Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

Getting You Home
Officer Testimonial
“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
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
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
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