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U.S. Embassy Donates \$479,000 of Border Security Equipment



On November 13, Ambassador Paul D. Wohlers joined Interior Minister Gordana Jankuloska, Customs Administration Director General Vancho Kargov, and other high ranking officials in a ceremony for the donation of equipment to the Ministry of Interior - Border Police and the Ministry of Finance - Customs Administration. The donation, facilitated by the U.S. Embassy's Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program, included night vision devices, thermal imaging equipment, inspection instruments, surveillance cameras, GPS devices, radiation detectors, and two patrol vehicles, valued at \$479,000 USD.

Addressing the guests, Ambassador Wohlers noted that the donation is anticipated to enhance the ability of the Macedonian Border Police and Customs Administration to conduct professional border control and border crossing point operations, as well as increase the capabilities of the two border agencies in conducting border surveillance and patrolling, mobile and interdiction operations, combating cross-border crime and terrorism, radiation detection, identifying weapons of mass destruction, and running primary and secondary inspections at the border crossings points.