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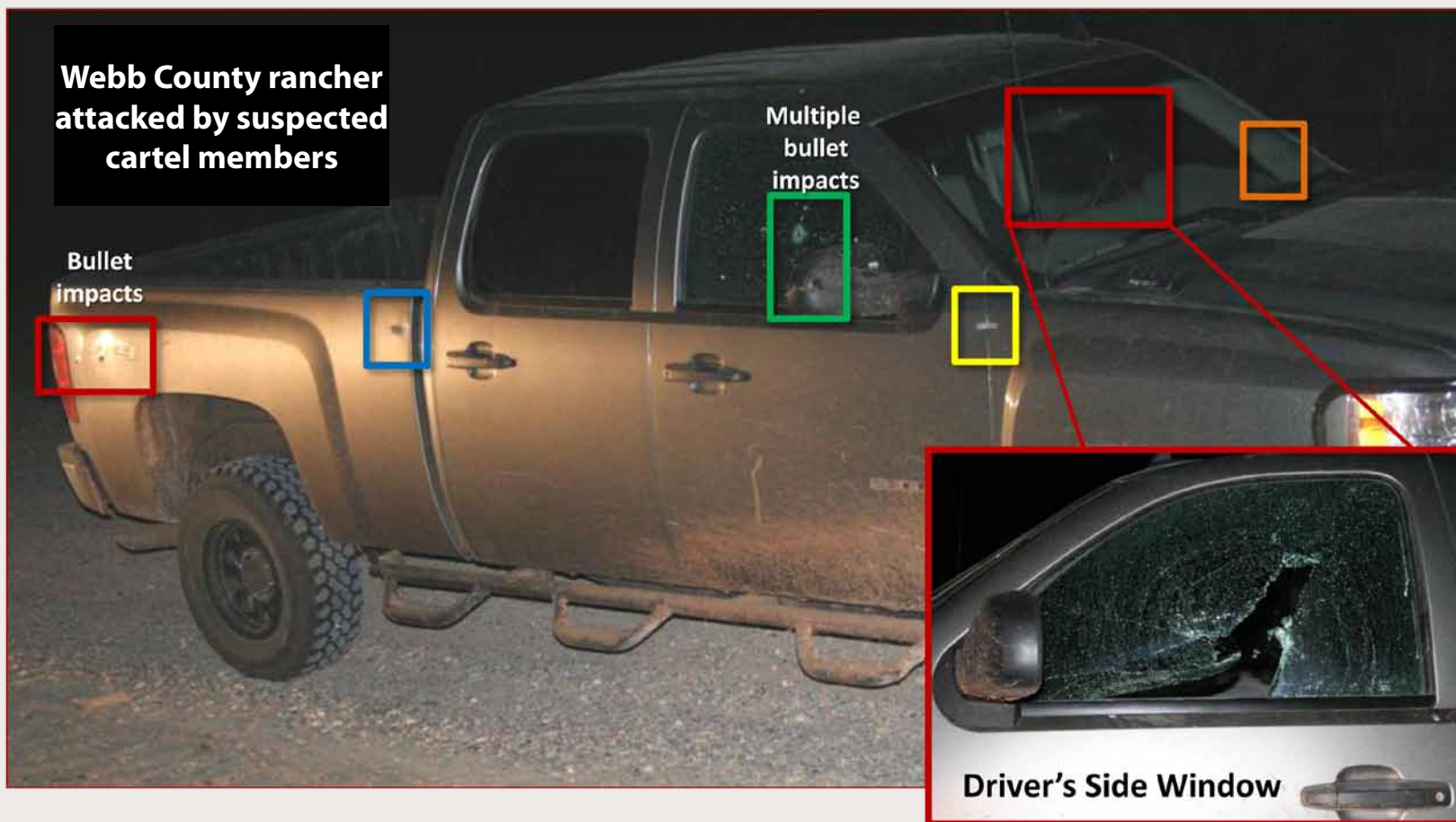
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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

“Maybe they’ll need a **moat**, maybe they’ll want **alligators** in the moat.”

– President Barack Obama, discussing border security in El Paso, TX May 10, 2011



“Will Washington do something? We've tried for years... The borders are **not secure, we're porous.**”

– Linda Vickers, South Texas Rancher



THE HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY...

“The border is **better** now than it **ever** has been.”

– Secretary Janet Napolitano, speaking in El Paso, TX March 24, 2011

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS...

“I’ve **never** seen the border as **secure** as it is now.”

– Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, John Morton, C-SPAN, March 14, 2011





THE CBP DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS...

