

DHS to test cameras at Canadian border

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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security says it is spending \$20 million to determine if more cameras along the U.S.-Canadian border will enhance security.

The United States currently has only 20 cameras along its northern border, but under a new program, DHS will position 44 more surveillance devices near Detroit and Buffalo, N.Y., USA Today reported Wednesday.

Mark Borkowski, head of the department's Secure Border Initiative, said the move will determine if an extensive camera network similar to the one along the 1,900-mile U.S.-Mexican border would be of benefit.

The possible threats from terrorists entering the United States along the Canadian border is greater than along the southern U.S. boundary, a November report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress contended, because of the "large expanse of area with limited law-enforcement coverage."

USA Today quoted the GAO report as saying investigators were able to drive along Canadian roads near the border, walk to within 25 feet to the boundary and hand duffel bags to colleagues on the U.S. side, simulating a hand-off radioactive materials.

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