



CO 1052-C

Subject

Formation of a Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC); CO 1052-C dated September 16, 1982

Date

To

All Border Patrol Agents

From

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A Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) concept has been approved. The first phase will be the recruitment of team members. The second phase, selection of BORTAC members, will proceed at the conclusion of negotiations with the union.

The mission of the unit (BORTAC) will be to provide the Immigration and Naturalization Service with a specially trained and equipped tactical unit to address unusual situations within the agency through special techniques. This unit will have deployment capability to any location on short notice.

BORTAC will function in an operational and technical capacity to support I&NS managers in areas such as:

- Disturbances
- Property and Life Protection
- Border Violence
- Natural Disasters
- Special Operations and Training

BORTAC will not replace normal Border Patrol operational details. Members of the unit will perform their regular duties as Border Patrol Agents when not deployed.

Due to the nature of their task, this group of agents will be selected only from volunteers who may withdraw or be separated without affecting their career.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Volunteer
- Journeyman/Supervisors (Minimum GS-9)
Border Patrol Agents
- Swim 100 yards (To be verified during initial training)

- Qualify expert with Service revolver
(Minimum 320 as reported on the most recent G-109)
- Physical Fitness (Applicants must meet the following requirements in accordance with the attached instructions)
 - .. Pull ups (7) 2 minutes
 - .. Sit ups (60) 2 minutes
 - .. Push ups (40) No time limit
 - .. 1-1/2 Mile run 11 minutes

It is recommended that agents who have not been on a regular exercise program have a thorough physical examination before preparing for the physical fitness test. While the cost of the physical examination must be borne by the individual agent, the importance of taking a comprehensive physical examination prior to beginning an exercise program cannot be stressed enough.

The fitness test must be completed within 1-1/2 hours. (Gym clothes and running shoes may be used.) The test will be conducted by a sector staff designee, and verified upon arrival at the training site.

Applicants who are selected for the unit will be expected to exceed the physical fitness requirements during the training period and maintain their physical condition. Failure to do so will be cause for separation from the unit (without impact upon their career as a Border Patrol Agent).

Before assignment to the unit, qualified applicants will be interviewed by a special board to review their applications and aptitude to high stress tactical situations.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted to your Chief Patrol Agent by January 1, 1984, in memorandum form.

Applications should include a list of pertinent skills, training and experience (type of skill, dates acquired, number of hours of training, etc). The physical fitness tests will be scheduled approximately 60 days after receipt of this memorandum.

Attachment

PULLUPS

The bar is grasped with palms facing either forward or to the rear depending on individual preference, and body is fully extended to a "dead" hang position. Both feet will be free of the ground during the exercise. The candidate may change hands during the exercise, but may not be assisted in any manner in this change.

The candidate will pull the body up with the arms until the chin is over the bar, and then lower the body until the arms are fully extended in order to complete one repetition.

Kicking motions that do not raise the feet or knees above the level of the waist are permitted. An assistant will be available to hold and extended arm in front of the candidates knees to prevent excessive swinging.

SITUPS

To assume the correct starting position, the candidate lies flat on the back with the knees flexed, both feet on the ground, and both hands held apart alongside the head (not interlaced behind).

The knees should be bent at about a 45° angle, the legs spread shoulder width, and the feet will be held in contact with the ground by an assistant.

The candidate will sit up until his head is directly over the knees and then lower himself until his shoulder blades touch the ground to complete one repetition. Neither the candidates head nor hands need touch the ground.

PUSHUPS

The starting position for this exercise is the front leaning rest position. The candidate will face downward, body straight, weight supported by the hands and toes, arms fully extended, feet close together. To complete a repetition, the candidate will lower the body until the chest touches the floor and then return the arms to a fully extended position.

During the exercise both hands and both feet will maintain the constant contact with the floor. The buttocks may not be raised nor the abdomen lowered and the candidate may rest in the up position only.