



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Keith Jones is the Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Air and Marine Operations (AMO). AMO is a federal law enforcement organization dedicated to serving and protecting the American people through advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities. With approximately 1,800 federal agents and mission support personnel, 240 aircraft, and 300 marine vessels operating throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, AMO conducts its mission in the air and maritime environments, at and beyond the border, and within the nation's interior.

Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Jones has over 32 years of law enforcement experience, beginning his federal career in May 1991 with the U.S. Border Patrol in Imperial Beach, California. He was promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent in 1998 and went on to serve as Field Operations Supervisor at the El Cajon and Newton and Azrak stations. He also served as a unit commander of San Diego Sector's Border Patrol Tactical Unit. Among his achievements in San Diego, Executive Director Jones helped found the sector's Border Patrol Search, Trauma, and Rescue (BORSTAR) team and was a principle primary driver of BORSTAR's national expansion.

In 2008, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Jones was selected as Assistant Chief at the U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He participated in CBP's Headquarters Rotational Management Development Program and filled leadership roles in three different headquarters components within the agency: U.S. Border Patrol, CBP's Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, and AMO.

In 2010, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Jones was promoted to Director, Operations—Programs, AMO and in July 2012, he was selected as the Director of Operations, Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC). In this role, he led the AMOC's Operations Directorate and two external subordinate units: the National Capitol Region Unit in Washington, D.C., and the Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center in Puerto Rico. In February 2018, he was selected to serve as the Deputy Executive Director, Southwest Region and served in this position until his confirmation as the Executive Director of the Southwest Region in September 2018. Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner most recently served as Director of the AMOC before being appointed to his current position in June 2023.

Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Jones is a graduate of the DHS Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program.

