



# BIOGRAPHY

## FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

### RICHARD “KRIS” CLINE



Mr. Cline serves as the Principal Deputy Director of the Federal Protective Service (FPS). In this capacity, he serves as an extension of the Director and operates with full authority to execute the mission of the FPS. Mr. Cline independently directs and manages FPS employees and coordinates with federal, state, and local public officials to ensure the protection of the buildings, grounds, and property that are owned, occupied, or secured by the federal government and the persons on the property.

Mr. Cline joined FPS in May 2003 after retiring from the U.S. Army. His first assignment was as the Area Commander for the Federal Triangle and Security Director at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. As Security Director, he provided oversight of the protection and law enforcement programs at the second largest federal building, including the protection of 7,500 federal employees; 2,000 private sector employees; 2,500 daily visitors and tourists; and 3.2 million square feet of federal office space. He supervised a 420-person Protective Security Officer Guard force contract with an annual budget of \$14.5 million. In October 2004, Mr. Cline was detailed to the FPS National Capital Region to coordinate and lead the FPS efforts for the 2005 Presidential Inaugural events.

Mr. Cline most recently served as the Deputy Director for Operations, where he was the overall administrator for operational activities and direction to the Service's nationwide protection and law enforcement programs.

Prior to joining the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Cline served 20 years with the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regiment. He served with distinction in numerous assignments during his career such as, Operations Sergeant, Military Police Operations, Army Operations Center, Pentagon; Sergeant-of-the-Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery; Platoon Sergeant at the 534th Military Police Company, Republic of Panama; Squad Leader at the 142nd Military Police Company, Republic of Korea; and Team Leader of the Military Security Force, National Military Command Center, Office of the Chairman-Joint Chiefs of Staff; to name a few.

During his U.S. Army career, Mr. Cline participated in numerous operational deployments including Joint Task Force-Distant Haven in Suriname, South America and Operation Safe Haven/Safe Passage in the Republic of Panama. Mr. Cline concluded his career with the U.S. Army having received numerous awards and decorations for exceptional service and sustained performance.