"Violent crime in border communities has remained flat or fallen in the past decade, **according to** the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) **Uniform Crime Report**, and some of the safest communities in America are at the border."

- Gene Garza, CBP Director of Field Operations, Written Testimony to House Homeland Security Subcommittee, May 1, 2012



FBI WARNING ON UCR DATA

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The screenshot shows the FBI's website for Uniform Crime Reports. At the top left is the FBI logo with the text 'THE FBI FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'. To the right is the Department of Justice seal. Navigation links include 'CONTACT US', 'ABOUT US', 'MOST WANTED', 'NEWS', 'STATS & SERVICES', 'SCAMS & SAFETY', 'JOBS', and 'FUN & GAMES'. A search bar and 'A-Z INDEX' and 'SITE MAP' are also present. The main heading is 'Uniform Crime Reports'. Below it is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home • About Us • CJIS • UCR • Word About UCR Data'. The main section is titled 'A Word About UCR Data' and contains a paragraph of text. To the right, under 'Latest Releases', there are two items: 'Crime Stats 2011' and 'Hate Crimes 2010', each with a thumbnail image of the report cover and a 'Details' link.

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A Word About UCR Data

It is important for users of UCR data to remember that the FBI's primary objective is to generate a reliable set of crime statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. The FBI does not provide a ranking of agencies but merely alphabetical tabulations of states, metropolitan statistical areas, cities, metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties, colleges and universities, and state, tribal, and other agencies. Law enforcement officials use this information for their designed purposes. Additionally, the American public relies on these data sets for information on the fluctuations in the level of crime from year to year, and criminologists, sociologists, legislators, city planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use them for a variety of research and planning purposes. Since crime is a sociological phenomenon influenced by a variety of factors, the FBI discourages ranking the agencies and using the data as a measurement of law enforcement effectiveness.

Latest Releases

Crime Stats 2011
Our preliminary report for 2011 shows a continuing drop in the rates of violent crime and property crime.
[Details](#)

Hate Crimes 2010
The latest report reveals that the number of hate crimes reported in

“the FBI discourages ranking the agencies and using the data as a measurement of law enforcement effectiveness.”

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“...These rankings lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create **misleading perceptions** adversely affecting cities and counties, along with their residents.”

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THE PROBLEM WITH UCR DATA

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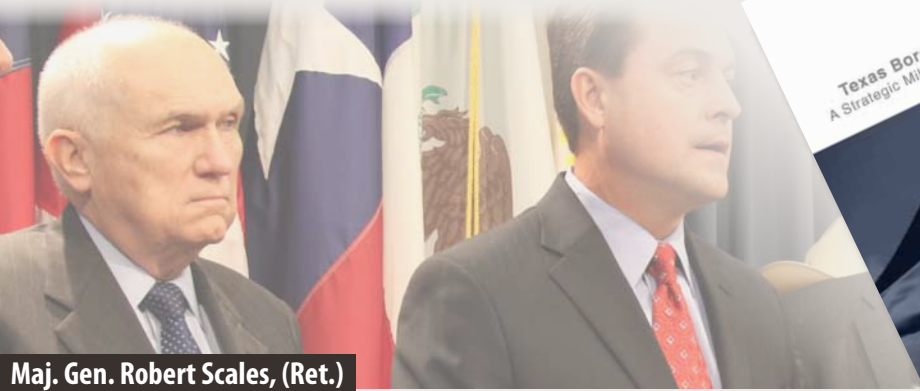
UCR DATA DOES NOT TRACK CARTEL-RELATED CRIMES

- ▶ DRUG TRAFFICKING
- ▶ HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ▶ ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
- ▶ AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
- ▶ EXTORTION
- ▶ KIDNAPPING
- ▶ HOME INVASION

Source: DPS

TEXAS BORDER SECURITY: A STRATEGIC MILITARY ASSESSMENT

- Texas has become critical terrain and operational ground zero in the cartel's effort to expand into the United States.
- Farmers, ranchers and other citizens in border communities are caught in the crossfire of escalating cross-border violence.
- Drug cartels exploit porous borders using all the traditional elements of military force, including command and control, logistics, intelligence, information operations and the application of increasingly deadly firepower.



Gen. Barry McCaffrey, (Ret.)

Cartel profits from drug and human smuggling are estimated as high as **\$39 billion a year.**

These profits have left us

- Outgunned
- Outmanned

Source: DPS



We Salute

Local authorities, State Police and Border Patrol for performing excellent work and putting their lives on the line to protect us each day.

