



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Edward E. Young is the Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 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 Executive Assistant Commissioner Young has over 25 years of law enforcement experience. He began his employment with the former U.S. Customs Service in September 1990 as an Air Interdiction Officer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During his tenure in Albuquerque he was assigned to several local and Federal taskforces, warrant entry teams and served as an instructor in aviation tactics and interdiction operations. In March 1997, he was promoted to an Enforcement Aviation Specialist assigned to the Customs National Aviation Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he served as the Program Manager for Foreign Operations involving U.S. Customs aviation personnel and assets. In May 2000, Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner Young was selected as an Enforcement Aviation Operations Officer, within the Air and Marine Interdiction Division in Washington, D.C. In this role, he directed and advised field-level managers on planning and policy matters pertaining to Customs Air and Marine counter-drug and counterterrorism interdiction operations.

On March 1, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security established its investigative arm, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In April 2003 he was assigned to the ICE Assistant Secretary's staff as the Air and Marine Advisor. The following November he was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent and undertook a diversified role within the agency, coordinating integration and transformation projects for all elements of the newly-created agency. Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner Young returned to AMO in 2004 when he was selected as the Field Director, Albuquerque Air Branch. In 2006, he was relocated to Washington, D.C., and promoted to Director for Coastal Operations. Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner Young was later assigned to the Headquarters position of Deputy Director, Operations - Air, where he served until March 2011 when he was promoted to Executive Director, Operations. He served in this capacity until his appointment to Deputy Assistant Commissioner in January 2013. As Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, he was responsible for providing law enforcement leadership and managing the direction of AMO's daily activities. In this capacity, he was charged with supporting AMO Headquarters as it continues to build a nationally recognized air and marine force. In October 2016, he became the Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner.

Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner Young received a Bachelors of Science degree in public administration and criminal justice from the University of Arizona in 1989. He attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1990, and participated in the Customs Leadership Institute in 2002. In 2008, Acting Assistant Commissioner Young was selected for the Customs and Border Protection Senior Executive Service (SES) Candidate Development Program. He was awarded his Office of Personnel Management SES certification in 2010. Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner Young also completed the Department of Defense, National Defense University, Capstone in October 2012.

