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Good evening, Chiefs,

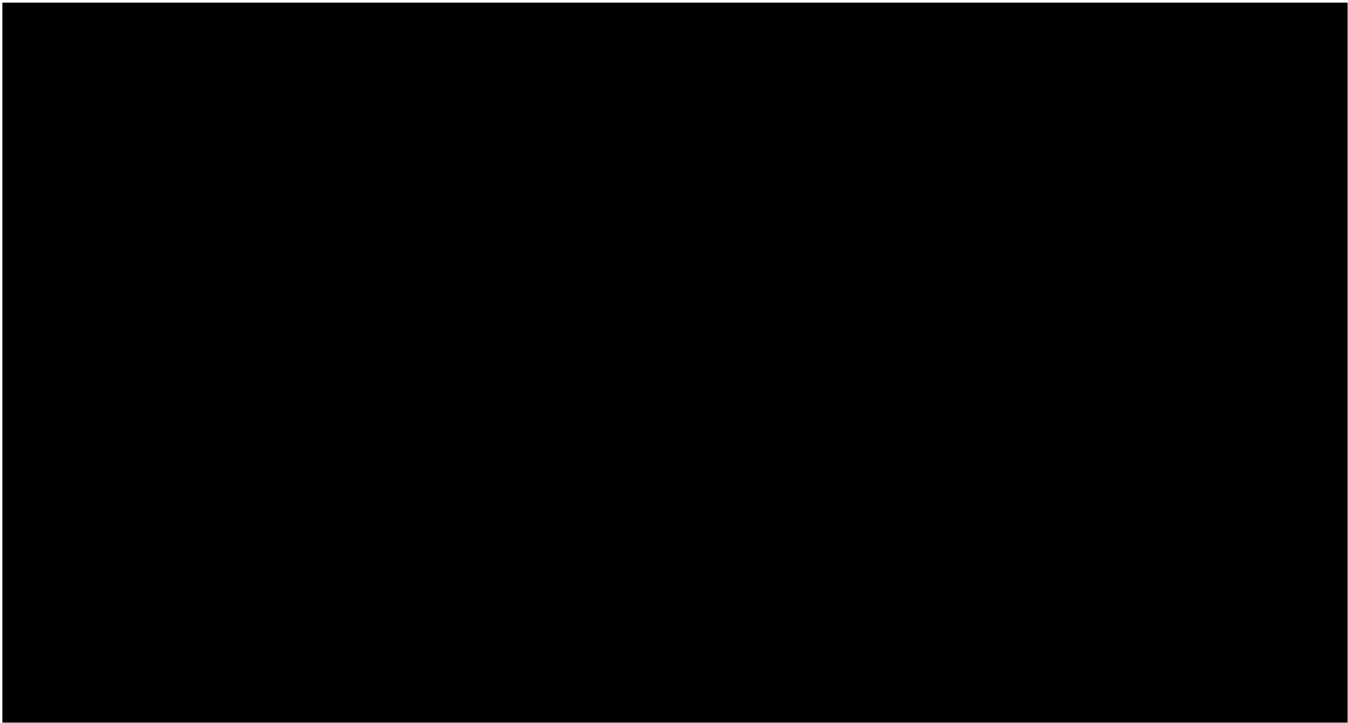
As discussed during today's field leadership call, BP-HQ has been engaging with all stakeholders to address the in-custody numbers. Unfortunately, after leveraging all consequences to include referrals to ERO, the rate of daily encounters continues to surpass the daily permanent bookouts and the in-custody numbers continue to rise creating significant risks to agents and detainees. This level of detention numbers has also resulted in increased manpower requirements impacting border security efforts.

Attached you will find proposed daily bookout *targets* per SWB Sector to bring in-custody numbers to manageable levels. These targets are projections based on 7-day average encounters and bookouts.

We respectfully request that you *urgently* use these bookout targets to formalize your daily processing pathway plans, to include transitioning to **NTA/OR** when consequence pathways are not sufficient. Transition to NTA/OR recommendations still apply (prioritize at risk, FMUA, highest TIC, etc.) with ERO ATD enrollment recommendation where operationally feasible.


\*\*\*\*Please note that these targets are based on projections and are designed to provide you baselines, but we recommend that you continue to leverage your local ERO counterparts for maximum consequences and continue leveraging EER where applicable.

For reference, below is RGV's Daily Target Bookout with a detailed explanation.



Please reach out to your respective corridor Associate Chief for any questions or clarifications.  
We are open to suggestions and recommendations to address this challenge.

Respectfully,

  
Acting Deputy Chief  
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