

John R. Modlin
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John R. Modlin is currently the Acting Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement Operations at U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters. In this position, he has direct oversight of all USBP operational programs. Chief Modlin permanently holds the position of Chief Patrol Agent of the Miami Sector. Chief Modlin is responsible for leading all U.S. Border Patrol operations and administrative functions within the Miami Sector. Miami Sector encompasses 1,203 miles of coastal border in Florida as well as the states of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Chief Modlin also serves as the Deputy Director of Homeland Security Taskforce Southeast.

Chief Modlin entered on duty with the U.S. Border Patrol on December 10, 1995, as a member of U.S. Border Patrol Academy Class 296. His first duty assignment was at the Chula Vista Station in the San Diego Sector. As his career progressed, he was promoted to Senior Patrol Agent in 2002, at the Port Huron Station, in the Detroit Sector. In 2005, he was promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent at the Port Huron Station.

In 2008, Chief Modlin accepted a position at U.S. Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington, DC as an Operations Officer in the former Northern and Coastal Border Operations Division. In 2009, he was promoted to Assistant Chief in the same division. Chief Modlin was responsible for the planning of agency strategies aimed at mitigation of all threats on the northern and coastal borders. In 2010, Chief Modlin was promoted to Patrol Agent in Charge of the West Palm Beach Station in the Miami Sector. As Patrol Agent in Charge, he was responsible for oversight of a station which protected more than 8,660 square miles, including 120 miles of Florida coast.

In 2012, Chief Modlin was promoted to Assistant Chief Patrol Agent at the Miami Sector. During this time, he oversaw operations at the Marathon, Dania Beach, and West Palm Beach Stations. He also had oversight of the K9 program, Mobile Intercept Unit, and the Sector Intelligence Unit. In 2015, he was promoted to Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Miami Sector.

Throughout his 22-year career, Chief Modlin has participated in Operation Rio Grande, Operation Gatekeeper, the Department of Defense led Integrated Advance 13, and Operation Epic Response. He oversaw the CBP Planning Branch at the Republican National Convention in 2012, and the Law Enforcement Operations section at the Democratic National Convention in 2012.

Chief Modlin earned a Master of Military Art and Science degree from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 2015. He was awarded the Homeland Security Studies Award for his Master's thesis. He also earned a Master's Degree in International Relations in 2016 from Webster University.

Chief Modlin is a native of New Jersey. He and his wife, Wendy, have two children.