

Compare Bush Administration "Operation Wide Receiver" and Obama Administration "Operation Fast and Furious"

NOTE: Operation Wide Receiver was shut down by the Bush administration in 2007, two years before Barrack Obama took office in 2009. Operation Fast and Furious was begun in October 2009, nine months after Barrack Obama took office.

| | Operation Wide Receiver | Operation Fast and Furious |
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| Dates of Operation | 2006 to 2007 ("Never Again" written on cover after losing track of 30 to 40 guns) | Began October 2009 until discovery by public of involvement of Fast and Furious guns in Agent Terry's death |
| Involvement of Mexican Government | Full Involvement and Cooperation | Mexican Government NOT involved or even notified by either ATF or DOJ |
| Purpose | Track guns purchased in USA to build criminal cases against drug cartels in Mexico and USA | Since the guns were NOT tracked by the US government and the Mexican Government was NOT notified or involved, the result of US guns being used by drug cartels could be a convincing call for MORE control and banning of guns in USA |
| Number of Guns Involved | 300 to 400 | 2000+ |
| Tracking Devices | The Government required that EVERY gun was equipped with a miniature tracking device BEFORE it was sold to a straw buyer | The US Government had NO requirement or methodology for tracking ANY of the 2000+ guns. One agent, Sp. Agent Dodson, testified he had ATTEMPTED (against his superiors' orders) to track the guns, using components he purchased at Radio Shack. |
| Physical Tracking | ATF Agents expressly ordered to track straw purchasers from the time they left the gun store to the US/Mexican border where Mexican law enforcement would take over surveillance in order to build criminal cases against drug cartels | ATF Agents expressly ordered NOT to track straw purchasers. Mexican authorities NOT notified of guns crossing into Mexico. Sp. Agent Dodson, AGAINST ORDERS, tracked guns to a "stash house" and called for an interdiction team when transport vehicle arrived ~ His superiors refused. |
| Number of Guns Lost | 30 to 40 guns were lost due to malfunction of or discovery and removal of GPS tracking devices...Resulted in total shut-down of operation | ALL 2000+ guns were lost...Operation NOT shut down until Agent Terry's death in 2010 resulted in discovery of the existence of Fast and Furious by the US public |
| Number of Arrests | 1400+ made in joint operations of US and Mexico law enforcement | NONE |
| Number of Deaths of US Citizens | None that we're aware of and NO Operation Wide Receiver guns have been found at any crime scenes | Two: 1) US Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry in 2010. http://www.rememberbrianterry.com/ 2) Fast and Furious guns were also found at the scene of the murder of ICE Agent Jaime Zapata in 2011 http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2012/06/21/ice-agent-family-files-wrongful-death-claim/ |
| Number of Deaths In Mexico | None that we're aware of and NO Operation Wide Receiver guns have been found at any crime scenes | Fast and Furious guns were found at 150+ murder scenes in Mexico where 300+ Mexican citizens were killed |

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Fast And Furious Did Not Begin Under President Bush

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Differences between Bush's "Wide Receiver" and Obama's "Fast & Furious" explained

<http://transylvaniaphoenix.blogspot.com/2012/06/differences-between-bushs-wide-receiver.html>