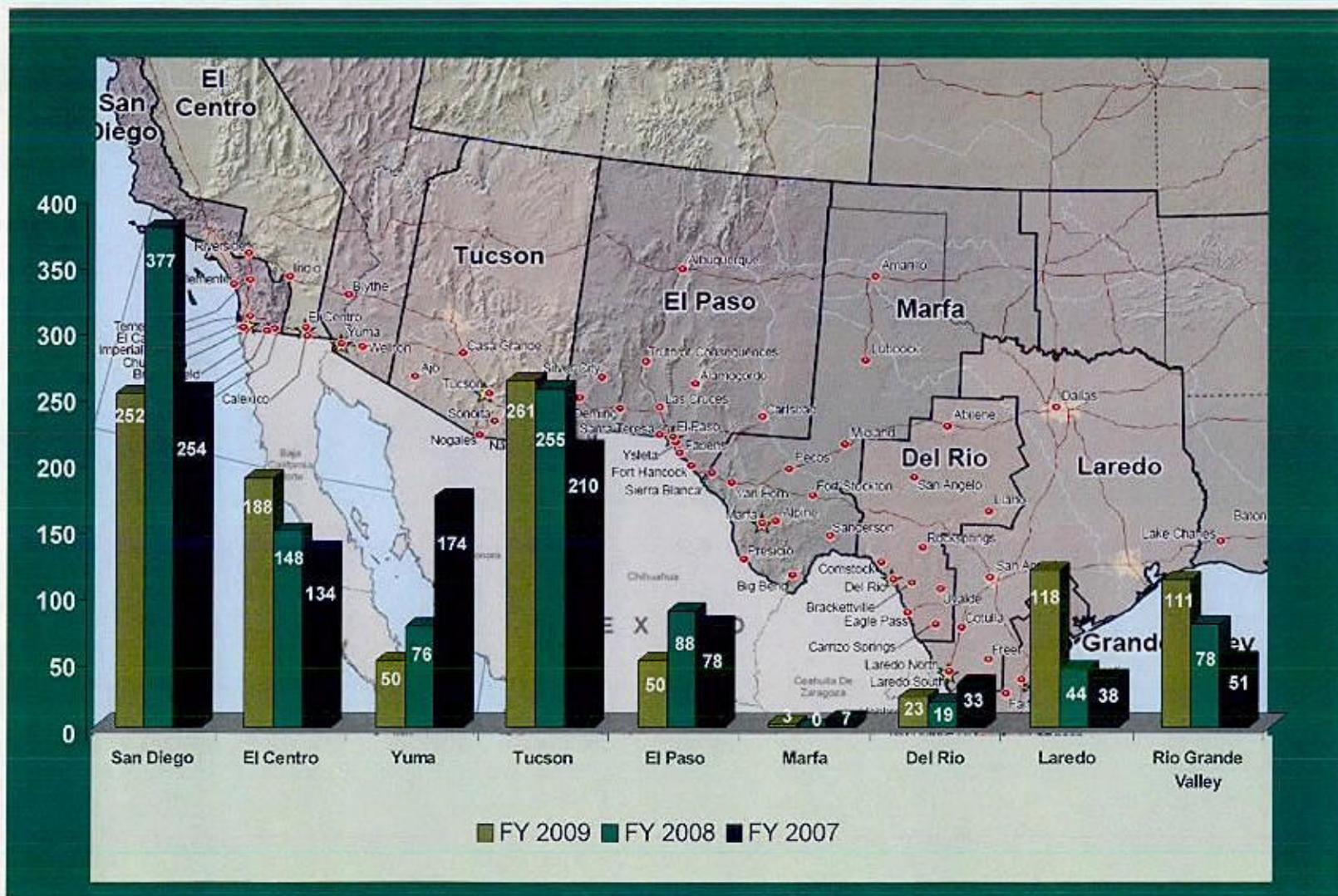


Assaults on Border Patrol Agents – Comparative Analysis

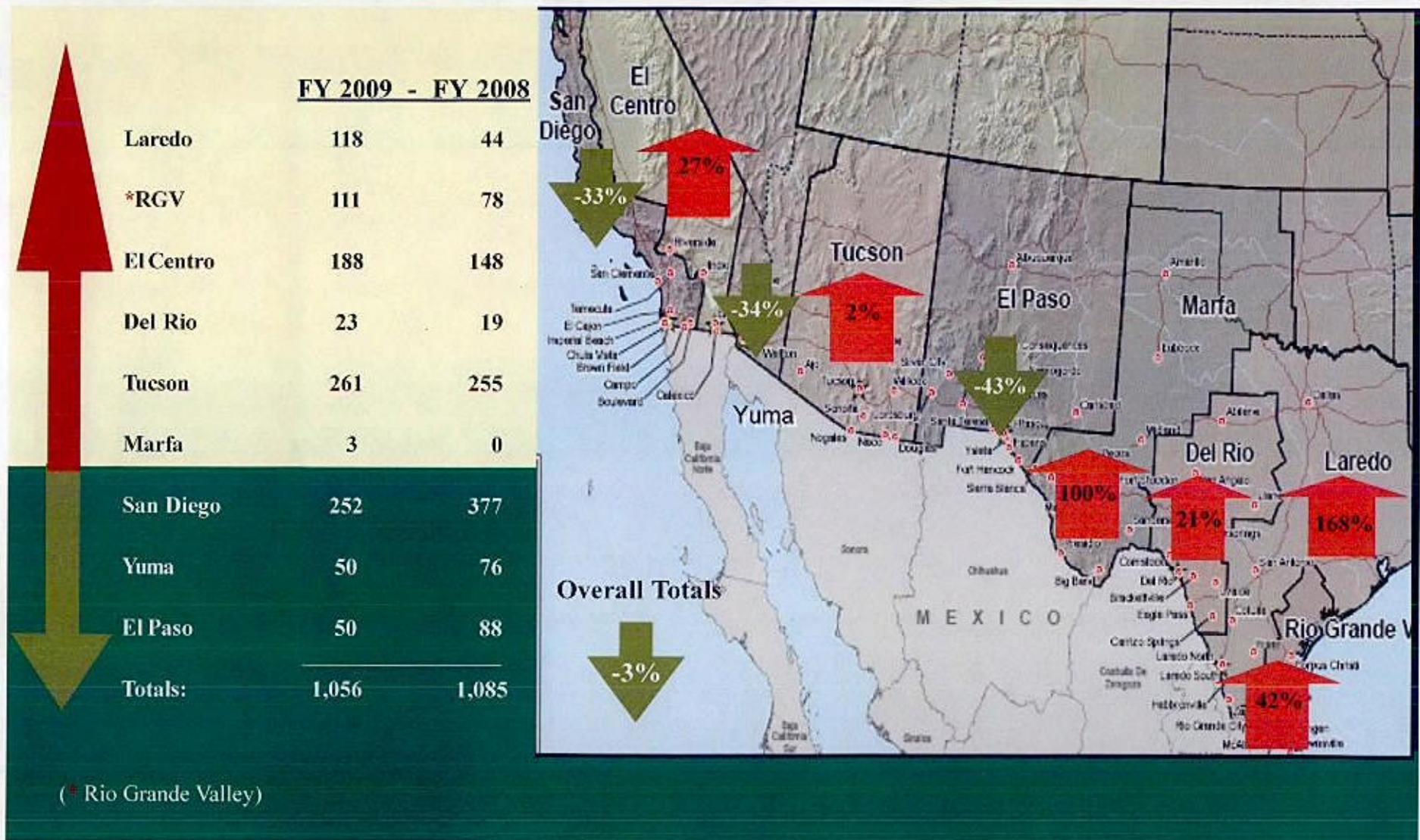
Three Year Comparison	FY 2009	Up / Down	% Change	FY 2008	Up / Down	% Change	FY 2007
Rocking Assaults	755	-14	-2%	769	108	17%	647
Physical Assaults	151	5	3%	146	-4	-3%	155
Vehicle Assaults	63	3	5%	60	7	13%	56
Shooting/Weapons	48	1	2%	47	10	26%	38
Other	56	-19	-25%	75	-35	-38%	91
Total Assaults	1073	-24	-2%	1097	86	9%	987



