

Operation Jump Start Fact Sheet



Fast Facts

- ✓ Direct mission support is complete. A handful of troops will remain on the border through Sept. to complete internal closing requirements.
- ✓ More than 29,000 troops from all 54 states and territories have supported Operation Jump Start since the mission began in 2006
- ✓ Projected mission cost is \$1.2B. \$211M spent in FY 06, \$687M spent in FY 07. \$304M budgeted for FY 08.
- ✓ The “Badges Back to the Border” goal was achieved in January when 581 Border Patrol agents returned to law enforcement duties
- ✓ 176,000+ assisted alien apprehensions
- ✓ 1,116 assisted vehicle seizures
- ✓ Assisted with seizure of 321,000+ pounds of marijuana and cocaine worth nearly \$900,000,000
- ✓ 101 illegal alien rescue assists
- ✓ More than 28,000 hours of flight time logged for aviation assistance missions
- ✓ Improvements in Tactical Infrastructure Include:
 - 31+ Miles of Fencing
 - 13+ Miles of Road
 - 86+ Miles of Vehicle Border Barriers
 - 1153 Miles of Road Repaired

These figures are current as of 28 July 2008. Updates are available daily. Please contact 1LT Amanda Straub, NGB Public Affairs, for the most recent figures.

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Why Operation Jump Start?

Operation Jump Start increased security and vigilance along our nation’s southern border by applying the right mix of personnel, technology and infrastructure to border security efforts.

Background:

The partnership between the National Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection pre-dates Operation Jump Start. The National Guard has provided support to CBP through engineering and counter-drug missions for more than 20 years.

Operation Jump Start is a large-scale, short-term, national security effort to strengthen border security and assist CBP with non-law enforcement duties while they hire and train additional border patrol agents. 6,000 additional agents are scheduled to be hired by the end of calendar year 2008.

The end of Operation Jump Start is not an end to the partnership between the National Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. We will continue to work together to keep our country secure, free and prosperous.

What is the specific role of the National Guard as it pertains to Operation Jump Start?

National Guard units are assisting the Border Patrol by executing missions such as logistical and administrative support, operating detection systems, providing mobile communications, augmenting border-related intelligence analysis efforts, building and installing border security infrastructure, and providing aviation assets, transportation and training. National Guard units are *not* involved in any direct law enforcement activities.

How long will the Operation last?

Operation Jump Start is a two-year program. The National Guard’s initial commitment called for up to 6,000 troops during the first year. During the second year troop strength decreased incrementally from approx. 6,000 to 3,000 troops as new Border Patrol agents were trained, new infrastructure was built, and advanced technologies were implemented in border security. Operation Jump Start is scheduled to end July 15, 2008.