



Julia Pierson
Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
United States Secret Service



Julia Pierson was appointed to the position of Chief of Staff on August 3, 2008. Ms. Pierson is currently directing the agency's Enterprise Transformation and Technology Modernization efforts to enhance mission operations and business processes.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Pierson served as Assistant Director of the Office of Human Resources and Training, a position she held since June 2006. As Assistant Director, she was responsible for all human resource programs and training for the Secret Service, including policy development and management of the agency's Personnel Division, Security Clearance Division, Workforce Planning, Work-Life Programs, and the James J. Rowley Training Center.

A native of Orlando, Florida, Ms. Pierson began her career as a special agent assigned to the Miami Field Office in 1983, after having served three years as a police officer in Orlando, Florida. In 1985, she was reassigned to the Orlando Field Office, and in 1988 transferred to the Presidential Protective Division, where she served for four years. From 1992 through 1994, Ms. Pierson served as the agency's Drug Program Coordinator. The following year she was reassigned to the Office of the Protective Operations, where she managed Secret Service personnel and resources supporting protective operations throughout the world.

In 1996, Ms. Pierson entered the agency's supervisory ranks with her selection as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Protective Operations. Later that year, she was transferred to the Tampa Field Office where she served as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge and was responsible for directing Secret Service investigative and protective activities in western Florida. Ms. Pierson established an Electronic Crimes Task Force to investigate cyber crimes in the Tampa Bay area.

In 2000, Ms. Pierson was promoted to Special Agent in Charge within the Office of Protective Operations, and returned to Washington, D.C. In this position, she was responsible for workforce planning and strategic management of the agency's protective operations resources.

In 2001, Ms. Pierson was promoted to Deputy Assistant Director in the Office of Administration. In this position, she oversaw the agency's \$1.4 billion dollar budget and managed Secret Service administrative operations encompassing five divisions and more than 350 employees.

In 2005, Ms. Pierson returned to the Office of Protective Operations as Deputy Assistant Director. In this position, Ms. Pierson oversaw the agency's Presidential Protective Division, Vice Presidential Protective Division, Special Services Division, as well as budgetary operations for 1,200 employees.

Ms. Pierson is a graduate of the University of Central Florida, in Orlando, Florida, and has completed graduate course work in Public Policy at The George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the federal Senior Executive Service and the recipient of the 2008 Presidential Meritorious Executive Award for sustained superior performance in management throughout her 26-year career with the Secret Service.