

# U.S. Global Positioning System and the Homeland Security Mission

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#### **Outline**



- DHS Core Missions
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#### **Five Core Homeland Security Missions**



- Prevent Terrorism and Enhancing Security
- Secure and Manage Our Borders
- Enforce and Administer Our Immigration Laws
- Safeguard and Secure Cyberspace
- Ensure Resilience to Disasters









#### **DHS Common Uses of GPS**



- Timing for Computer Networks
  - Network Time Protocol (NTP)
- Communications
  - Cell Phones, Satellite Comms, Mobile Radios
- Blue Force/Asset Tracking
  - USCG, CBP, ICE, FEMA, etc...
- Natural Disaster/Crisis Management
  - Hurricanes (Katrina, Rita, Sandy)
  - Deepwater Horizon





#### **USCG**



- Aids to Navigation
  - Placement of Nav Aids
- Fisheries
  - Prevent illegal fishing in prohibited areas
- Search and Rescue
  - Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
  - Rescue 21/SARSAT
- Automatic Identification System (AIS)
  - Maritime Domain Awareness
- Differential GPS





#### **Customs & Border Protection**



- Air-Marine Safety of Flight & Navigation
  - Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System
  - Electro-Optical/Infra-Red (EO/IR) Sensor turret
  - Area Navigation Systems
  - electronic Automatic Identification System (eAIS)
- UAV Control
  - Safety of Flight





## Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



- Deploy to Disaster Site
  - Hurricane, Tornado, Fire, etc...
- Conduct Damage Assessments
  - GPS with GIS tools provides timely and accurate damage assessments





#### **Summary**



- GPS is widely used carry out DHS Missions
- Most Common applications are
  - Communications
  - Situational Awareness Blue Force / Asset Tracking
  - Network Timing
- DHS Components also have unique uses of GPS
  - UAV Safety of Flight CBP
  - Aids to Navigation USCG
  - Command, Control, Coordination of Natural Disasters- FEMA



### QUESTIONS?