

Cochise County Sheriff's Office

Who's in charge: Mark Dannels.

Where he stands: "Maybe in Maricopa or northern parts of the state 1070 is more beneficial to them. Here, like any law, the law is there to support law enforcement as another tool for state officers and deputies in the state."

How it's documented: Classifies most referrals and assists to immigration authorities as "other agency assists," a category that doesn't include cases where a more serious crime was suspected because the system codes incidents by worst offense.

What the Star reviewed: Reviewed reports from three-years that included circumstance code "UDA."



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Overview

Sworn officers: 34

Total documented immigration-related incidents since SB 1070 took effect provided: 93

Share of total incidents: 1%

Findings

- Deputies have referred at least 599 people to Border Patrol since January 2010. But there were only 35 immigration-related incidents in the one year after the immigration-check requirement took effect. That number represented a 44 percent drop from the year before the requirement.
- A review of 24 of the 37 related incident reports from September 2012 through October 2013 showed 52 people referred to Border Patrol for suspected unlawful status. Two people were referred on suspicion of human smuggling.
- Eight of the 24 cases documented participation in a multi-agency task force. Most related to Operation Stonegarden, a Department of Homeland Security program that pays local officers for overtime shifts that include immigration-related tasks.
- One-quarter of the incidents that were not tied to a special deployment stemmed from a call from the public. In one case, a woman reported helping a man who said he had been a drug mule but wanted out and was being intimidated because of his decision. A rancher called to report "Mexicans" at his son's house. One person flagged down a deputy to report a man in distress. Another reported a drop house where 5 undocumented immigrants were found.