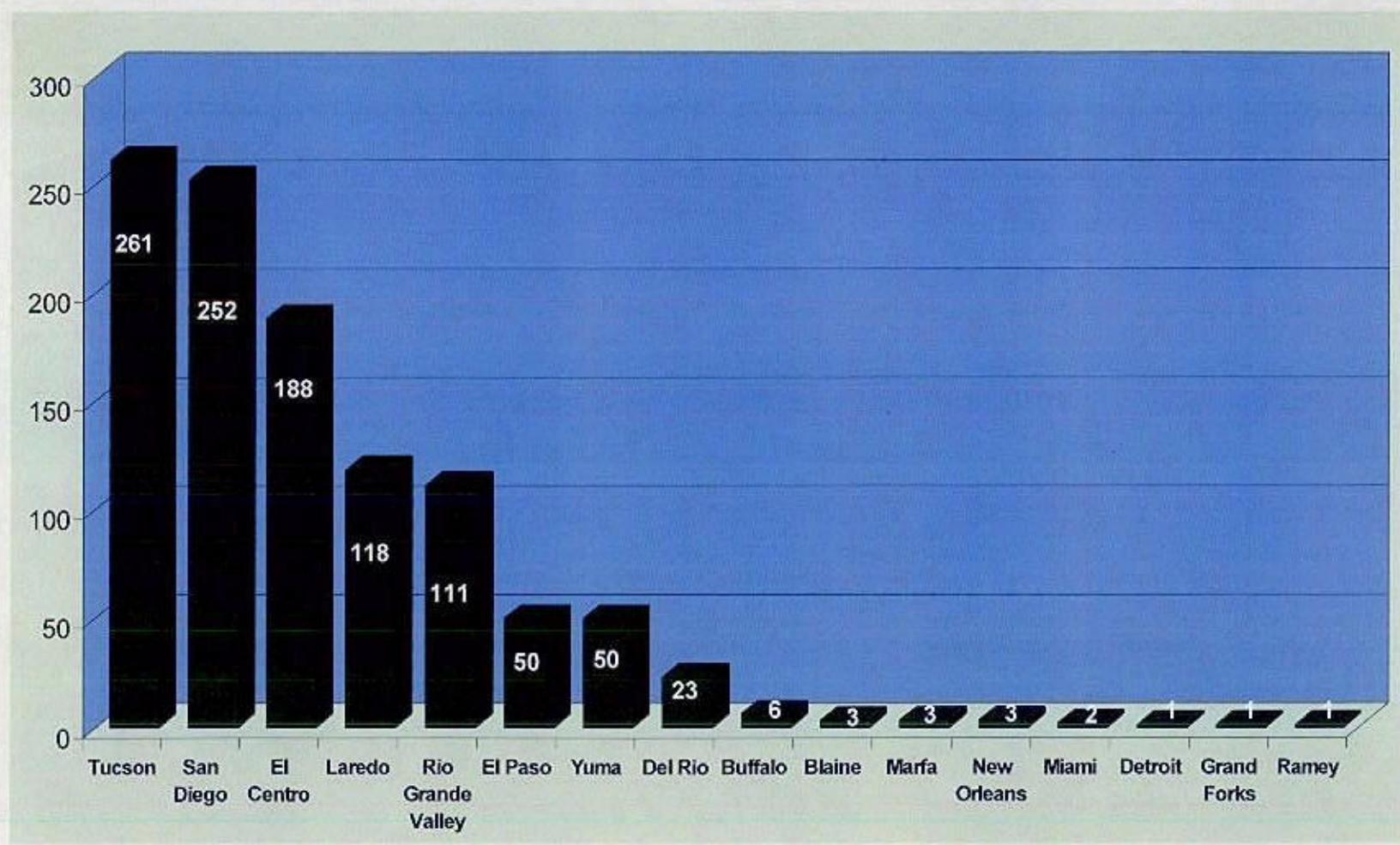
Assaults on BP Agents – Southwest Border Comparative Analysis



