Homeland Security Investigations | A Badge of Honor
The law enforcement badge is a symbol that conveys authority and proudly identifies the holder as a protector of the peace. The Homeland Security Investigations badge respectfully depicts both the world changing events that created our department and agency, while honoring the rich traditions of both legacy agencies, the United States Customs Service and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In the center of the badge is the seal of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The seal is symbolic of DHS’s mission to prevent attacks and protect Americans. The eagle’s wings break through the inner circle into the outer ring, suggesting DHS will break through traditional bureaucracy. Centered on the eagle’s breast is a shield divided into three sections containing elements that represent the American homeland – air, land and sea. In the tradition of the Great Seal of the United States, the eagle’s left talon holds an olive branch with 13 leaves and 13 seeds, and the right talon grasps 13 arrows.

The nine rays located above the DHS seal represents both the month of September and the crown of the Statue of Liberty, which was a symbol of INS and proudly depicted on the legacy INS shoulder patch. The 11 stars below the DHS seal represent both the 11th day of September and the 11 original U.S. Customs Districts as depicted on the legacy USCS shoulder patch.

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BADGE**

**JUNE 9, 2010** – Assistant Secretary John Morton sends letter to all employees establishing Homeland Security Investigations.

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010** – Initial badge artwork created. (No longer in use)

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2010** – HSI credentials artwork created.

**OCTOBER 7, 2010** - HSI badge artwork updated to reflect actual production badge by Collinson Enterprises.
October 23, 2011 - Robert W. Weber retired HSI Deputy Executive Associate Director was presented the first retired HSI badge by Director Morton at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Chicago, IL.

November 2013 - HSI Task Force Officers were issued a 2 ½ inch silver wallet badge with the title Task Force Officer in the bottom rocker.

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JANUARY 12, 2011 – Vector version of badge artwork created by Collinson Enterprises for HSI use.

SEPTEMBER 2011 – HSI issues the HSI Special Agent, Officer and Intelligence badges to HSI and OPR special agents, officers, and intelligence research specialists. Most special agents, officers (comprised of Technical Enforcement Officers, Seized Property Specialists and OPR Security Specialists) retained their original badge numbers on their HSI badges.

In preparation for the September 2011 unveiling of the HSI badges and credentials, roughly 16,000 HSI Special Agent badge sets; HSI Officer Badge sets; and HSI Intelligence Badge sets were created.