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**TACKLING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, BORDER SECURITY EXPO OFFERS  
FREE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND VEHICLES  
MARCH 6-7 AT PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER**

**PHOENIX** – As scores of high-level officials, from Arizona’s governor to a host of federal enforcement agency leaders, discuss controversial issues in sessions open to conference registrants (and bona fide media), a broader public will have a free opportunity to eye the latest in technology and vehicles used in securing the U.S.-Mexico border March 6-7 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The Border Security Expo – the world’s leading conference and expo dedicated to international border security – returns to Phoenix with a sold-out exhibit hall and more than 1,000 anticipated attendees, from 40 states and 10 countries, gathering to talk about stemming the tide of illegal immigration and related violence.

On Tuesday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, March 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the exhibition area – in Hall F of the South Building of the Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. Third St. – is to be open free of charge to businesspeople, law enforcement officers, military members and academicians. They also may park for free at the Phoenix Convention Center East Garage, 601 E. Washington St., and be eligible for prize drawings, including for one of eight Glock semi-automatic pistols, as well as Apple gift cards.

While the exhibit hall will entice free expo-goers with more than 100 displays of border security tools – from surveillance equipment to biometric systems to unmanned aerial and ground vehicles – plus a series of free seminars on topics from human smuggling to border crime in cyberspace, paid conference registrants will be busy with a full two-day program featuring:

- Keynote addresses from Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer and U.S. Border Patrol Chief Michael J. Fisher;
- Issue-focused sessions with leaders of such agencies as U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration, as well as state, county, tribal and local entities, plus private-sector providers;
- An awards luncheon honoring William J. Bratton, former head of Los Angeles, New York and Boston police departments; and Ronald Colburn, former deputy chief of U.S. Customs & Border Protection; and
- A salute to fallen heroes, recognizing seven federal agents and local officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The conference is again being offered in conjunction with the National Center for Border Security & Immigration at the University of Arizona, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Directorate Center of Excellence. A detailed schedule of the sixth annual Border Security Expo may be found at [www.bordersecurityexpo.com](http://www.bordersecurityexpo.com) on the Web.

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**\*NOTE TO MEDIA: Just as in prior years, bona fide media will have access to the Border Security Expo conference sessions and exhibit hall, which again will be open (by advance arrangement), with officials available for interview, during early morning hours to accommodate live TV morning show crews.**