

Ronald B. Turk  
Associate Deputy Director  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
U.S. Department of Justice

Ronald B. Turk was appointed the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest official of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in April 2015. As the Associate Deputy Director, Mr. Turk is responsible for leading an agency of men and women charged with enforcing laws and regulations related to firearms, explosives, arson, and alcohol and tobacco trafficking.

Prior to his appointment, he served as the Assistant Director, Field Operations beginning in March 2012, where he was responsible for executing ATF's mission to fight violent crime and regulate the firearms and explosives industries throughout the United States. This included executive oversight of all 25 ATF Field Divisions and over 3,800 special agents, investigators, and support staff. He also oversaw several Bureau Headquarters programs including the Special Operations Division; and the Firearms, Explosives, Arson, and Tobacco program areas.



Mr. Turk has also served as Deputy Assistant Director, Field Operations, supervising enforcement operations in the central region of the country, and as Special Agent in Charge of ATF's New York Field Division, where he was responsible for all operations in the State of New York. His prior duty assignments include 5 years as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Nashville, Tennessee; more than 4 years as a Resident Agent in Charge in Bowling Green, Kentucky; and as a project officer in the asset forfeiture program in ATF's Headquarters. His ATF career began in Trenton, New Jersey, where he spent 8 years as a street agent. Mr. Turk was also assigned to the Northeast Special Response Team as a forward observer for more than 5 years.

Mr. Turk is also a Brigadier General in the Air National Guard, assigned as the Chief of Staff, Maryland Air National Guard where he directs the assigned Air Staff at Joint Force Headquarters and ensures higher headquarters support to over 1,500 personnel. He first enlisted to active duty as an E-1, and has approximately 30 years of combined active duty and guard status service in the Security Forces career field. He has over 15 years of command experience. Mr. Turk's most recent deployment was to Iraq where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Mr. Turk received his Masters in Justice Administration from the University of Louisville and a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University. He has also completed programs in the Air Force War College and the Air Force Command and Staff College, and is both a qualified Level II Joint Officer and a trained/experienced Joint Task Force Commander.