



ARIZONA BORDER RECON

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. TRUTHFULNESS

- A. All personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a professional way. Honesty and integrity are pillars of this, and paramount to any operation.
- B. Complete honesty, and truthfulness is expected regardless of the circumstances of any event, or affiliation with any group. Omission of truth shall be considered a violation of this policy. This requirement extends beyond the operational time period in regards to any and all related information dissemination of any form.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

- A. All personnel are required to comply with all local, state and federal laws. This includes firearms, traffic, trespassing, etc. There are no exceptions to this.

3. IDENTIFICATION

- A. All personnel, regardless of position, will have a government issued identification card with a photo on their person at all times. Any form of issued identification must be current and valid. The following are acceptable forms:
 - i. Driver's License, State issued identification card, Military identification card, U.S. Passport.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- A. Any personnel participating in operations shall not make contact with public individuals or officials, and shall not engage in conversation/contact with persons outside of the unit. Personnel shall not approach or make contact with persons outside of the unit unless for official purposes. Opinions, ideology, etc. shall not be discussed, and any conversations shall be restricted to the subject at hand. Inquiries, and other communicate from law enforcement or outside personnel shall be directed to AZBR command.
- B. Exceptions to this include answering questions by a law enforcement officer or agent directed at the individual member for the purposes of official business.
- C. Photos, video and other media recordings of various types shall not be disseminated to the public without prior approval of AZBR command.
- D. Locations, names and other identifiable information relating to personnel and or operations shall not be made public in any fashion or distributed. Operational and Personnel security is top priority.



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5. OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE

- A. Any personnel operating a motor vehicle will ensure compliance with Arizona insurance requirements and obey traffic laws. Additionally, drivers will ensure their vehicle information is up-to-date with the records database. The following information is required:
 - i. Year, Make, Model, Color, Issuing State for Vehicle Registration, Vehicle Registration (plate) Number.
- B. Regular preventative maintenance checks and services (PMCS) shall be conducted regularly to ensure proper working order of all items due to the harsh conditions the vehicle will be subjected to.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

1. PERSONNEL, VEHICLE RECORDS

- A. The following information will be maintained and recorded for the duration of the operation:
 - i. Personnel Roster
 - a. The personnel roster is a joint effort database of all personnel participating in the operation. Initial data is entered by participating units prior to arrival, whenever possible. Additional information and updates will be completed while in the AO by either unit commanders or AZBR command.
 - b. At a minimum, the following shall be recorded: Name, Phone Number, Affiliation, Medical Conditions, Blood Type; If driving: Vehicle Year, Make, Model, Color, State, License Registration Number, Zone Assignment, Commander's Name, Commander's Phone Number, Current Status.
 - ii. Record of Emergency Data
 - a. Prior to arrival, all personnel will complete the Personnel Accountability Form (RED) questionnaire online.
 - b. Any updates should be immediately addressed and reflected within the database.
- B. All participating unit commanders will ensure each individual has completed the required forms, and has updated the personnel roster completely. Each individual is required to sign the Waiver and SOP signature form prior to arrival in the AO. It is advisable that a copy of both forms are maintained on hand for the individual's command. Signed originals shall be turned into AZBR Communications upon arrival.



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3. GEAR REQUIREMENTS

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- A. Personnel are encouraged to bring whatever gear the individual feels comfortable with. That said, there are basic requirements outlined below that must be adhered to. Outside the scope of the minimum requirements, additional/other/optional gear is for the individual to decide what is needed. It is suggested to pack lightly, and keep items to a minimum. The climate is typically harsh one way or another (summer, winter).

2. UNIFORMS

- A. AZBR personnel shall be issued a unit patch and t-shirt with logos. The patch and shirt remains property of Arizona Border Recon. Whenever possible, AZBR personnel shall affix the unit patch on the outermost garment on the left sleeve consistent with a uniform appearance. Events, gatherings, training and similar functions, the t-shirt should be worn in an appropriate fashion. Upon termination of participation, the patch and shirt shall be returned to AZBR immediately. This includes any additional items issued such as IR strobes, thermal ID markers, etc.
- B. In regards to uniforms, AZBR understands that visiting units may have established requirements. During the operating time with AZBR, visiting personnel shall be required to sanitize uniforms of all unit patches, nametapes, callsign tapes and other unique identifier type patches, to include morale items. This is done for the safety and security of those involved and to present a uniformed and professional appearance for the entire contingent. IFF markers are an exception. Additionally, a patch shall be worn indicating the blood type and any allergies of the individual, on the outermost garment in any location clearly visible. When possible, KNA patches should be worn for those without medical allergies, though, not required.
- C. A riggers belt is required for all personnel and shall be worn at all times while on operation.