Number of Border Patrol Assaults - Southwest Border Sectors



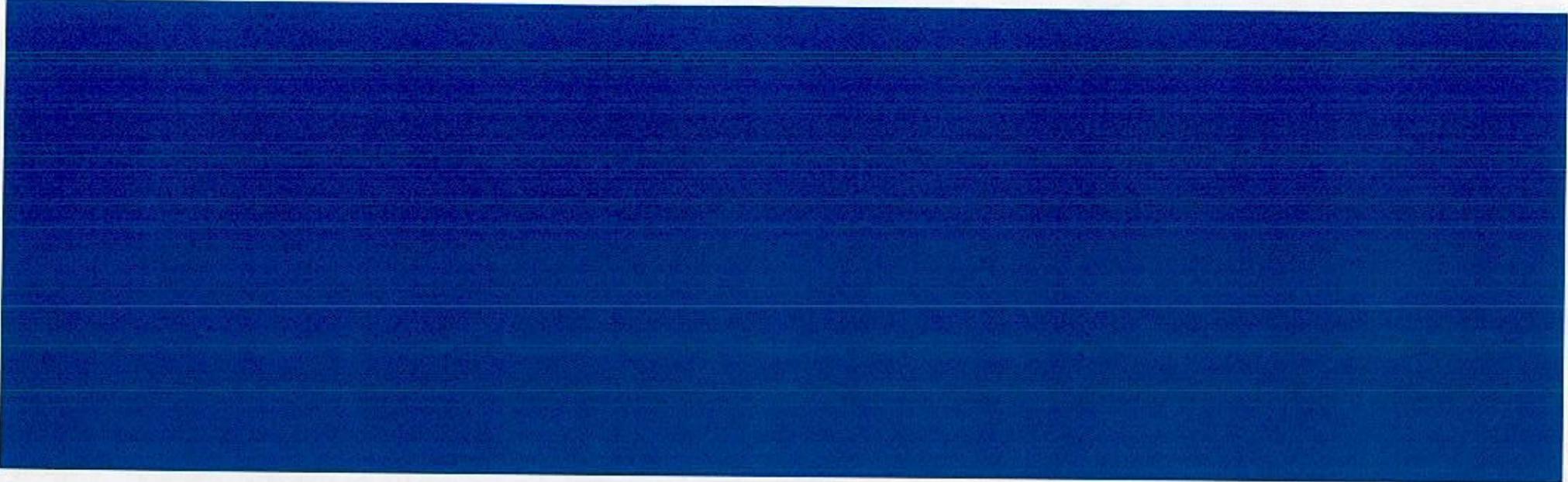
OBP Violence Totals by Sector



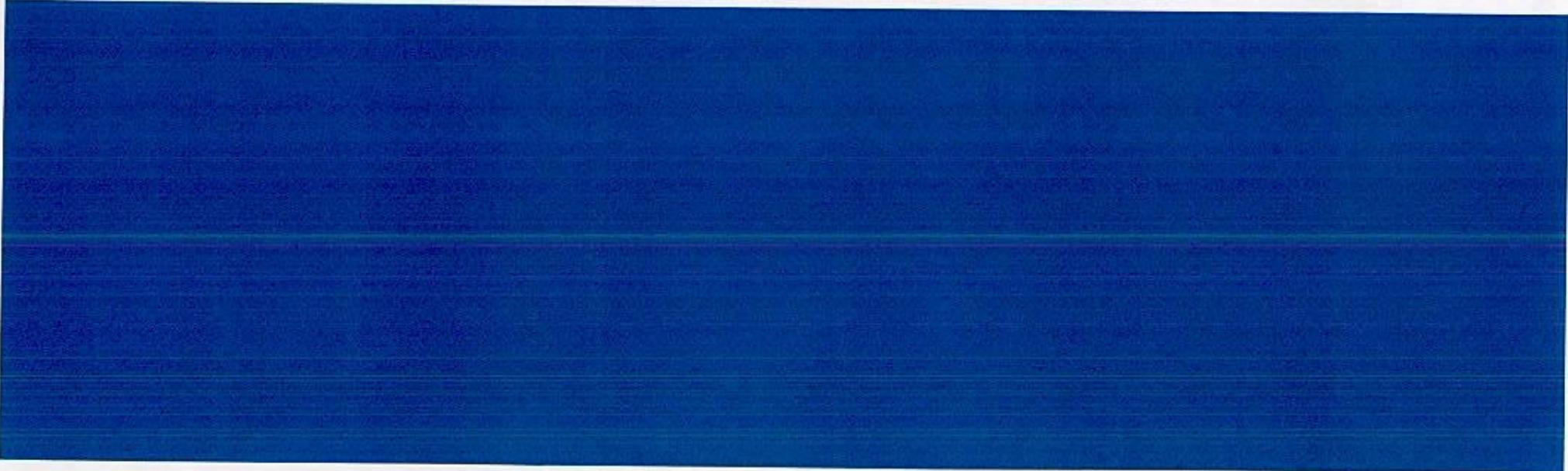
Southwest Border Violence Against Agents

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Office of Field Operations



OFO Assaults & Incidents of Violence Summary

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:
 - The use or intended use of a deadly weapon.
 - A vehicle operated in a manner with capacity to injure or inflict harm.

** 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 U.S. officers, assault on private U.S. or non U.S. citizens (occurring in the U.S. or Mexico), potential cross-border pursuits, significant arrest/seizures, attack or threats against critical U.S. infrastructure and the discovery of deceased persons.

- There were 332 incidents of violence reported by the ports of entry in FY 2009. This represents a 46 percent increase as compared to the FY 2008 (227).