But, we need additional federal resources to protect our citizens and keep our brave men and women of law enforcement out of harm's way



DOCUMENTED CARTEL-RELATED CRIMES IN TEXAS

Source: DPS



25 HOMICIDES

SINCE 2009



58 SHOOTINGS AT LAW ENFORCEMENT

SINCE 2009



120 KIDNAPPINGS

SINCE 2004



337 CARTEL MEMBERS ARRESTED

SINCE 2009



369 CHILDREN TRAFFICKED INTO TEXAS

FROM 2007-2011



480 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING VICTIMS IN TEXAS

SINCE 2011

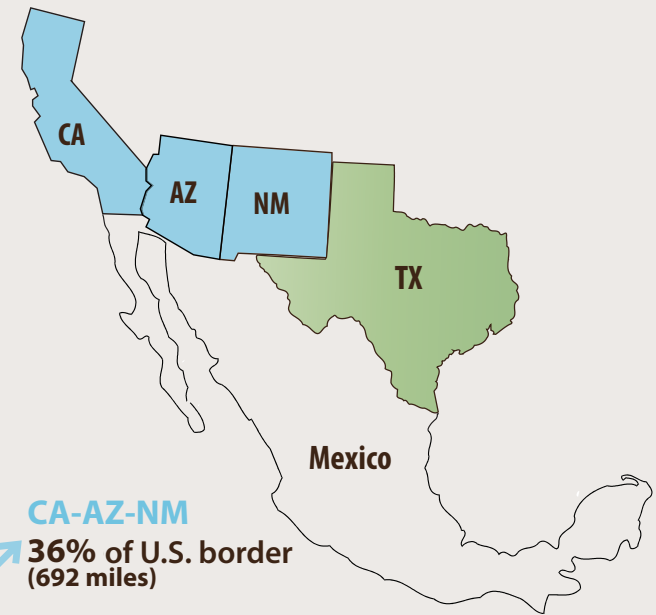
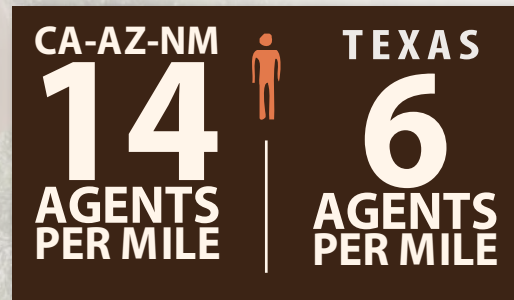


???? UNKNOWN AND UNDOCUMENTED CARTEL-RELATED CRIMES

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MILES OF U.S. BORDER & NUMBER OF BORDER PATROL AGENTS



CA-AZ-NM
➤ 36% of U.S. border
(692 miles)

➤ 56% of Border Patrol agents
(approx. 10,200 agents)

VS.


TX
➤ 64% of U.S. border
(1,241 miles)

➤ 44% of Border Patrol agents
(approx. 8,000 agents)

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Only **44%** of the border
is under some level of
**operational
control**

