

The Department of Justice
**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,
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In his current capacity, Mr. Chase functions as a senior executive, directing the planning, administration, and implementation of Field Operations activities for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), in the Denver Field Division, which is comprised of 15 offices in the States of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Montana. Special Agents and Investigators under his command investigate violations of the federal firearms, explosives, arson, alcohol, and tobacco laws while providing regulatory oversight and assistance to the firearms and explosives industries.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations (OPRSO), Washington, DC, wherein he directed the Bureau's asset protection and business recovery programs to include, physical security, personnel security, operational security, internal investigations, internal controls, executive protection, and continuity of operations.

Mr. Chase formerly held the positions of Deputy Assistant Director for the Office of Training and Professional Development; Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Field Division; Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Division; Special Agent in Charge for the Arson Enforcement Branch, Washington, DC; and Resident Agent in Charge for the Helena and Billings, Montana Field Offices.

Mr. Chase has served on numerous professional committees to include, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Police Image and Ethics Committee; American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), Law Enforcement Liaison Council (Chairman); the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Technical Committee on Fire Investigators Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1033; IACP's, Arson and Explosives Committee (staff liaison); and the Insurance Committee for Arson Control.

Mr. Chase is currently a graduate student attending Michigan State University's, School of Criminal Justice, Masters of Science Degree Program with a focus on security management. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Montana in 1982.

Mr. Chase is a 25-year law enforcement veteran and began his career serving as an agent with the United States Border Patrol.