



Ronald D. Vitiello

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Ronald D. Vitiello is the Deputy Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol. As the Border Patrol's chief operating officer, he is responsible for the daily operations of the Border Patrol and routinely reports to and assists the Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, in planning and directing nationwide enforcement and administrative operations.

Deputy Chief Vitiello entered on duty with the Border Patrol in 1985 as a member of Class 174. His first duty assignment as a Border Patrol agent was at the Laredo Station in the Laredo Sector, where he also served as a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent. As an agent and supervisor, he participated in Special Response Team operations and was instrumental in formulating the Laredo Sector Criminal Alien Program. In June 1997, he served as a Deputy Assistant Regional Director for the Border Patrol at the Central Region Office in Dallas, Texas, where he oversaw the regional implementation of Operation Rio Grande. In June 2000, he was selected as a Special Operations Supervisor at the Nogales Station in the Tucson Sector. During his time in Arizona, Deputy Chief Vitiello worked extensively in the Tucson Sector Community Relations Office. He later was promoted to Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge of the Nogales Station. In November 2002, he was selected as an Assistant Chief at Border Patrol Headquarters.

While at Headquarters, Deputy Chief Vitiello was one of the key contributors in the unification of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. He was promoted to Senior Associate Chief of the Management Division. He also represented CBP at the Border and Transportation Security Directorate while assigned to the Operations Division.

In January 2006, he was promoted to Chief Patrol Agent of the Swanton Sector and held that position until July 2007, when he was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service and promoted to Chief Patrol Agent of the Rio Grande Valley Sector, one of the largest and most dynamic sectors along the Southwest Border.

While at the Rio Grande Valley Sector, then-Chief Patrol Agent Vitiello was appointed the Lead U.S. CBP Hurricane Preparedness Coordinator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VI. He was responsible for deploying personnel and resources to a national domestic incident site, representing the CBP Commissioner as the Lead Field Coordinator, and leading more than 12,000 CBP employees in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

Ronald D. Vitiello is 47 years old and a native of Chicago, Illinois. His formal education is in criminal justice. He and his wife, Nuri, have two children and live in Fairfax, Virginia.