

Guy Cottrell

Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Guy Cottrell was named chief postal inspector for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in July, 2010. In this role, Cottrell oversees all operations of the Postal Inspection Service, which includes the National Headquarters, 18 divisions, two service centers and a national forensic laboratory. The installations are staffed by over 1,400 postal inspectors, more than 650 postal police officers and approximately 600 support personnel. He is also the chairman of the Universal Postal Union's Postal Security Group. He reports to the Postmaster General.



Prior to his appointment, Cottrell served as deputy chief inspector, Headquarters, where he had oversight of all national security programs. A native of West Virginia who grew up in the New Orleans, Louisiana area, Cottrell joined the Postal Service in 1987 as a letter carrier in New Orleans. In 1990, Guy was promoted to postal inspector in the New Orleans Division, where he investigated internal and external mail theft throughout Louisiana and southern Mississippi.

Since that time, he has held a number of supervisory positions in various major metropolitan areas across the country, including management of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Washington field office during much of the joint FBI/USPIS Amerithrax investigation.

In 2008, Guy served as inspector in charge of the Security & Crime Prevention/Communications group, where he guided the Postal Inspection Service toward a risk and management analysis platform, streamlined a wide array of security-related programs, and implemented numerous cost effective and innovative solutions. His group also produced several internal and external security and crime prevention publications, videos and overhauled the Postal Inspection Service's external web site.

Cottrell holds a Bachelors degree in psychology from the University of New Orleans.