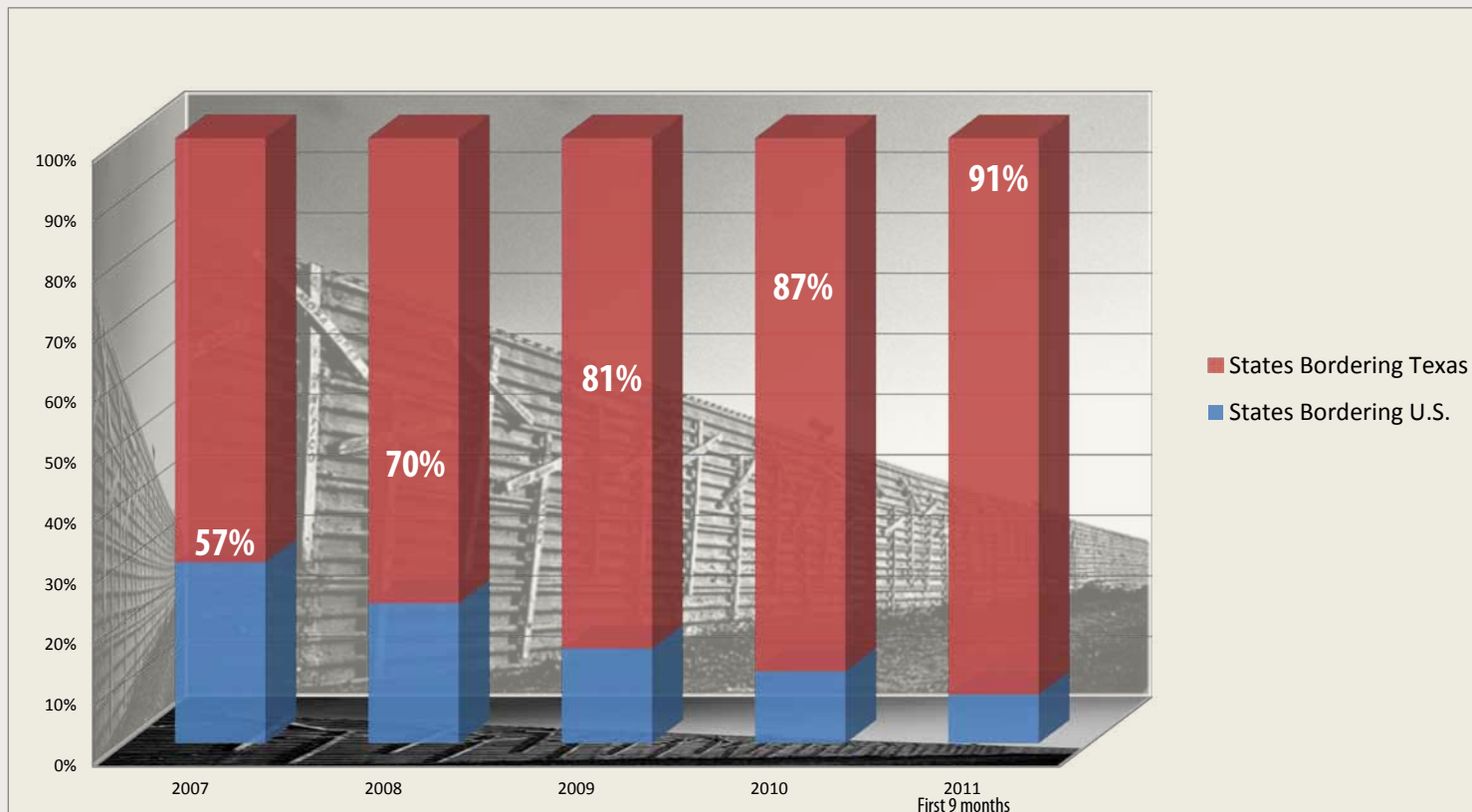
Mexico

Since 2007, almost **50%** of cartel-related homicides in the entire country of Mexico have occurred in the 6 Mexican states that border the U.S.

Source: DPS



Of those homicides, a vast majority have occurred in the Mexican states that border Texas.



GEN. BARRY MCCAFFREY (RET.) REPORT TO U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY JULY 5, 2012

- In 2011, 13,000+ drug-related murders in Mexico, a 20% RISE over 2010.
- Violent deaths in Juarez are down 50% in 2011 – although they still suffer a murder rate which is 1,100% of Mexico's average.
- 94,000 weapons recovered in Mexico in the past 5 years – 64,000 came from U.S.



CORRUPTION *&* COURAGE

- Cartels spend \$100 million per month to bribe police forces.
- Police are frequently involved in kidnapping, extortion and acting directly on behalf of organized crime.
- Cartels control estimated 980 local governments in Mexico.

- Without integrity of the 225,000 uniformed members of the Mexican Armed Forces, there is a reasonable chance that Mexico would have become a failed state.

GENERAL'S MCCAFFREY'S CONCLUSIONS



THE U.S. TENDS TO BE IN **DENIAL** ABOUT THE LEVEL OF THREAT
POSED BY THE MEXICAN TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.

OUR **ANEMIC** ATTENTION AND RESOURCES TO MEXICO IS A FAILURE
OF STRATEGIC VISION TO SEE WHERE OUR VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS
ARE **THREATENED**.

81 JOURNALISTS KILLED IN MEXICO SINCE 2000.



TEXANS FILLING THE GAP

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6
MONTHS

250
CAMERAS

2,000+
APPREHENSIONS

5 TONS
NARCOTICS SEIZED



TEXANS FILLING THE GAP

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A photograph of a white Texas Department of Agriculture (DPS) patrol vehicle. Two officers in tactical gear are sitting on the back of the vehicle. The vehicle has "TEXAS DPS" written on its side. A wooden cutout of the state of Texas with a white star is placed in the foreground.

\$462,019,207
fulfilling U.S. constitutional duties.

