



Canada's Border Security Agenda

**On Behalf of
Public Safety Canada**

A UNIQUE CANADA-U.S. BORDER

- Canada-U.S. border reality is unique.
- Integrated North American economy – trade volume in excess of \$2 billion daily.
- Security measures designed and implemented so as not to impede the flow of legitimate trade and travel.

Border Management

- Since 9/11, the Canada-U.S. Smart Borders agenda has upheld Canada's reputation as a reliable security partner in the defence of North America.
- Canada Border Services Agency enforces laws and policies on behalf of some twenty partners at points of entry.
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police enforces border security between ports of entry.

Canada's Approach Smart and Secure Border

- Pushing the borders out to the point of origin, and point of arrival in North America.
- Close cooperation on security programs, with U.S. and internationally.
- Goal is to eliminate duplicate inspections within North America.

Smart Borders Progress

- ✓ Coordinated law enforcement operations (e.g. Integrated Border Enforcement Teams) (ShipRider)
- ✓ Applied bilateral risk-management approaches to goods and people
- ✓ Deployment of new technologies (e.g. VACIS, RADNET, biometrics)
- ✓ Standards for secure travel documents (WHTI, EDLs)
- ✓ Pre-arrival processing (e.g. Advance Passenger Information/Passenger Name Record)
- ✓ Supply-chain security (e.g. Advance Commercial Information, Container Security Initiative, CT-PAT/PIP)
- ✓ Introduction of joint trusted traveler programs (e.g. FAST, NEXUS)
- ✓ Significant border infrastructure investments including dedicated lanes for trusted travellers and shippers

Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP)

- Launched as a whole-of-government initiative in 2005 between the governments of Canada, the United States and Mexico.
- Mutually dependent themes of security and prosperity.
- Bilateral and trilateral initiatives - security agenda is predominantly bi-lateral.
- SPP proven to be a powerful tool in providing focused, high-level direction on key bi-lateral and tri-lateral issues.

Security and Prosperity Partnership New Orleans 2008

Leaders' Statement outlined objectives under the Smart and Secure Borders and under Emergency Management and Preparedness including to:

- coordinate long-term infrastructure plans and reduce bottlenecks and congestion at major border points;
- enhance capacity at major crossing points;
- deepen cooperation on the development and application of technology to make our borders smarter and more secure;
- strengthen trusted traveler and shipper programs; and,
- explore new customs procedures to reduce transactional costs while enhancing border security.

Private Sector priorities

- Governments are provided with quality input from business associations, and other organisations, including joint Canada-U.S. groups.
- North American Competitiveness Council, Canada-U.S. Joint Chambers of Commerce, and others represent trade and travel interests. They have asked governments to focus on:
 - Facilitated Entry for Cargo
 - Supply Chain Development (Detroit-Windsor)
 - WHTI Implementation
 - Safe food and products
 - Emergency Management

Looking ahead

- Continued engagement to achieve progress on short-term priorities with current U.S. Administration.
- Setting the stage for longer term negotiations.