



Caleb Vitello

Acting Director

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Caleb Vitello is a member of the Senior Executive Service with more than 23 years of service to ICE. As acting director, Mr. Vitello leads, directs and oversees a workforce more than 20,000 people strong that includes federal law enforcement officers, attorneys and mission support personnel. Through their work, he guides an agency tasked with enforcing more than 400 federal statutes related to immigration enforcement, combating transnational crime and terrorism, and fighting the illegal movement of people and goods.

Mr. Vitello served as deputy assistant director, directed the National Fugitive Operations Program and led the Fugitive Operations Academy, providing policy guidance, strategic planning and operational oversight for efforts to locate, arrest and remove at-large, dangerous criminals and illegal aliens from the United States.

Mr. Vitello most recently served as the assistant director for the Office of Firearms and Tactical Programs. He led OFTP in providing specialized firearms and tactical training, as well as all equipment, support and policy guidance necessary to promote officer and public safety while enabling effective execution of the agency's law enforcement mission.

Prior to joining OFTP, Mr. Vitello served as the Enforcement and Removal Operations chief of staff, overseeing daily operations and communications impacting an organization with a budget of \$4.7 billion and a workforce of approximately 8,000 employees. Prior to his appointment as ERO's chief of staff, Mr. Vitello served on the White House National Security Council as the director for Interior Enforcement, where he headed the child and welfare safety initiative and ensured enforcement efforts focused on the greatest threats to national security and public safety.

Mr. Vitello also served as unit chief and deputy assistant director of the National Fugitive Operations Program in ERO's Enforcement Division.

Between 2015 and 2020, Mr. Vitello earned four ICE Director's Awards in Meritorious Service, Core Value, Protecting the Homeland and Efficiency Through Innovation. He also earned the ICE Health Service Corps Life Saving Award.

In 2001, Mr. Vitello began his career with the ERO New York City field office, where he was a founding member of its Special Response Team program and a senior Defensive Tactics instructor. Mr. Vitello went on to lead the SRT national training and certification program at Ft. Moore (formerly Ft. Benning), Georgia, and later managed the national SRT program in ERO's Enforcement Division.

Mr. Vitello was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, and earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo.