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ATF APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OTHER SENIOR MEMBER TO ITS EXECUTIVE STAFF

WASHINGTON – Acting Director Michael J. Sullivan of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced today the appointments of Ronnie A. Carter and William J. Hoover, both of them veteran special agents who have led ATF field divisions, as, respectively, the agency’s new deputy director and assistant director for field operations.

The new appointments, effective Feb. 15, move Carter into ATF’s second-ranking position and make him the bureau’s chief operating officer, and move Hoover into the position responsible for the law enforcement and regulatory operations carried out by the bureau’s 23 field divisions across the United States.

“When I announced that there would be several personnel changes to the Executive Staff, I noted that the changes are intended to recognize the greatest asset ATF has – its people – and to provide an opportunity for others in the organization to help lead the agency,” Sullivan said in a message to employees. “Both Mr. Carter and Mr. Hoover will continue to bring the combination of leadership, experience and respect of their colleagues that is critical for ATF’s senior management.”

Carter, 53, who has served as special agent in charge of the Dallas Field Division since May 2002, has been an ATF special agent since 1980, investigated the entire range of crimes under ATF’s jurisdiction, and held a number of increasingly responsible positions in the field and headquarters.

In 1990, he was appointed group supervisor in Charlotte, N.C., supervising the Violent Crime Task Force that included ATF, the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department, FBI, Immigration and Naturalization Service, State Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Secret Service. In 1998, he was transferred to Washington as chief of the bureau’s Violent Crime Branch. He served as assistant special agent in charge in Dallas from July 2000 until his appointment as special agent in charge.

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Carter, a native of Columbus, Ohio, holds a degree from Ohio State University, is a graduate of the FBI Academy and a member of the career Senior Executive Service. He and his wife Lorraine have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Hoover, 46, currently serves as special agent in charge of the Washington Field Division, a position he assumed in January 2006 after holding the same job in Boston since August 2003.

He began his career with ATF in 1987 in Bristol, Va., after working as a sheriff's deputy with the Shenandoah County, Va., Sheriff, police officer in Roanoke, Va., and special agent for the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Police.

In 1995, Hoover was placed in charge of ATF's firearms training program and in October of that year promoted to resident agent in charge of the Portland, Ore., Group II field office. In 2000, he was named assistant special agent in charge of the Louisville Field Division, a post he held until being moved to Boston.

A native of Woodstock, Va., Hoover graduated from Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, W.Va., and is a member of the career Senior Executive Service. He and his wife Leslie have three children.

Carter succeeds Edgar Domenech, who will be the new special agent in charge of the Washington Field Division, and Hoover succeeds Michael Bouchard, who was named assistant to the director.

Domenech and Bouchard were instrumental in ATF's significant organizational results relating to the agency's broad mission of preventing terrorism, reducing violent crime, and protecting the public. Their leadership contributed to the successful implementation of such key programs as the Safe Explosive Act, the President's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative, critically needed post-blast explosives training for U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq, and the Attorney General's Cross Border Initiative aimed at reducing firearms trafficking across our international borders.

Sullivan noted that Domenech "had assumed increasing responsibilities throughout his career, serving as special agent in charge on several occasions, as deputy assistant director for field operations, as deputy director and as acting director."

He said Bouchard would be responsible for a number of critical agency initiatives and relationships with ATF's law enforcement partners, including the Explosives Review Group, the major city police chiefs, further enhancement of the Violent Crime Impact Teams and resolving the agency's role under the government-wide Emergency Support Function-13.

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Domenech and Bouchard, Sullivan added, “in their senior executive positions they will continue to be called upon to serve and represent ATF and the American public at an important time in our history.”

More information on ATF and its programs to deter terrorism, reduce violent crime and protect the nation is at www.atf.gov.

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