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Former Senior BP agent joins Friends of the Border Patrol

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Today, April 18, 2006, Friends of the Border Patrol is announcing that we have retained former USBP Senior Patrol Agent Scott James for the position of Senior Consultant.

Mr. James served in the patrol for 8 years in the Tucson Sector, on the front line at the Nogales BP Station. He was Vice President of the National Border Patrol Council's Local 2544 based in Tucson, Arizona before resigning to pursue a career in law. However, Mr. James looks forward to continuing to provide support to fellow Border Patrol agents by joining FBP and assisting efforts by the organization to educate the public, and work with public officials including Members of Congress.

Andy Ramirez, FBP Chairman stated the following, "We are proud to welcome Mr. James to FBP and to work with him as he has served on our front lines in the very dangerous and controversial Tucson Sector. He will be able to help support efforts to improve National Security regardless of all the political obstruction, intrigue, and continued misleading statements by leaders at the Department of Homeland Security."

Mr. James stated, "It is a tremendous honor to be able to continue to serve the U.S. Border Patrol and the United States of America as a Senior Consultant to FBP."

James also stated, "while DHS has gone to great lengths to present the pageantry of technological innovation, 'force multipliers' and the 'substantial probability of apprehension' of criminals violating our national sovereignty, the plain truth is that America's southern border is a war zone awash in drugs and violence. The daily reality for many Border Patrol Agents is confronting Mexican militias, well-funded and armed narcotics smugglers, desperate criminals and violent gangs with decrepit patrol vehicles, insufficient support and outdated equipment."

Ramirez added, "Mr. James knows the realities and dangers our nation confronts today having served on the front lines. George W. Bush knows our agents face increasing danger, but refuses to give them the tools they need. Instead, these brave agents are used as backdrop stand-ins in scripted made for TV 'dog and pony shows' such as the sham put on in Mr. James' own sector in 2005. We all witnessed the fact that most agents refused to smile during the press event as their' stomachs all had to be turning. The president uses BP agents for propaganda purposes, while willfully misleading the nation as to our IN-security."

Mr. James continued, "The Border Patrol was to be an integral part of American security after the tragedy of 9/11. However, the inadequate and grudging support that it has received from an administration that even now is pushing for a 'guest worker' amnesty continues to leave courageous front-line Border Patrol Agents, law enforcement along our southern border, and all Americans in grave danger. Border Patrol Agents are assaulted daily by rock throwers and have been wounded and murdered by heavily armed drug cartels crossing our borders at will. Despite this, our government has placed a higher priority in pandering to Mexico City and cheap-labor lobbyists than in securing the safety of American lives."

"As a Senior Consultant to FBP, I intend to do everything in my power to insure that Border Patrol Agents are given the support they deserve and need to secure our country as well as see that Congress and the American people are made aware of empty propaganda of DHS and the realities of our border situation," James concluded

"FBP is an organization that supports the Border Patrol, and their agents. We will continue to retain former, or retired agents from all levels and ranks of the U.S. Border Patrol and provide them an opportunity to tell the truth about what is really taking place along our borders, despite the misleading statements given to the public from leaders at DHS, and without the threat of being 'retired.' The fact is, these brave agents didn't quit the patrol, their commanders in Washington, D.C. quit them," Ramirez concluded.

Mr. James is available for comment or interview by the media. You can contact him at the contact number listed, as well as Mr. Ramirez on his cell phone as he is out of state reviewing the Canadian border.

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