



# AMERICAN GOVERNORS' BORDER STRIKE FORCE



DISRUPT AND DISMANTLE TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

INCREASE COLLABORATION ACROSS STATE LINES

IMPROVE INTELLIGENCE

INVEST IN ANALYSIS

COMBAT HUMAN SMUGGLING

STOP DRUG FLOW





Dangerous transnational criminal organizations continue to profit from the border crisis, while continuing to flood our communities with drugs.

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# BRIEF



THE **AMERICAN GOVERNORS' BORDER STRIKE  
FORCE** IS A PARTNERSHIP ACROSS STATE  
LINES TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED AT, PROTECTING OUR  
COMMUNITIES FROM RUTHLESS TRANSNATIONAL  
CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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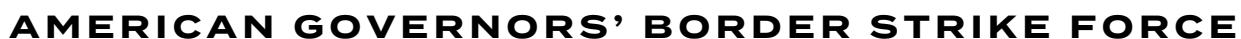
- The criminal networks are operating on social media to recruit drivers to smuggle people into the country.

**SOLUTION:** Partner with other states to create the American Governors' Border Strike Force, similar to the Arizona Border Strike Force, to share intelligence, strengthen analytical and cybersecurity efforts, and improve humanitarian efforts to protect children and families.

- The goal is to shift focus of the border crisis to target the dangerous transnational criminal organizations that are the biggest threat to public safety at both the state and local levels.
- Providing a force multiplier in the fight against criminal activity that is tied to the southern border — not just as individual states, but together to create a comprehensive program across the southern border to target drug trafficking, human smuggling and associated state crimes.
- Provide significant opportunities to improve collaboration across state lines by:
  - Improving intelligence sharing and analysis of state level crimes that may be connected to border security;
  - Monitoring cybersecurity issues that may increase vulnerability along the southern border;
  - Targeting cartel finances that fund criminal activity in the border regions; and
  - Coordinating and improving interdiction on interstates to combat drug trafficking and human smuggling.



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- Seizing the tools used to assist the cartels will result in a shift in their business model because it increases the cost of doing business not just in the border states but also throughout the country.
- By disrupting the criminal networks, we will help improve the humanitarian crisis by protecting victims of horrific crimes, improving public safety in our communities and providing solutions to the failure of the federal government.





# STATISTICS, FACTS & FIGURES





## NATIONAL

- **1,734,686** border encounters in FY2021, compared to **458,088** in FY2020 and **977,509** in FY2019.
  - FY2021 had more border encounters than the previous two years combined.
- **221,303** border encounters occurred in March 2022—a **27% increase** from March 2021.
- **10,586 pounds** of fentanyl were seized by authorities at the southern border in FY2021, compared to **4,558 pounds** in FY2020.
  - Fentanyl overdoses have replaced car accidents as the leading cause of death for people 19 and younger in Pima County.
- **181,970 pounds** of methamphetamine were seized by authorities at the southern border in FY2021, compared to **170,124 pounds** in FY2020.
- **14,167** unaccompanied migrant children crossed the border in March 2022.



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