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### **FBP launches Freedom Cameras to monitor border for military incursions, increasing threats, and narcotic/human traffic**

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We, Friends of the Border Patrol, are launching our "Freedom (Free Electronic Domestic Observation and Monitoring) Camera System" today. Our "Freedom Cameras" are used to assist the Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies working to secure our borders.

Andy Ramirez, our chairman, will also briefly discuss the Texas Border Sheriffs Coalition meeting he attended last week in El Paso, TX, and important issues shared with him by law enforcement officials, some of which affects San Diegans.

FBP has been testing equipment for several months to ensure that our equipment can do the same things that can be done by the Border Patrol's Remote Video Surveillance (RVS) cameras. It was previously reported in Congressional testimony by DHS that the cost is \$800,000 per camera, and takes about 20 months to install, while our cameras, using off the shelf technology, costs about \$7500 and can be installed in mere days. We can provide 80 cameras and a mobile command center, and cover regular maintenance and replacement parts for the cost of one RVS camera by DHS. Our cameras will be installed in high traffic areas on private property, and can help protect local residents from smugglers, and bandits.

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.

We regularly consult with law enforcement to learn how we can best assist their agencies. As a 501(c)(3), we can provide tools and equipment needed by local law enforcement. We believe our Freedom Cameras are safer and more efficient than utilizing human volunteers, and enhances border enforcement operations by law enforcement. Our volunteers will monitor the cameras and file actionable reports, while all law enforcement agencies will have access to our cameras in order to ensure that their officers, deputies, and agents can operate safely while on patrol, and in real time, too. After an operation, we will post stills and clips of border traffic on our website for the public and media.

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