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## **Border Security Expo Announces Carla Provost as Advisory Board Chair**

*Retired U.S. Border Patrol Chief brings more than 25 years of experience to new role*

WASHINGTON, DC, August 16, 2021 — Border Security Expo, the industry's preeminent event for border security and law enforcement issues, is pleased to announce the appointment of retired U.S. Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost as the event's chair, effective immediately. She replaces another former leader from U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Tom Winkowski, who has helped guide and the shape the event over the last 10 years.

In her new role, Provost will lead the Advisory Board, comprised of a highly credentialed and respected collection of government and industry leaders, in positioning the event to address the most pressing threats and policies impacting the borders at all fronts. Provost's diverse experience will help guide the Board to explore the ever-changing nature of threats on the border and provide conference attendees with the most relevant and timely information as they seek to navigate the opportunities and challenges of border security.

Chief Provost began her career with the U.S. Border Patrol in 1995 as a Border Patrol Agent. Her intelligence, commitment, and dedication led to a constant string of promotions, culminating in her appointment as Border Patrol Chief in 2018. Throughout her career, Chief Provost was an avid supporter of the frontline men and women in the Border Patrol, while upholding the Border Patrol motto of "Honor First."

Among Chief Provost's many accomplishments in her distinguished career is her successful standup of CBP's Law Enforcement Officer/Agent Safety and Compliance Directorate (LESC), which is responsible for the development and articulation of all CBP use of force policies and provides the agency with comprehensive and operational Use of Force programs and training. Chief Provost spent her career promoting continual learning and served as an instructor for bike patrol units, firearms training, and post-academy law as a young field Agent. Her operational experience spans across four different Sectors inclusive of all four states that border Mexico.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chief Provost as our new Advisory Board Chairman," said Lee Arevian, Border Security Expo Event Director. "Her vast experience and real-world knowledge of the evolving threats and challenges facing our borders will prove invaluable in helping us provide

our attendees with up-to-the-minute insights, actionable takeaways, and innovative solutions to support their critical missions."

"I am excited to join Border Security Expo and their amazing leadership/Advisory Board team. I am truly honored to be an integral part of this event which provides critical support and insight into the challenges that an ever-changing dynamic border present to current and future threats to our great nation," Chief Provost shared.

The next Border Security Expo is scheduled to take place March 29-30, 2022, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. The event's Sharpshooter Classic & Demo Day will take place March 31, at Bandera Gun Club.

Details on the 2022 agenda along with confirmed speakers and keynotes will be announced in the coming months on the event website: [www.bordersecurityexpo.com](http://www.bordersecurityexpo.com).

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