- The number of reported assaults against CBP officers for FY 2009 (17), results in a decrease of 74 percent as compared to FY 2008 (65).
- A total of 332 incidents were reported by the field offices. All events for FY 2009, 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 the Office of Field Operations.
- For FY 2009, there were 332 incidents reported by the field offices, 17 were assaults against officers, 201 involved individuals who ran the port utilizing a vehicle, 47 who attempted to run the port on foot, 11 pursuits, three cross-border pursuits, 48 bomb threats and five weapon violations. *(After the first quarter those who attempted to run the port on foot were no longer factored as a direct threat).*

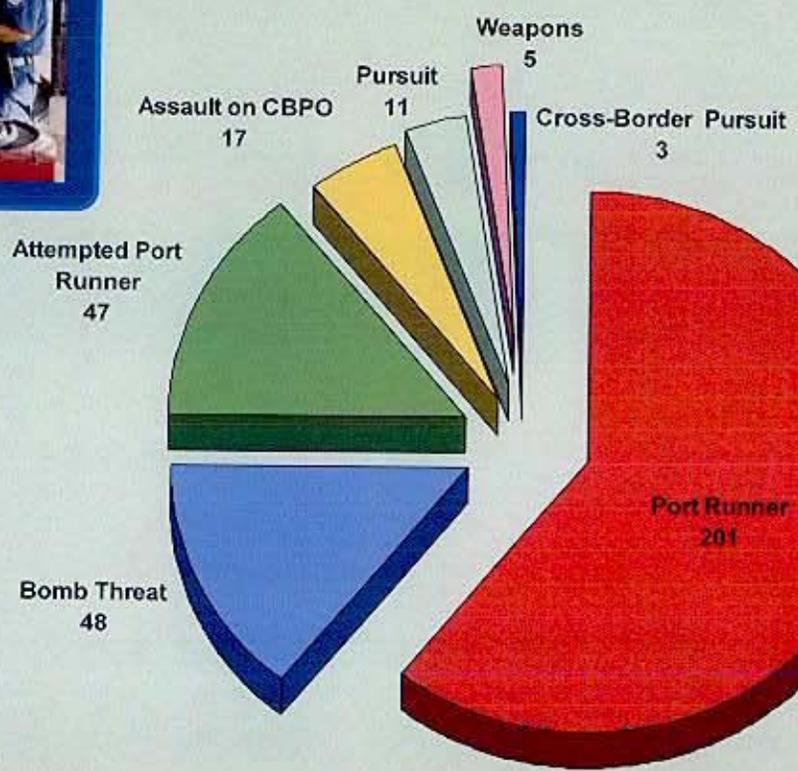


OFO Assaults by Location

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OFO Assault Types Reported by Field Offices



