

# Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

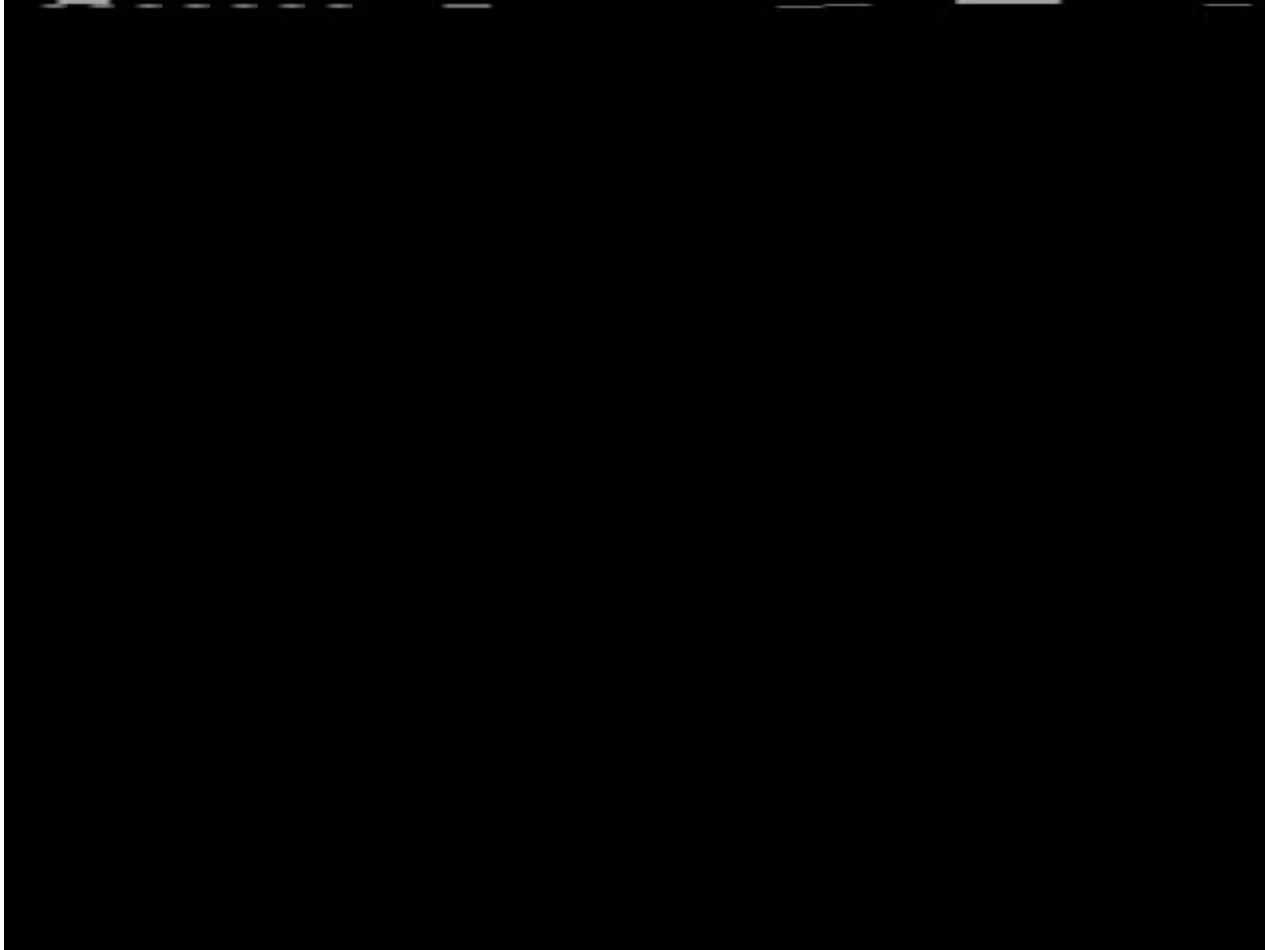


## Getting You Home



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# Officer Testimonial



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# WHTI Implementation

## June 1, 2009

*“The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative reported its first 24 hours of operation at our land and sea ports of entry – now fully in operation across all ports of entry – as nothing short of incredible success. On June 1, 2009, WHTI became the first fully implemented 9/11 Commission border recommendation that was not “under construction” prior to our Final Report of July 2004.”*

- Janet Kephart, 9/11 Commission Member



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# WHTI Implementation

## June 1, 2009

- No negative impact to border operations
- Increase in enforcement intercepts
- High compliance rates
  - Day one - 93% national compliance rate
  - First week - 95.7% national compliance rate
  - Today – 95.6% national compliance rate
    - 98.2% on Northern border
    - 93.1% on Southern border



# Alternative Document Update



Over 23% of all documents being presented at land ports of entry are RFID-enabled

- Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) - More than 380,000 issued (U.S. and Canada)
- Department of State:
  - Over 1.9 Million Passport Cards issued
  - Over 276,000 RFID-enabled Border Crossing Cards (BCCs) issued
- Trusted Traveler Programs
  - More than 651,000 individuals enrolled
- Enhanced Tribal Cards
- RFID-enabled Lawful Permanent Resident Cards to be issued



# WHTI Communications

- Targeted outreach continues:
  - Media Relations
  - Working with EDL states
  - Targeting markets with higher non-compliance
  - Stakeholder outreach
  - GetYouHome.gov (KnowYourBorder.gov, VersLesUSA.gov)
  - 2010 Winter Olympics



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# Current and Future WHTI Operations

- Committed to working with travelers to obtain their WHTI-compliant travel documents
- Remain in informed compliance
- Continue to promote RFID document saturation
- Transition to Land Border Integration/Modernization Program Management Office whose strategies will include:
  - Pedestrian Re-engineering
  - Traffic Management
  - Further RFID Deployments at additional lanes and ports
  - National License Plate Reader (LPR) Program



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## Thank you



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