



## Garrett J. Ripa

Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations



**Garrett J. Ripa** is the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Acting Executive Associate Director. In this role, Mr. Ripa leads ERO in its mission to protect the homeland through the arrest and removal of aliens who undermine the safety of our communities and the integrity of our immigration laws. With nearly three decades of service in law enforcement, Mr. Ripa brings a wealth of experience in border security, interior enforcement, and transnational policing.

Responsible for a budget of approximately \$5.1 billion, Mr. Ripa directs the operations of more than 7,800 employees assigned to 25 ERO field offices and headquarters, in over 180 domestic locations and 30 overseas locations. He oversees the eight Assistant Directors who lead ERO's headquarter divisions, including Enforcement, Removal, Custody Management, Non-Detained Management, Field Operations, Law Enforcement Systems and Analysis, ICE Health Service Corps, and Operations Support.

Mr. Ripa began his career with the United States Government in 1996 with U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as a Detention Enforcement Officer in Miami, FL. He promoted to a Deportation Officer in 2002, and after the formation of the Department of Homeland Security and ICE in March 2003, rose through the ranks of ERO, with promotions to Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer, Assistant Field Office Director, Deputy Field Office Director, and Field Office Director (FOD) of the Miami Field Office. As FOD, his area of responsibility covered the State of Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as a Migrant Operations Center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mr. Ripa has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 2022. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Florida State University, cum laude.