

How to Report Probable Illegals inside Retama Village to Area Law Enforcement:

This is now a more streamlined reporting procedure.

Our Border Patrol Liaison asks Retama Village residents to do the following things if trespassers are inside our neighborhood:

- If you feel threatened or unsafe in any way, or someone is damaging your property or trying to enter a building or vehicle, please call 911 to summon emergency assistance immediately. If you feel it is a non-emergency situation, but that the Mission Police should be involved, you can reach them at 956-584-5000. You can then notify the Border Patrol (below), but the first responders will probably already do so if you mention that you suspect the intruders are illegals.

Otherwise:

- Call the McAllen Border Patrol at 956-217-3827 (Tactical Operations Center - TOC). Give them as much information, as possible — exact location*, number of people, car description, license plate number. The more information, the better. Give them the emergency gate code if they need it (key, key, 7777). Calling the TOC number gets information directly to agents in the field.

Please remain inconspicuous and do not confront the trespassers. Trespassers of this sort tend not to be a threat to residents; however, if they know you have seen them, they are more likely to escape. Just make the appropriate call.

If you notice vehicles drive in to pick up people who have been hiding, the color and make/model of the vehicle is really useful to law enforcement, even if you don't catch the license plate number. If you have some idea where people might be hiding, or have hidden in the recent past, this information is also very important to pass along when you call or if you encounter agents or police checking our area.

If you are noticing patterns of activity, our Border Patrol Liaison needs to be made aware of all the details you have so that he can get the information to the field agents in our area. We can get you his email address.

* Location of Retama Village Subdivision. The Border Patrol is familiar with our subdivision, but sometimes it is necessary to explain where we are located. We are at the southeast corner of Bentsen Palm Drive South and Military Road West (a.k.a. "New" Military road/highway). The main entrance is on Bentsen Palm Drive South, **about 1/4 mile north of Bentsen RGV State Park**. You can then describe where in the development you observed the activity - which quadrant, along which wall or street, etc.