

## San Diego Tunnel Task Force-

### Tunnel Detection Outreach

The San Diego Tunnel Detection Outreach is a community outreach and enforcement initiative developed by the San Diego Tunnel Task Force, a coop-



HSI Special Response Team Securing a Tunnel Access

erative effort between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Justice. Its intent is to inform and receive information on the detection of tunnels that impact our national security along the California and Mexico border.

The Tunnel Detection Outreach is an integral part of the U.S. Government's strategy to combat cross-border tunnels along the Southwest California/Mexico border. Working in partnership with federal, state, and Government of Mexico law enforcement agencies, the San Diego Tunnel Task Force is the first line of detection and investigation of cross-border tunnels.

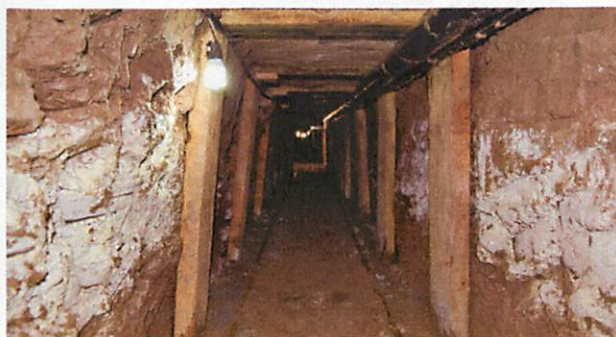
### WHY ARE WE HERE

Since 2001, drug smuggling cartels and organizations have built 77 cross-border tunnels along the Southwest border with Mexico. Some of these tunnels have been nothing more than a simple hole dug underneath a fence-line while others are sophisticated with rails, lighting, and air ventilation. These sophisticated tunnels, also known as "Super-Tunnels" are much similar to the old mining tunnels of the past. However with a much more sinister purpose, which is to smuggle multi-tons of illegal drugs into the United States.

We are here to provide information to you about tunnels along our southern border. We are soliciting your help to locate potential tunnels in your neighborhood, place of employment, and ask what you may have seen or heard.

### DRUG SMUGGLING: THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

As with any illegal smuggling activity, the



Entrance to a San Diego "Super-Tunnel" discovered in Otay Mesa, California

exact volume of illegal drugs entering the United States is difficult to measure or estimate. What we know is that multi-tons of drugs have passed through the tunnels we have discovered. Tunnel Task Force criminal investigations and seizures indicate that such illegal smuggling activities cost multi-millions of dollars annually. In addition to the harm it causes to our society, it also brings with it horrendous violence.

### HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS TUNNEL OR SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES

To report suspected tunnel or smuggling information, please call 1-877-988-6635, 24 hours a day. Your information can be kept confidential. Collect calls will be accepted.

Information that leads to the discovery of an active cross-border tunnel may receive a reward.



Homeland  
Security  
Investigations

Report Tunnel Activity

1-877-9TUNNEL 1-877-988-6635

Report Suspicious Smuggling Activity

1-866-DHS-2ICE 1-866-347-2423

## Indications of Cross-Border Tunnel Construction

- Subterranean Noises
- Unexplained Vibrations
- Changes in Slab/Foundation
- Sink Holes
- Unexplained Sounds of Pneumatic Tools
- Unusual or Unexplained Drainage
- Unusual or Unexplained Displacement of Dirt, Debris, or Water
- Smell of Non-burning Marijuana Odor
- Smell of High-Concentration of Detergent

## Indications of Suspicious Warehouse Activities

- Lessee Pays in Cash
- Refuse to provide complete rental/lease information
- Unusual or irregular business operating hours
- Rented but unoccupied warehouse
- Unusually withdrawn tenants
- Does not appear to be a legitimate business

## Other Cross-Border Crimes of Interest

- \**Bulk Cash Smuggling*
- \**Weapon Smuggling*
- \**Alien/Human Trafficking*
- \**Intellectual Property Theft*



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TunnelTips@cbp.dhs.gov

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[www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)

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*A San Diego Tunnel Task Force led Outreach Program to seek information on suspected cross-border tunnel smuggling activities with the intent to initiate Criminal Investigations and Prosecution of those who built illegal tunnels.*