

Office of Field Operations

Acting Assistant Commissioner, David J. Murphy

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Mr. Murphy has served in a number of critical leadership positions within CBP. He has more than 29 years of government service and has served in the Senior Executive Service since 2006 when he was selected as the Director, Field Operations, Chicago Field Office. In this capacity, he was responsible for all OFO activities in 12 states. He supervised a workforce of approximately 1,100 employees and his managerial oversight included all airport and seaport environments, as well as two of the three largest express consignment operations in the United States (DHL, UPS and FedEx).

Mr. Murphy has been called upon to serve in national security roles as both an Incident Commander and Lead Field Coordinator, including the Red River floods in 2009 and the Super Bowl and the NATO conference in Chicago in 2012. He served as the first interim Deputy Director of the SBI program office at CBP headquarters and as the Assistant Director, Border Security, San Diego Field Office from 2003 to 2006 where he was responsible for all OFO operational activities in the southern California area ports of entry. Prior to that, he served as the Assistant Port Director in San Ysidro, California from 2001 to 2003.

Mr. Murphy began his career with the U.S. Customs Service as an inspector in San Ysidro in 1983 and has held various positions within the San Diego Field Office, including canine officer, team leader, supervisor, acting chief, operations specialist, and border security coordinator. In these roles he oversaw enforcement activities including contraband enforcement teams, outbound operations, NII, and canine programs.

He is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government "Senior Managers in Government" program and is a Harvard fellow.

A native of San Diego, Mr. Murphy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of San Diego. He is married and has three sons.