



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Tony D. Crowder is the Acting Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, 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 between ports of entry, in the air and maritime environments and within the nation's interior.

Acting Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Crowder is responsible for providing law enforcement leadership and managing the direction of AMO's daily activities. In this capacity, he is charged with supporting AMO Headquarters as it continues to build a nationally recognized air and marine force.

Acting Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Crowder began his career in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) in 1980, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. An Honor Graduate from Undergraduate Controller Training, he was trained as an Air Weapons Controller, becoming a specialist in air battle management. He is a graduate from the USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor School and has over 3,000 intercepts in airborne warning and control systems as well as fighter aircraft.

Throughout his extensive military career, he led combat crews throughout Central Europe, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Iceland, as well as the European controller team in worldwide fighter employment competitions. He served as a Weapons and Tactics Officer, prepared and deployed combat ready units, and served on various NATO staffs. A fully qualified Joint Officer, he conducted air defense, counter-drug operations, and command and control operations in 13 countries with multiple military and law enforcement agencies.

Acting Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Crowder joined the former U.S. Customs Service in August 2000 as the Director of Command, Control, Intelligence, and Surveillance. In 2005, he became the Director, National Security and P-3 Orion Operations and assisted the integration of national security programs into the newly established AMO in 2006. In 2008, he was promoted to Executive Director of the Air and Marine Operations Center in Riverside, California. As Executive Director, he oversaw AMO's homeland air security efforts and interagency Command, Control, In October 2016, he became the Acting Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner.

Acting Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Crowder earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Texas. He received a Master of Science in systems management from the University of Southern California. He has also attended the Harvard Senior Managers in Government Seminar.

