



## **Dawn Caltagirone**

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Dawn Caltagirone currently serves as the Assistant Port Director, Field Operations (Tactical), Area Port of Buffalo, which is comprised of over 700 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) employees at one of the busiest ports of entry on the northern border which includes operations at 4 land border crossings and 6 airport operations. The Area Port of Buffalo processes over \$40 billion trade; close to 1 million commercial trucks; 5 million passenger vehicles; 12.5 million passengers; and 16,000 buses annually.

Ms. Caltagirone has over 30 years of services as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer and began her career in 1990 as a correction officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons before transferring to the U.S. Customs Service in 1996 as a U.S. Customs Inspector. Ms. Caltagirone has worked in several ports of entry along the southern and northern border as well in Washington, D.C. as a part of the Leadership, Innovation and Field Transformation (LIFT) initiative to encourage career development and expand innovation throughout CBP.

Ms. Caltagirone currently oversees the Area Port of Buffalo's Incident Management Division, Tactical Terrorist Response Team, Emergency Medical Technician Team, Mobile Field Force Team, Health and Safety Unit, Workforce Resiliency Programs (Peer Support, Chaplain Program, Veteran Support Program), CBP Emergency Response Teams. Ms. Caltagirone serves as a CBP Tribal Liaison to the Seneca Nation Community as well as collaborating with state and local stakeholders to improve the Western New York and Southern Ontario Regions ability to respond to man-made and natural disasters impacting the border communities.

Ms. Caltagirone is a core member for the CBP Task Force for Women (TFW) and is passionate about the future for women in Law Enforcement. Ms. Caltagirone is a driving force in CBP's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts to attract a diverse workforce and to foster an inclusive environment of increased respect, expand on social understanding and celebrate differences through employee engagement and community outreach.