



Sidney Aki
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Mr. Sidney Aki is the Director of Field Operations (DFO) for the San Diego Field Office within U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). DFO Aki oversees 2,700 employees assigned to the 5 land border ports of entry of San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, Tecate, Calexico and Andrade. The San Diego Field Office also encompasses the San Diego International airport, the San Diego seaport, and multiple general aviation centers. DFO Aki's geographical area of responsibility covers all Southern California border ports of entry extending to the Arizona border.

Prior to his appointment as DFO, Mr. Aki served as Port Director of the San Ysidro Port of Entry from 2013 to 2022. As the Port Director, Mr. Aki directed more than 1,200 employees, and provided oversight of the busiest land port of entry in the United States, which sees over 100,000 travelers per day; and the Cross Border Xpress, a first of its kind public/private venture that serves as an enclosed pedestrian bridge directly connecting San Diego with the international airport in Tijuana, Mexico.

Throughout his 28-year career with CBP and the former U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Mr. Aki has served in key leadership positions. From July 2022 to January 2023, Mr. Aki was appointed as the Senior Coordinating Official for the Southwest Border Coordination Center at CBP Headquarters in Washington D.C., where he directed a Unified Command Group and led a whole-of-government approach in response to the Southwest Border irregular migration surge.

Mr. Aki has also served as Port Director of the Laredo Port of Entry where his responsibilities included the operational and administrative oversight of six major operational locations in the state of Texas, including the busiest commercial truck crossing on the southern border. He has served as Port Director at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport; Policy Advisor for the Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary of Policy; Policy Advisor for the Commissioner's Office of Policy and Planning; Assistant Director, Border Security at the Detroit Field Office; and multiple key temporary assignments including Acting Executive Director, OFO Operations; Acting CBP Attaché to Colombia; Acting Director, Field Operations, San Diego Field Office; Acting Director, Field Operations for the Miami/Tampa Field Office; and Acting Port Director at JFK International Airport.

Mr. Aki began his career in 1996 as an Immigration Inspector at the Calexico Port of Entry. He is a native of Honolulu, Hawaii and is a graduate of Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Washington. He has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 2011 and is a Senior Executive Fellow at both Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and National Defense University's CAPSTONE Program. Mr. Aki is a recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award and the Secretary of Homeland Security's Silver Medal Award.