



Gloria I. Chavez
Chief Patrol Agent
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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Gloria I. Chavez assumed command of the Rio Grande Valley Sector on October 9, 2022. Chavez is a member of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Senior Executive Service and is the Chief Patrol Agent (CPA) for the U.S. Border Patrol's (USBP) Rio Grande Valley Sector (RGV). As the CPA, she directs the operational oversight of nine USBP stations and three checkpoints charged with securing 277 river miles, 317 coastal miles, and 34 counties encompassing 34,000 square miles. She previously served as the CPA El Paso Sector.

CPA Chavez joined the U.S. Border Patrol in May of 1995, as a member of Class 285. CPA Chavez has successfully served in a variety of senior leadership positions on the northern and southern borders of the United States to include two tours of duty at CBP Headquarters following the creation of DHS. In 2005, CPA Chavez was assigned to the Office of Strategic Policy, Planning and Analysis and the Special Operations Division-Foreign Operations Branch within the U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters. In 2007, CPA Chavez returned to the field as an Assistant Chief Patrol Agent in the San Diego Sector. In 2008, CPA Chavez sought and accepted the position of Patrol Agent in Charge of the Chula Vista Station in San Diego Sector.

In 2010, CPA Chavez assumed command of the Spokane Sector in Spokane, Washington along the U.S./Canada border. In 2015, she accepted the position of Deputy Chief for Operations under the Law Enforcement Operations Directorate at U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. In 2016 and 2017, she served as the CBP Commander for the CBP Migration Crisis Team where she monitored and addressed the day-to-day operational requirements and challenges for the CBP enterprise. In recognition of her efforts, she was presented with the 2017 DHS Secretary - Silver Medal Award. In 2018, CPA Chavez once again assumed command in a field post as the Chief Patrol Agent of the El Centro Sector in Imperial, California along the U.S./Mexico border. Most recently, CPA Chavez served as the CPA in the El Paso Sector from March 2020 through October 2022.

CPA Chavez has 27 years of law enforcement experience. CPA Chavez earned a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies – Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University. Chavez is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is a native of Brownsville, Texas.