We represent nearly 2,000 Border Patrol agents and other non-supervisory employees of the Tucson Border Patrol sector. The Tucson sector encompasses almost the entire state of Arizona, excluding Yuma and La Paz counties. Local 2544 is the fastest growing Local in the National Border Patrol Council, with the highest member recruitment levels in the nation. In addition to our union stewards and officers, we utilize a network of experienced attorneys to represent our members. Local 2544 officers also appear on local and national television news programs, and grant interviews to a variety of newspapers and other media outlets to raise public awareness about our jobs. We are proud to represent our agents and other employees.

We do not contribute to any political party, nor do we generally support or endorse any political candidate. In what may be a surprise to some with a traditional view of a "union", many of our members hold conservative views of many issues, as is often the case in the rank-and-file law enforcement community. This union exists to protect and support its members and to ensure they are treated fairly and equitably. We do not negotiate wages or benefits and we are forbidden by law from "striking" or engaging in any type of activity that would jeopardize the security of this country. Contrary to what some would have you believe, we are not here to protect "bad" employees. Rather, we are here to protect all employees from "bad" treatment.

Local 2544 Executive Board officers are Border Patrol agents, and are elected to their positions by the membership. Executive Board officers serve two-year terms.
Border Patrol - Tucson Union

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Local 3307 - McAllen Sector Border Patrol Union
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Department of Homeland Security  union web site
Department of Homeland Security  govt. web site
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Union and Tucson Station Management Agree to New Shift Rotation Process 5-21-03

Negotiations for the new Douglas station - Read the ULP Settlement, Proposals, and MOU. Douglas Station employees are now assured that all negotiable issues regarding the new station and its operations will continue to be properly addressed, even after its opening. There have been some false rumors circulating - get the real facts here. updated 6-26-03

Arbitration case log .......Local 2544 Authorizes Law Firm of Gattay & Baranic to Pursue Legal Action Against WRO Regarding Scheduling of Arbitration Hearings 5-14-03.....Read the letter from the Union attorneys to WRO 6-27-03

Local 2544 Policies and Procedures

Steward Policy

FAQ: Representation of Non-Members
Open our Contract

Questions About Official Union Time? See the Arbitrator's Decision in the Litigation Section

Proper Completion of 1187s and Transfers of Membership. Click Here for an 1187 Example and Here for an Example of a Transfer of Membership Form.

Local Waives Right to Notification of Formal Meetings for new DCPA 5-21-03

Compulsory Statement MOU (you no longer need to place this language in each individual memo - if a problem arises you can refer to the MOU) 5-21-03

Miscellaneous Information

Another Reason Every Agent Should be a Member

Reimbursement for Wright & Co. Insurance - 1. Read the Policy, 2. Request a Receipt, and 3. Get the Reimbursement Form. The SF-1164 must be signed by a supervisor - you are reimbursed for a full 50% of the cost - there is no $115 limit anymore pursuant to an FSIP ruling in favor of the Union.

TSP Withdrawal Information

Retirement Calculator

Medical Standards For Border Patrol Agents

Credit Bureaus - Learn How to Opt Out of Information Releases Here

Border News

Hot Board (current issues)

http://www.local2544.org/
DUI Arrests and Your Careers

Experienced Agents to Northern Border 5-20-03

There are approximately 47 former Tucson Sector agents who have made the decision to return to the Border Patrol from the Air Marshal program. They will be re-stationed in the Tucson Sector (not necessarily at their former stations - but at one of the eight stations where their services are needed most). We welcome these agents' return to the Patrol. 6-6-03

The Chief Steward at the Naco station has recruited 31 new Union members (all from his station) during the last several weeks. We applaud his efforts. 6-16-03

Casa Grande Agents: The Local is in need of stewards for your station. Good Union representation starts with employees at the station level. Attrition has taken a toll on the number of stewards in CAG. Please send an e-mail message to the Local 2544 President by clicking here if you are interested. Training will be provided by the Local. 6-26-03

New information regarding paid moves to non-Northern Border locations. The Union is pushing hard to get a pilot program approved to facilitate paid moves. 6-26-03

On-duty University of Arizona employee in a vehicle owned by the State videotapes BP operations near Three Points and has an encounter with an agent. Read the letter to the U of A protesting the employee's actions 6-17-03. U of A begins investigation into employee's actions 6-27-03 update

Attention members: You can now order a new Dell or Gateway computer, along with peripherals and software, at a discounted price and use a simple payroll allotment over a 1 year period with no interest to pay for it. This is an excellent opportunity if you are in the market for a computer. Click here to go to the AGFE website and then click on the "Easy Computer Purchase Program" to learn more. 6-30-03

Election and nomination notice: At the August 13, 2003 meeting the membership will be selecting an Election Committee to oversee the upcoming elections. Nominations for all Local 2544 elected offices will take place at the October 2003 meeting. Elected officers will assume their duties at the December 2003 meeting.
Political Issues and Politicians

Bush Administration to Push Legalization of over 4 Million more Illegal Aliens?

Mexican Matricula Cards Exposed as a Threat to National Security.

State of Arizona overtaxes federal employees 3-1-03 .... Guy Janet makes shameless attempt to steal your money anyway. 4-1-03

Anti-Border Patrol Activists now going after your ammo. Not surprisingly, Congressman Raul Grijalva has signed on to this stupidity. 6-17-03

Guv Janet strikes again - ensures legal and illegal immigrants will retain full voting privileges. 6-26-03

Anti-Border Patrol extremists and environmentalists team up to oppose border security, partly because a border fence would interfere with the ability of a "pygmy owl" to freely travel back and forth between Mexico and the U.S. (and we thought these winged creatures had the ability to fly right over a fence). 7-1-03

Arizona’s National "parks" named among most dangerous again. Who would really take their family to these taxpayer funded "parks" for a vacation or even a weekend when they are overrun with illegal aliens and smugglers and the resulting tons of trash and damage? 7-26-03

Click here to learn about the Protect Arizona Now initiative (informational).

The above photo was sent to us and the "quotes" were obviously imbedded in the picture for humor.

Archives (from old web site)

Next Meeting will be held on August 13, 2003 at 6 p.m. sharp in Sierra Vista, AZ at the Oscar Yrun Con

Contact Local 2544 President Edward Tuffy
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Next Meeting will be held on October 8, 2003 at 6 p.m. sharp at the Tucson Border Patrol station.

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