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TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAM

When the expansion of the Lukeville/Sonoyta border crossing facilities are complete, there will be a lane dedicated to "trusted traveler" card holders only. The border crossings at most of the larger cities, e.g., Nogales and San Luis, have had a similar dedicated lane for many years. If you have the app, "Border Wait Times" (available at the Apple store and Google play store), you can find out the approximate wait time to return to the US. The app will give the wait times for the general, ready and Sentri lanes. The Sentri lane is rarely over 20 minutes, even on the busiest crossing days and times. Often, the general lane is 90 minutes and the Sentri lane is only 15 minutes. If you have to cross the border on a Sunday afternoon, the Sentri card could save you hours of wait time.

If you go to the Trusted Traveler website, www.ttp.dhs.gov, you will discover the various trusted traveler cards available. The Sentri card is the best choice for La Cholla homeowners. The card is good for 5 years and can be renewed. After filing out the on-line application and paying the required fees, you must wait for a conditional on-line approval.

Documents required for the on-line application:

- √ US Passport
- √ Birth certificate
- √ Drivers license
- √ Vehicle registration

Information required:

- √ Current and previous addresses
- $\sqrt{\text{Employment status and employer's contact information.}}$

After receiving a conditional approval through the on-line account set up during the application process, you must schedule an in-person interview. There are interview locations at Sky Harbor airport, Tucson International airport, Douglas, Nogales and San Luis. After the interview, you will be notified when you are accepted into the Sentri program through the same on-line account.

There is an option to register a vehicle owned by the Sentri card holder. Be aware that everyone in the vehicle must have a Sentri card to use the dedicated Sentri lane. This applies to everyone, even minors under the age of 18. There is not a process to apply as a family; everyone must fill out a separate application and be approved individually.

Applicants to the Sentri program will go under an extensive background check. The background check goes back an incredible number of years. If any information provided on your application is contradicted by the background check, you will not be approved. There is an appeal process if you have been denied approval into the Sentri program.

As we all know, construction completion projections are notariously inaccurate in Mexico, e.g. the homeport. You should have plenty of time to receive your Sentri card before the new border facility is open for business.

After receiving your Sentri card, please keep in mind the Customs and Border Protection forces on the border have unfettered discretion and "legal" power to question and detain just about anything that moves or makes a sound. And that includes one's SENTRI card. SENTRI is a privilege and never a right. It can be revoked at any time, if CBP or any other agency has any "Reason To Believe" you could be involved with any suspicious or illicit activities or just for being acquainted with known or suspected smugglers, illegals or drug dealers.