Assault by Type	
Port Runner	201
Bomb Threat	48
Attempted Port Runner	47
Assault on CBPO	17
Pursuit	11
Weapons	5
Cross-Border Pursuit	3
Total:	332

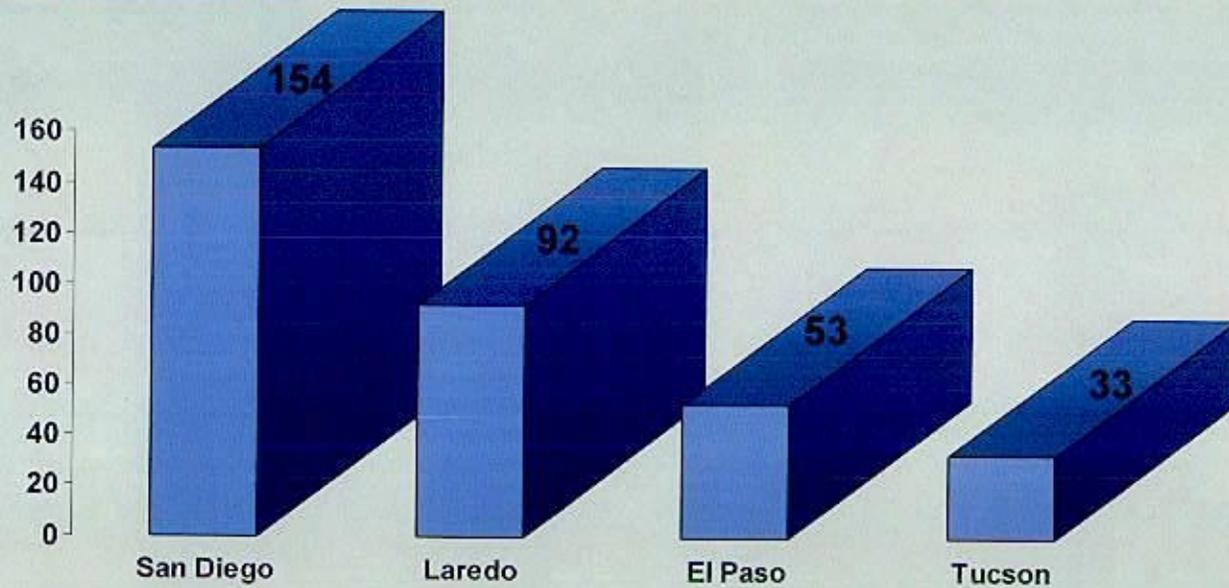
There were an additional 650 incidents reported by the field offices which occurred in and around the PoEs, but were not direct assaults against CBP officers or the PoE.



