

Office of Border Patrol

Chief of the Border Patrol, Michael J. Fisher

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Michael J. Fisher is the Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol and a member of the Senior Executive Service. He is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing enforcement efforts designed to secure our Nation's borders. Chief Fisher entered on duty with the U.S. Border Patrol in June 1987 as a member of Class 208. His first duty assignment as a Border Patrol agent was at the Douglas Station in the Tucson Sector. He successfully completed the selection process for the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) in 1990 and was later selected as a Field Operations Supervisor for BORTAC in El Paso, Texas. Over a four-year period, he planned and executed operations throughout the United States and nine foreign countries. Chief Fisher later served as the Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Detroit Sector and as an Assistant Chief Patrol Agent in the Tucson Sector.

During the transition to the Department of Homeland Security in March 2003, Chief Fisher was appointed Deputy Director for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Anti-Terrorism in Washington, DC, where he staffed and directed the office during periods of increased threats and served as the CBP liaison to the inter-agency intelligence community for anti-terrorist planning and operational coordination. Chief Fisher later served at Border Patrol Headquarters as an Associate Chief and in 2004 was promoted to Senior Associate Chief. He returned to the field in February 2006 as the Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of San Diego Sector. He was promoted to Chief Patrol Agent of San Diego Sector in June 2007. He was named Acting Chief of the Border Patrol on January 3, 2010, and assumed his current position on May 9, 2010.

Chief Fisher earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in business administration. He is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He also completed the CAPSTONE program at the National Defense University in 2009.