

Combatting Cross-Border Crime With Technology During COVID-19 Discussed at the Virtual Border Security Conference

Smi reports: US speakers from the Department of Homeland Security and Border Patrol are set to speak at the 14th annual Border Security conference this February

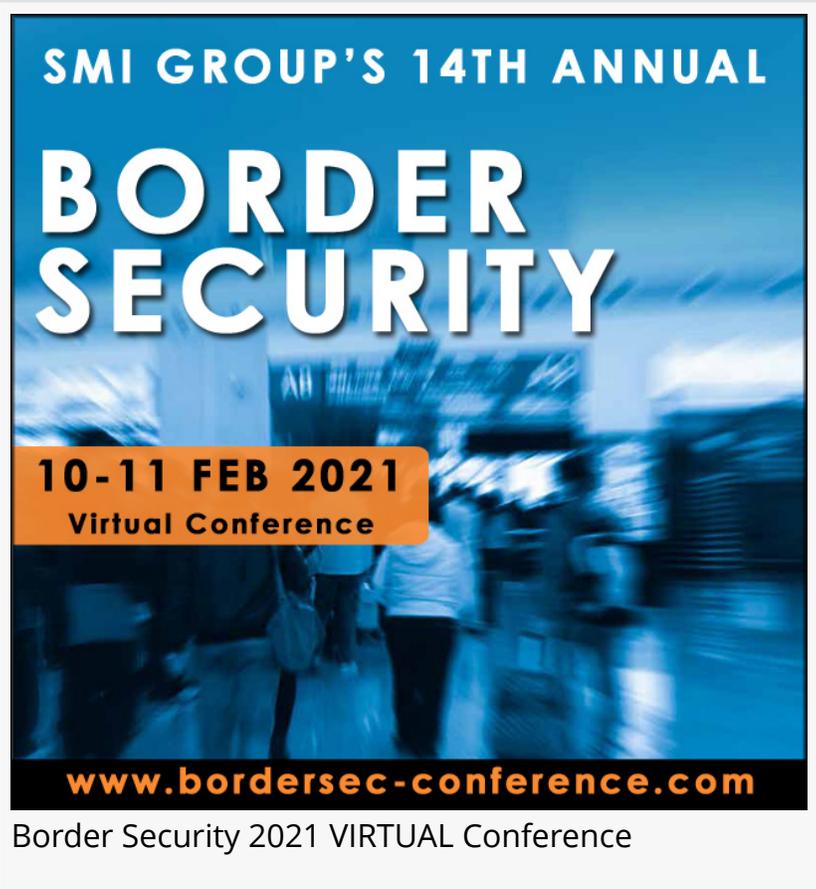
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, January 7, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On the 4th January 2021, it was announced that a controlled scenario test by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) showed a 96% accuracy rate for facial recognition technologies to accurately identify individuals wearing protective face masks.

"This isn't a perfect 100% solution," said Arun Vemury, director of S&T's Biometric and Identity Technology Center, "but it may reduce risks for many travelers, as well as the frontline staff working in airports, who no longer have to ask all travelers to remove masks." *

With this in mind, SMi Group's [Border Security](https://www.bordersec-conference.com) conference, taking place virtually on the 10th-11th February 2021, will feature two US speakers from the Department of Homeland Security and Border Patrol, discussing how they are combatting cross-border crime with technology during the COVID-19 crisis.

Registration is FREE for military and government personnel, and just £499 for commercial organisations. Register at <http://www.bordersec-conference.com/pr5>

Mr Patrick Nemeth, Director of Identity Operations Division, US Department of Homeland



Security will be presenting on 'US Biometric Identity Operations for the 2020s: Looking Ahead', covering:

- Overall US biometric identification systems and main lines of effort to provide a comprehensive and robust service
- Where our adversaries are pushing ahead and how DHS is fighting back. How do we need to adapt for the future?
- COVID-19 biometric experiences and lessons learned from the US to maintain homeland security whilst protecting civilians and staff from unnecessary transmission
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Mr Jason Thompson, Assistant Chief e3/Biometrics, United States Border Patrol will be presenting on 'Combatting Fraud and Criminality During the COVID-19 Crisis: The US Experience', covering:

- How cross-border criminal activity has changed and adapted during the COVID-19 crisis – what has the DHS done to combat these new approaches?
- Safety of biometric scans and mitigating chances of transmission while processing
- Safeguarding security personnel: our experience and what changes we are making in future

Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with a dynamic audience of border force officers, government officials, airport security managers and industry specialists. The [full agenda](#) is available to download at <http://www.bordersec-conference.com/pr5>

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Virtual Conference: Online Access Only

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