

Carla L. Provost
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Carla L. Provost is the Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol, located in Washington DC.

Chief Provost entered on duty with the U.S. Border Patrol on January 8, 1995, as a member of Class 277. Her first assignment as a Border Patrol agent was at the Douglas Station in the Tucson Sector. She was subsequently promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent in 1998, and to Field Operations Supervisor in 2001. While assigned to the Tucson Sector, Chief Provost served as an instructor for bike patrol units, firearms training, and post-academy law.

In 2006, she transferred to the Yuma Sector as Assistant Chief Patrol Agent. In 2009, she became the Patrol Agent in Charge of the Wellton Station in the Yuma Sector. While at the Yuma Sector, she directed sector budgets and human resources, and, later, oversaw all operations of the Wellton Station. In 2011, Chief Provost was appointed to the SES position of Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the El Paso Sector.

In 2013, Chief Provost became the Chief Patrol Agent of the El Centro Sector, where she led 1,200 employees and oversaw all operations within her area of responsibility. In 2015, she became the Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Professional Responsibility, where she oversaw compliance with all CBP-wide programs and policies relating to corruption, misconduct, or mismanagement. In 2016, Ms. Provost was selected as the Deputy Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Among Chief Provost's many accomplishments in her distinguished career, is her successful standup of CBP's Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Compliance Directorate, which is responsible for the development and articulation of all CBP use of force policies. In this capacity, Chief Provost led the CBP-wide implementation of its Comprehensive Use of Force Policy.

Prior to joining the U.S. Border Patrol, Chief Provost served for 2 1/2 years as a police officer with the Riley County Police Department in Manhattan, Kansas. She earned a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Kansas State University.