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CBP Announces Leadership Changes

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Washington - U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner W. Ralph Basham recently announced the appointment of 11 new members of the agency's executive leadership.

"I am grateful for the excellence and foresight of our outgoing leaders," Basham said in announcing retirements and departures. "And I am very enthusiastic about the experience, commitment and diversity of our incoming leaders."

New appointments were:

- Patricia Duffy, assistant commissioner, training and development;
- Christine Gaugler, assistant commissioner, human resources management;
- Allen Gina, assistant commissioner, international affairs;
- Salvador Nieto, deputy assistant commissioner, intelligence and operations coordination;
- Charles Stallworth, deputy assistant commissioner, international affairs;
- James Wong, deputy assistant commissioner, internal affairs;
- Gregory Giddens, executive director, facilities management and engineering;
- Mark Borkowski, executive director, secure border initiative program office;
- Helen Tierney executive director, planning, program analysis and evaluation office;
- Vernon Foret, executive director, agriculture inspection programs; and
- David Longoria, deputy director, El Paso intelligence center.

Commissioner Basham also announced the following retirements:

- Robert Hosenfeld, assistant commissioner, human resources management, will retire October 3 with more than 34 years of federal service.
- Thomas Walters, assistant commissioner, training and development, will retire in December with more than 33 years of service.
- Stephen Iannucci, deputy assistant commissioner, internal affairs, will retire in January 2009, with more than 31 years of service.

Also, Basham named the following CBP employees as new participants in the agency's leadership development program: Michael DeBruhl, chief patrol agent, Ramey, Puerto Rico; Larry Fluty, laboratory director, Houston; Alvin Gamble, deputy director, Air and Marine Operations Center; Renée Harris, CBP attaché, Mexico City; Brian Humphrey, assistant director, Border Security, Chicago; John Leonard, port director, San Francisco; Hector Mancha Jr., port director, Pharr, Texas; Manuel Padilla Jr., chief patrol agent, New Orleans; Rolando Suliveras Jr., port director, Seattle; and Edward Young, director, coastal missions, Air and Marine.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.