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3. FIREARMS

- A. Personnel are authorized the following styles of firearms for personal defense. Variations of these firearms is not authorized. Only iron sights are authorized.
- i. AR-15 platform rifle in .223 or 5.56 caliber.
 - ii. Pump action shotgun in 12 gauge. One per team is preferred.
 - iii. Any pistol make or calibre.
- B. The following items are authorized for use:
- i. Forward pistol grips (i.e. "broom handles") and variants thereof.
 - ii. Double magazine clamps.
 - iii. Slings of any configuration.
- C. The following items are prohibited
- i. Sights, scopes, and "red-dots."
 - ii. Flashlights.
 - iii. Laser pointing devices.
 - iv. Other items used for the aid of aiming, whether magnified or otherwise.

4. IFF MARKERS

- A. All personnel shall maintain and carry the following Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) items at all times:
- i. Infrared (IR) Strobe/Beacon that flashes. Steady burn IR markers are not authorized. All personnel are required to utilize these strobes from dusk until dawn.
 - ii. IR U.S. Flag patch. Individuals shall display the patch on the outermost garment of the uniform at all times, regardless of daylight. Placement of the IR flag should be on the right shoulder. Additional flags may be worn on caps, gear, etc.

5. MEDICAL KIT

- A. All personnel shall maintain a medical first aid kit capable of treating a gunshot wound. This kit must be on the person at all times while conducting operations in the field.
- B. It is AZBR policy that medical kits are stowed on the wearers left side, in a dedicated pouch, with a red identifier (red cross patch or marking). All personnel shall carry 2 tourniquets, one in the medical kit, one on the right side, readily visible and available.



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6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Handheld radios are required for all individuals participating in operations. Additionally, personnel working forward of the vehicle staging areas shall utilize an earpiece, when possible. A second battery (spare) is required for all personnel. Any mission specific programming of radios done by AZBR prior to deployment will be removed at the end of any operation for security purposes. AZBR personnel shall maintain a mobile radio in their vehicle whenever possible.
- B. Personnel are to keep all radio traffic to a minimum. Non-mission oriented traffic is not authorized. Whenever possible, groups of personnel should only keep one radio on at a time to conserve batteries.
- C. Radio traffic shall be kept professional to the extent possible for compliance with FCC regulations. Only authorized callsigns determined prior to use are authorized. Radios are only to be used for official purposes and within the area of operations. Exceptions to this shall be granted by the communications directed prior to use outside the scope of this policy.
- D. AZBR personnel shall utilize the provided encryption methods for radio communications whenever possible. Those times it is a necessity to transmit information in the clear, shall made known by stating the fact over the air. Personnel that do not have the ability to secure radio traffic are exempt.

7. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS

- A. All personnel are required to obtain and keep on hand a set of binoculars.
- B. At the minimum, a note pad and two writing utensils are required to be carried by each individual. It is suggested that weatherproofed items are used.
- C. Global Positioning System/Satellite (GPS) device is required for all individual personnel. The minimum requirement shall be to obtain the user's location. All grid coordinates shall be in decimal degree format (00.000, -000.000) for continuity.



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4. VISITING PERSONNEL

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- A. Photos, video and social media status updates shall be approved by AZBR command prior to posting, disseminating or releasing. Failure to comply with this shall result in immediate dismissal from the operation, and bar the individual(s) from further participation with AZBR.
- B. Persons contacted outside of the organization's personnel shall not be interviewed or questioned, photographed, or recorded in any fashion. Conversations are to be kept cordial and professional. Personal questions, opinionated questions and statements and other discussion is not authorized. Interviewing law enforcement officials, local residents or others is not authorized. Failure to comply with this shall result in immediate dismissal from the operation, and bar the individual(s) from further participation with AZBR.
- C. Contact with law enforcement by non-AZBR personnel shall be immediately reported via radio to command. Personnel without an AZBR representative present shall defer all inquiries and communications from agents to AZBR command. Failure to comply with this shall result in immediate dismissal from the operation, and bar the individual(s) from further participation with AZBR.
- D. Uniformity is a requirement for all personnel in regards to appearance. Visiting personnel are expected to sanitize uniforms prior field deployment. This includes all unit patches, nametapes, callsign tapes and other unique identifiers. The exception to this policy is blood type and IR markers, which are required for all concerned.
- E. Deployment transportation to and from the AO is the responsibility of the individual. Visiting personnel will be given a grid coordinate to a suitable location in the field where operations will be conducted from. All food, water and other sustainment items are the responsibility of the individual. Most, if not all, locations are "campsite" types with no facilities. Individuals should expect not to have electricity, running water or restroom access. Most locations do not have cellular network coverage.