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Garrett J. Ripa

Deputy Field Office Director
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Garrett J. Ripa has served as Deputy Field Office Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) within the Miami Field Office since November 2019. Mr. Ripa has over 25 years of federal law enforcement experience and has been temporarily promoted to Acting Field Office Director for the Miami Field Office.

Mr. Ripa assists the Field Office Director in managing the Miami Field Office that encompasses a total of 652 authorized positions, 13 sub-offices and 4 detention facilities. The Miami Field Office's area of responsibility covers enforcement operations throughout the State of Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as a Migrant Operations Center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mr. Ripa oversees enforcement, operations support and special operations within the Miami Field Office. Prior to his current position, Mr. Ripa served as the Assistant Field Office Director within the Miami Field Office overseeing the Criminal Alien Program.

Mr. Ripa began his career with the United States Government in 1996 with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as a Detention Enforcement Officer (DEO) in Miami, FL. He promoted to a Deportation Officer (DO) in 2002, and after the formation of the Department of Homeland Security and ICE in March 2003, rose through the ranks of ERO with promotions to Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer (SDDO) in 2008, Assistant Field Office Director (AFOD) in 2016 and finally to Deputy Field Office Director (DFOD) in 2019.

Mr. Ripa's career highlights include various accolades and recognition from ICE Attaché Offices, to working on one of the nation's top performing Fugitive Operations teams and distinguishing himself overseeing the nationally recognized Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) and the Warrant Service Officer (WSO) programs with ERO Headquarters. As AFOD, Mr. Ripa served as the Union Liaison for the Miami Field Office and represented management on union relations and negotiations.