Reported Violence by Field Office



Violence by Field Office



Assaults on Officers by Ports of Entry



Assault on Officers

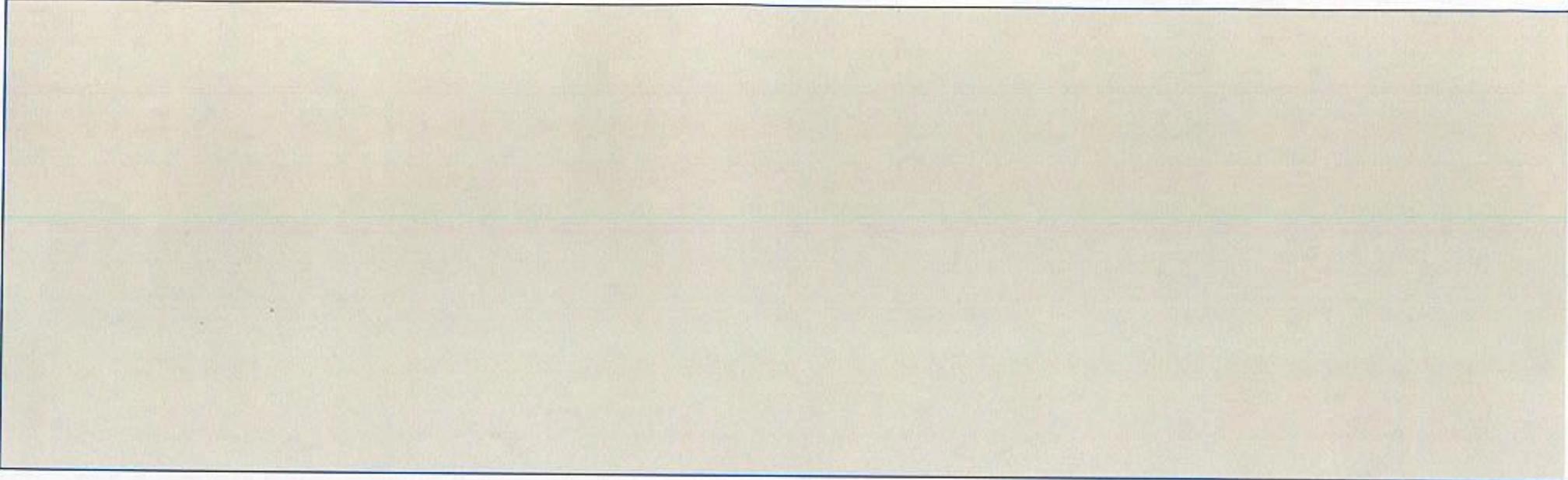


OFO Assaults and Incidents by Ports of Entry

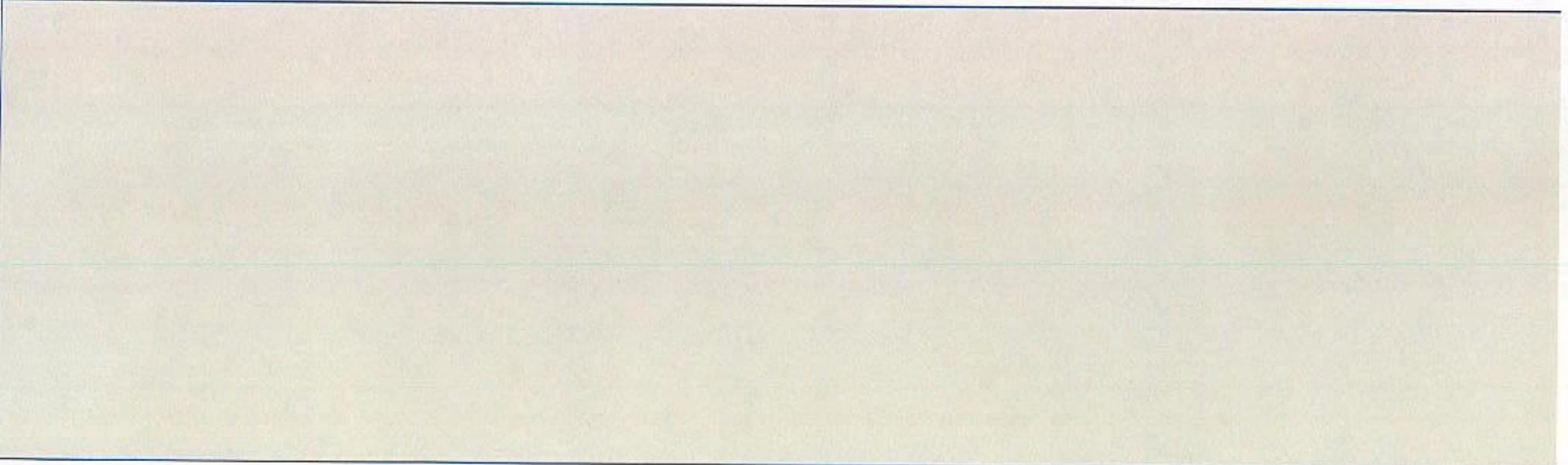


