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U.S. Border Patrol Creates New Position to Support Border Patrol Agents

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced today the creation of a new Border Patrol Processing Coordinator position designed to perform administrative tasks related to the intake and processing of individuals apprehended by Border Patrol agents and brought back to stations. The position will also assume responsibilities for transporting individuals and property in Border Patrol custody, as well as custodial watch of detainees in hospitals.

“I am committed to providing the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol the resources they need to accomplish their border security mission,” said Carla Provost, Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol. “Border Patrol Processing Coordinators will take on processing, transportation, and custody responsibilities, which will free up agents for critical law enforcement operations.”

As a result of the humanitarian and border security crisis, 40% of the Border Patrol agents on the Southwest border are currently conducting processing, transportation, care and hospital watch, feeding, and cleaning duties instead of frontline law enforcement responsibilities.

The U.S. Border Patrol is developing training and hiring plans for this new position and plans to begin hiring new coordinators early in fiscal year 2020, based on available resources.

This initiative is part of CBP’s recruiting, hiring, and retention strategy to help optimize the workforce. CBP has improved the frontline hiring process and retention efforts. On April 24, Acting Commissioner John P. Sanders announced a new **5% retention incentive** (</newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-announces-retention-incentive-united-states-border-patrol-agents>) for all GS-12 and GS-13 Border Patrol agents.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with securing the borders of the United States while enforcing

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