

D. CHRISTOPHER EVANS
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION



D. Christopher (“Chris”) was permanently appointed in September 2019 as the Drug Enforcement Administration Chief of Operations and Assistant Administrator for the Operations Division. As Chief of Operations he commands DEA’s global drug enforcement efforts in 240 domestic offices in 23 divisions throughout the United States and 93 foreign offices in 69 countries, as well as DEA’s Special Operations Division. In this role, Mr. Evans also serves as the principal advisor to the DEA Administrator and Deputy Administrator on all matters pertaining to the daily worldwide operations of DEA.

Previously, he served as the first Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Division. Established on Jan. 1, 2018, under Mr. Evans’ leadership, the division serves Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia, strengthening DEA’s presence in the central Appalachia region. In June 2017, Mr. Evans was selected for the position of Associate Special Agent in Charge of DEA’s Detroit Field Division where his area of responsibility encompassed the states of Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Mr. Evans is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies and a Master’s Degree in Political Science. He also received a Certificate in Senior Executive Leadership from Georgetown University and has completed the DEA SES Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Evans began his law enforcement career with the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1992 at the Washington Field Division and then transferred to the Los Angeles Field Division, where he was later promoted to be a Supervisory Special Agent (Group Supervisor). In this role, he led international investigations targeting crime syndicates conducting worldwide money laundering schemes and international drug operations.

In 2006, Mr. Evans was reassigned to DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, where he was assigned to the Operations Division, Mexico and Central America section. During this assignment, he represented DEA on the Department of Justice's Committee on International Gangs. Mr. Evans was promoted during his tour at DEA Headquarters, and he served a year as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations, followed by two years served as the Executive Assistant to the DEA Administrator.

Mr. Evans returned to the Los Angeles Field Division when appointed the Assistant Special Agent in Charge in 2010. During his tenure, Mr. Evans also led the establishment of the Los Angeles Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force strike force and served as the first strike force commander.