

Yuma Border Patrol Support Group

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If you are thinking about joining the U.S. Border Patrol, or if you are a trainee, you might want to give the Yuma Border Patrol Support Group a call.

The Yuma Border Patrol Support Group (YBPSG) is there to provide assistance to agents and their families during the agent's earliest stage of his or her career. The support often starts even before a person receives their letter of acceptance. By clicking onto BPspouses.com, anyone can access tons of information that they might need to help make an informed decision about the Border Patrol.

BPspouses.com is loaded with tons of information about Yuma, the Border Patrol, the academy, life on the border, Spanish, and other related topics. There is also a forum where anyone can post a question to an agent and/or their spouse.

When agents arrive for their first day of duty, YBPSG is there to greet them. The trainees are given information about local apartments



Vanessa Crelia (pictured) welcomes a new group of trainees to the Yuma Sector

and housing and a YBPSG business card so that they can call if and when they need assistance. The group also offers tours of the Yuma community and is available to answer questions. Near the end of the academy, the YBPSG is available to help locate living quarters for the new graduates.

When the trainees return from the academy, the YBPSG gives them and their spouses a packet full of information, coupons, and gift certificates from local businesses that are essential to anyone new to town. For the spouses, they offer tours of the sector, the stations, maintenance

building, air operations, and the field. The YBPSG has been known to throw "welcome parties" so that families have an opportunity to meet each other.

This is not just a local organization. We recently expanded into the Tucson Sector, and we are ready to grow even more. Our goal is to be operating in every sector of the Border Patrol.

Between the forum, website, and YBPSG, everyone has access to information that they may need in order to make a more informed decision about joining the U.S. Border Patrol. Once they have joined, they will have access to the support they need to make their transition a little easier.

The YBPSG is always looking for volunteers to assist them in one way or another. If you would like to help, please email me at vanessa@bpspouses.com, and I will put you on our list.