



Lawrence W.K. Casselle assumed his current duties as Regional Director for High-Threat Programs (Near East Asia) in August 2023. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Casselle served as the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) where he served as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary and assisted in the management of the largest Bureau in the State Department and the most widely represented U.S. federal law enforcement agency in the world.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Casselle served as the Director for Counterterrorism at the National Security Council; Executive Office of the President at The White House. He was responsible for the global-threats portfolio and assuring that the National Security Advisor and senior White House leadership up to the President of the United States were briefed on imminent national security threats to the United States Homeland and overseas facilities.

Mr. Casselle joined the DSS as a special agent in 2003. Over the course of his career, he has served in numerous domestic and overseas assignments and worked in more than 80 countries. Mr. Casselle began his career at the New York Field Office. He has served at the State Department's Operations Center (State Ops), Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's Protective Detail and was the Branch Chief for Overseas Protective Operations with responsibility for the entire Western Hemisphere. He also served as the Deputy Director for Counterintelligence at the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR).

Overseas Mr. Casselle has served at U.S. Embassies in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Kabul, Afghanistan; Baghdad, Iraq and as the Senior Regional Security Officer, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge' d affaires at U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize. While serving in Belize, Mr. Casselle's office was responsible for the location, capture and repatriation of more than 40 international fugitives to the United States.

Mr. Casselle was popularly elected to the Governing Board of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) in 2014 where he represented the United States Foreign Service's interests to Congress and the American public. He was reelected in 2016.

Mr. Casselle is an individual recipient of numerous Department of State Meritorious and Superior Honor Awards.

Prior to joining the State Department, Mr. Casselle served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. Mr. Casselle is a graduate of Missouri Military Academy and holds a B.A. in Political Science from Hampton University and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy and Resources from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School at the National Defense University.