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CBP Air and Marine

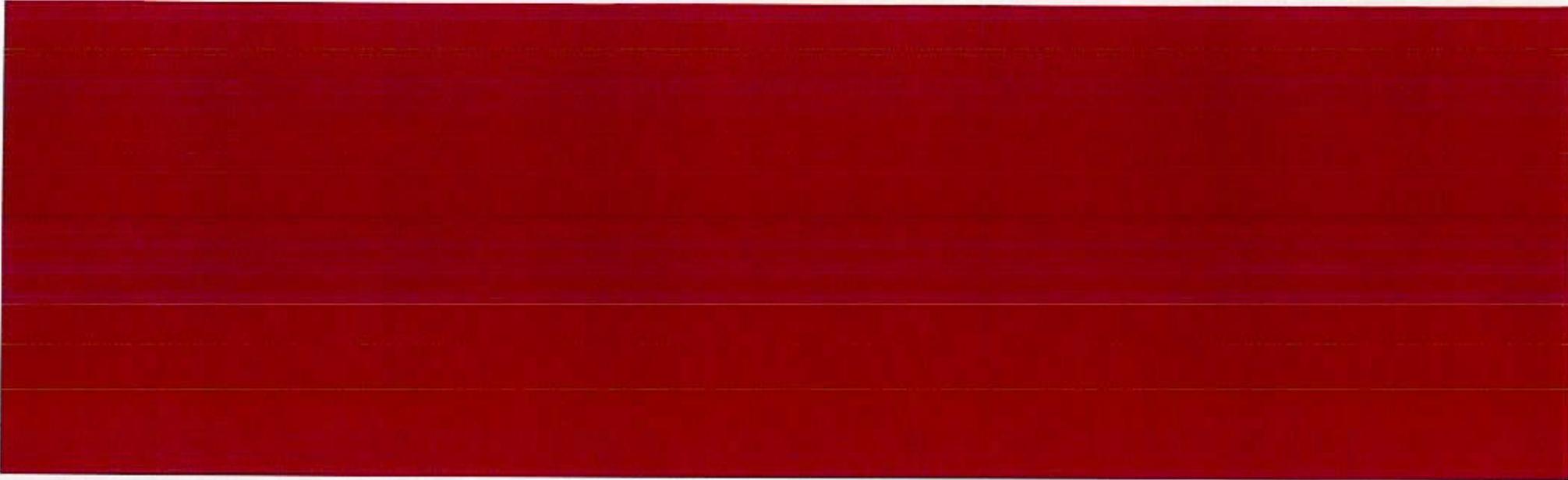


Incidents of Violence Against CBP Air and Marine

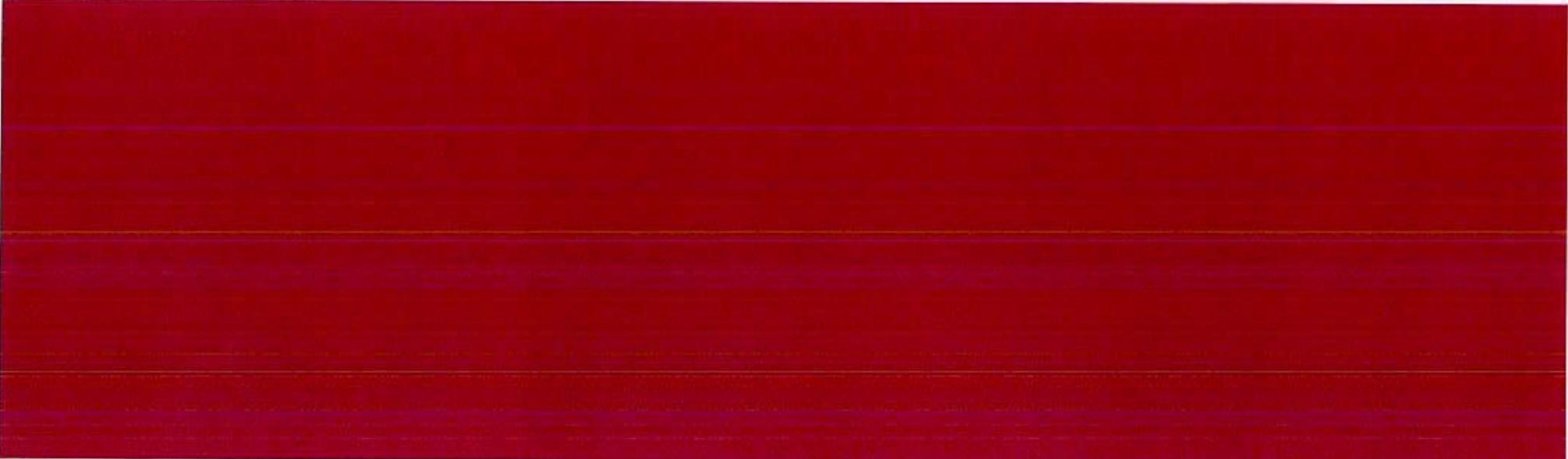


No incidents of violence were reported by CBP Air and Marine for FY 2009.





