



## U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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### **Joel T. Mikelson**

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Assistant Field Office Director (AFOD) Mikelson began his career with the United States Government on January 8, 1995, with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as a Detention Enforcement Officer (DEO) at the Service Processing Center (SPC) in Boston, MA. In November 1995, Mr. Mikelson graduated from the Immigration Detention Enforcement Officer Basic Training Course where he was awarded the Commissioner's Letter for Highest Academic Standing. In May 1996, Mr. Mikelson transferred to the Hartford, CT sub-office as a DEO.

Mr. Mikelson was hired as a Deportation Officer at the INS Philadelphia District sub-office at the York County Prison in York, PA in July 1997. Mr. Mikelson worked a detained docket until 2003, when he was transferred to the Philadelphia District Office where he worked a non-detained docket and Fugitive Operations. In 2007, Mr. Mikelson was promoted to the position of Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer (SDDO) in Philadelphia, PA where he had oversight of the non-detained docket and alternatives to detention program. In February 2008, Mr. Mikelson was selected for detail to ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Headquarters to assist with the development and deployment of the Enforce Alien Removal Module, ERO's case management system. In November 2008, Mr. Mikelson transferred to the ERO Philadelphia's sub-office at the York County Prison as an SDDO with oversight over special projects.

In February 2009, Mr. Mikelson was detailed to the Headquarters ERO Field Operations Division where he was instrumental in establishing the High Profile Removal Program. In December 2009, Mr. Mikelson permanently entered on duty with the Headquarters ERO Field Operations Division and was appointed as the Chief of Staff to the Assistant Director for Field Operations. In June 2010, Mr. Mikelson was awarded the Assistant Secretary's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement. In 2012, the ICE ERO Executive Associate Director selected Mr. Mikelson as his Deputy Chief of Staff.

In December 2013, Mr. Mikelson assumed the position of AFOD in the Miami Field Office with operational oversight of the Krome SPC, the Glades County Detention Center, and the Monroe County Detention Center. Mr. Mikelson has held the position of AFOD with oversight of ERO Miami operations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Non-Detained Case Management.

Mr. Mikelson currently holds the position of Chief of Staff to the FOD, AFOD over Special Operations, Congressional, Public Affairs and Outreach for the Miami Field Office. Mr. Mikelson has over 27 years of Federal Law Enforcement service.