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FBP's Ramirez to testify before Congressional Terrorism field hearing in San Diego

Ramirez conducting investigation on terrorism and border security at Canadian border

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The Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation of the House Committee on International Relations formally invited Andy Ramirez, chairman of the Chino-based nonprofit organization Friends of the Border Patrol to appear as a witness during their upcoming field hearing in San Diego.

The International Terrorism and Nonproliferation hearing titled "Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism, Part I, on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 9:00 am in San Diego, CA.

The hearing will be held at Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station, 1802 Saturn Boulevard, San Diego, CA. Chairman Ed Royce (R-Fullerton) will convene the hearing at 9am. The hearing is expected to conclude at 1pm.

Ramirez has been informed that he will be testifying as part of Panel 3, which should begin testifying at 11am. Other witnesses during the hearing include border Sheriffs, Border Patrol Sector Chief Patrol Agents, the National Border Patrol Council, and other distinguished representatives.

FBP will conduct a brief press conference immediately following the hearing. Several local border residents will be commenting on the hearing as will Ramirez and an additional FBP Board Member. The local residents will elaborate on some of their experiences they've confronted as a result of smuggling across the Mexican border.

Ramirez is currently conducting a field investigation along the Canadian border after the recent terrorist plot was reported against the Canadian Government and other targets in Toronto. As part of the field investigation, Ramirez is reviewing the Border Patrol's ability to respond, infrastructure, and their ability to secure the border from terrorist incursions.

"I am honored to be called to testify by the committee, and look forward to working with the Chairman and committee members. FBP has worked hard over the past two years to provide House Congressional leaders the facts, as well as numerous law enforcement agencies and the public. The facts are often distorted when it comes to border security and infrastructure, and DHS has gone out of their way to do just that since it's inception," stated Andy Ramirez, FBP Chairman.

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