TEXAS TRAFFIC

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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



"To find **dead people** and lots of them is really something else. It's been well over 45 in the past 10 years that we've found dead."



"My oldest child is so afraid of a bad guy getting back in the house that **she has nightmares**. I mean, this is a **small child that shouldn't have to be put in this situation.**"

ProtectYourTexasBorder.com

"Texas Traffic" Series

- Recently launched
- Debut a new interview each week for 16 weeks
- Real stories from those living along the Texas/Mexico border



IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

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AGRICULTURE

IS A **\$100** BILLION/YR.
SECTOR OF THE TEXAS ECONOMY

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EACH TIME A
FARMER OR RANCHER
IS THREATENED,
OUR NATION'S
FOOD SUPPLY
IS IMPACTED.



The **15 counties** along the Texas border with Mexico include nearly **8,200 farms** and ranches covering more than **15 million acres**.

Farms and ranches in Texas border counties generate over **\$700 million** in agricultural sales annually.



Annual volume of commodities produced in Texas border counties:

- 1 billion lbs. of grain sorghum
- 439 million lbs. of grapefruit
- 27 million lbs. of cotton
- 332,000 head of cattle that produce almost 250 million pounds of beef

 Citrus Greening

 Boll Weevil

 Mexican Fruit Fly

 Fever Tick

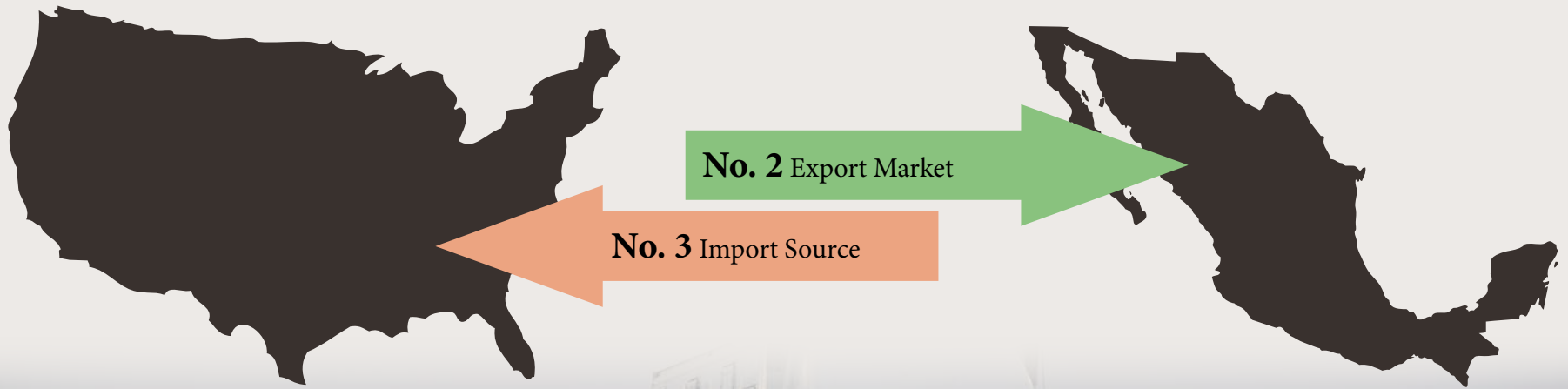


“Due to the increased border violence in northern Mexico, we were not able to allow USDA personnel to travel into Reynosa, Nuevo Laredo and Piedras Negras to inspect and dip Mexican cattle destined for export to the U.S.”

LEGAL TRADE
MUST BE
PROTECTED

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1. **TRIPLE** the number of boots on the ground
2. **ALLOCATE** surplus military equipment from Iraq & Afghanistan to border region
3. **EMPOWER** law enforcement with additional funding & broader rules of engagement
4. **MODERNIZE** ports of entry and increase staffing levels to meet security and economic needs
5. **CATEGORIZE** the violence for what it is: terroristic activity by violent transnational criminal organizations

NATIONWIDE CONSEQUENCES

THIS ISN'T JUST A
TEXAS PROBLEM.



Source: Texas Border Security, A Strategic Military Assessment

LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS
CONFIRMED THAT
CARTEL GANGS ARE
OPERATING IN CITIES LIKE:

- NEW YORK
- LOS ANGELES
- DALLAS
- HOUSTON
- DENVER
- PORTLAND
- DETROIT
- ROCK SPRINGS
- RALEIGH
- JACKSON



LEADING TO CONTINUED **ASSAULTS** ON U.S. CITIZENS ON U.S. SOIL.



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