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### **ICE names new Homeland Security Investigations leader based in Twin Cities**

MINNEAPOLIS - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton has named Michael Feinberg as the new special agent in charge of the five-state Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) office based in the Twin Cities.

As special agent in charge, Feinberg supervises a cadre of special agents located in 14 offices throughout the following states: Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. ICE HSI agents protect national security and enforce immigration and customs laws by conducting criminal investigations in various mission areas, such as: drug smuggling, illegal exporting munitions and high-tech items, money laundering, financial crimes, transnational gangs, human smuggling and trafficking, intellectual property rights, and crimes against children including child sex tourism and possessing child pornography.

"My 26 years in federal law enforcement have taken me all over the world, but it's exciting to have the opportunity to serve in the Twin Cities and have a more direct involvement in this region," said Feinberg. "I've been passionate about law enforcement since I started as a "Police Explorer" in my youth. I knew at a young age that I wanted to help protect the public. ICE's Homeland Security Investigations has provided me with a career full of those opportunities."

ICE HSI plays a key role in maintaining the safety and security of the United States relative to international trade and commerce, financial markets, contraband, industrial and strategic parity, and immigration and border integrity. ICE HSI uses its unique customs and immigration law enforcement authorities to identify, disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations and other threats. ICE also works to deprive potential terrorists and transnational gangs from employing smuggling networks and methods to further their crimes against the United States.

"I'm eager to work with my law enforcement partners from the various local, state and federal agencies to help safeguard this country," said Feinberg.

Prior to accepting the position as ICE HSI special agent in charge in St. Paul, Feinberg was the assistant director of the Office of International Affairs at ICE Headquarters in Washington, D.C. In that position, he controlled the international operations of the 63 ICE Attaché offices in 44 countries. Beforehand, Feinberg served as the ICE Attaché in Frankfurt, Germany.

Feinberg is a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES). He recently relocated to the Twin Cities area with his wife of 26 years; they have two college-age daughters.

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