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FBP to launch Freedom electronic observation system to monitor military incursions and increasing threats

501(c)(3) application approved by IRS

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Friends of the Border Patrol has spent the past few months monitoring the increasing threats against law enforcement officers and civilians along the US-Mexican border while the White House sits silently and does not utter a peep in protest. Instead, the US Government allows their representatives to parrot the lies coming out of Mexico City.

After the latest information, published first by the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, FBP has seen enough inaction by the Bush Administration and hierarchy at the Department of Homeland Security. As our mission has always been to help the U.S. Border Patrol and their agents, while improving the quality of life for border community residents, we are announcing our Freedom (or Free Electronic Domestic Observation and Monitoring) System will be launching shortly.

The Freedom System is a border wide video monitoring system created to detect smugglers and terrorists crossing our border. The system consists of armored poles mounted on private property along the border - each of which contain a low light level video camera.

Our volunteers will monitor the border area, and wherever else there may be threat against citizens or businesses, electronically from an undisclosed location, due to increasing security concerns, and will report directly to the US Border Patrol. However, the US Border Patrol themselves will have access in order to see the illegal entries as they happen in real time. We will also offer other local, county, state, and federal agencies having jurisdiction viewing access in order to ensure that their officers, deputies, and agents can operate safely while on patrol.

Our system is based on the remote video surveillance (camera) system in place in the El Centro US Border Patrol Sector. However, according to testimony made by Richard Skinner, DHS Inspector General on Dec. 16, 2005 before a subcommittee of Homeland Security, their RVS system takes on average 20 months to complete. It was also previously reported by DHS that the cost is \$800,000 per camera.

FBP's costs are between \$5,000 and \$7,000 depending on terrain and specific equipment needed for both. What it costs for DHS for one camera, FBP can launch approximately 100-120 cameras systems for about the same cost.

In July 2005, FBP applied for our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit status with the IRS and late last week finally received our approval letter from the IRS. As such, we are pleased to announce to the public that all donations to FBP are 100% deductible for income tax purposes. Any person who made a donation to FBP on or after March 23, 2005 would be eligible for that write-off. Every American looking to assist the US Border Patrol as they attempt to do their job, while helping make the nation safer from further incursions by a foreign military, terrorists, and smugglers can participate and assist and at the same time get that 100% tax write-off. Under federal code, Americans cannot directly contribute to a federal agency, or department. However, we can all assist law enforcement by participating within the safety of our homes out of harm's way.

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