Foreign Incursions



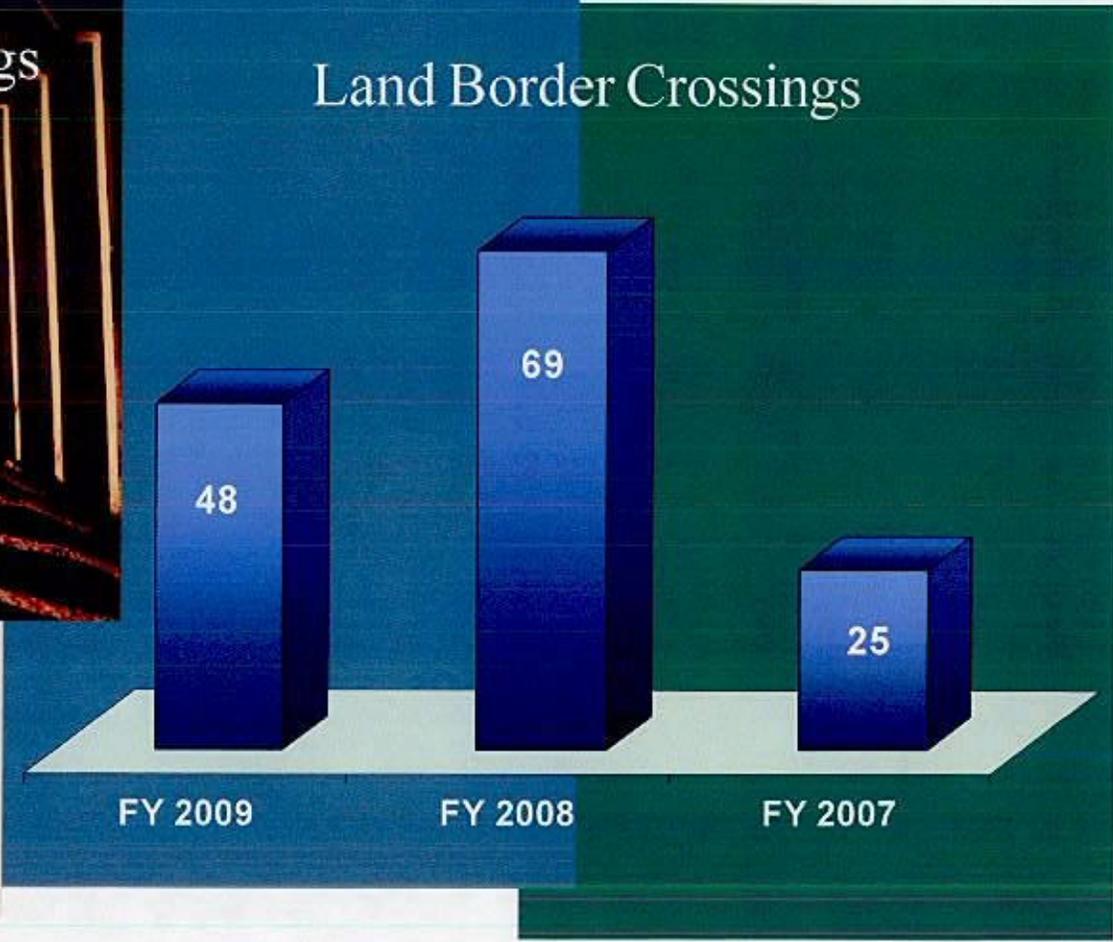
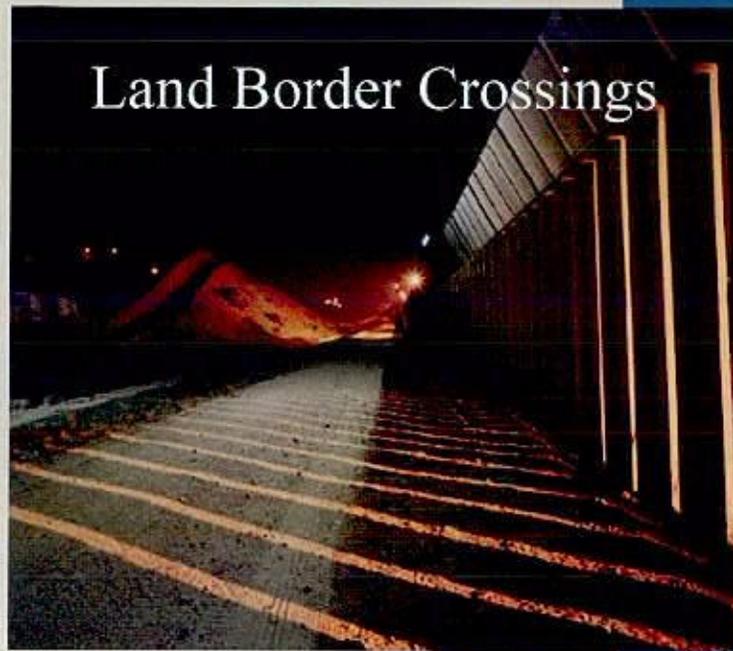
Incidents of Foreign Incursions Across CBP

A "Foreign Government Incursion" is an unauthorized crossing (intentional or unintentional) of the international border by individuals who are, or appear to be, foreign government personnel. The majority of foreign government land incursions are perpetrated by Mexican law enforcement officers.

- **Foreign Incursions:** There were a total of 287 incursions reported in FY 2009, for both land and air, in comparison to 147 for FY 2008, resulting in an overall increase of 95 percent. The identification of ultra light aircraft (49) and planes that land short or fade (75) make up the largest portion of the increase for FY 2009.
- **Foreign Government Incursions:** There were a total of 48 reported land border incursions for FY 2009 in comparison to 69 for FY 2008, resulting in a decrease of 30 percent. All land border incursions occurred on the Southwest Border, with 32 reported by the Office of Border Patrol and 16 reported by the Office of Field Operations.
- **Air Incursions:** There were a total of 239 air incursions in FY 2009 as compared to 78 in FY 2008. Of the 239 air incursions 212 occurred on the Southern Border and 27 occurred on the Northern Border. (b)(2) & (b)(7)(E)
- **High Profile Incident:** None reported.



Incidents of Foreign Incursions - Land Border Crossings



Incidents of Foreign Incursions by CBP Operational Office

CBP Air and Marine

U.S. Customs Air and Marine

Border Crossers / Aircraft

Foreign Military or LEO Aircraft	12
Suspect Aircraft	44
TOTAL	56

Short Landing/Fades

Foreign Military or LEO Aircraft	0
Suspect Aircraft Southern Border	6
Suspect Aircraft Northern Border	14
Ultra Light Aircraft Southern Border	49
TOTAL	69

Border Crossers /Aircraft

Mexican Government	10
Southwest Border	16
Northern Border	13
Short Landing/Fades SWB	75
TOTAL	114

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OFO Mexican Government Incursions

El Paso	8
Laredo	5
San Diego	3
Totals:	16

OBP

OBP Mexican Government Incursions

Tucson	3
Marfa	0
Laredo	0
Yuma	9
San Diego	3
El Paso	9
El Centro	6
Del Rio	0
Rio Grand Valley	2
Totals:	32



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