

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection
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Mr. Fencel is the Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Area Port Director, Charleston, South Carolina. In this position he is responsible for the oversight and management of all CBP activities for the Ports of Entry in the state of South Carolina.

Mr. Fencel began his U.S. Customs Service career in Nogales, Arizona, working as an Inspector and Supervisor where he managed activities to ensure continuity of operations at a land border port of entry. During this time Mr. Fencel was an enforcement team leader, subject matter expert on export issues, conducted outreach activities with the trade community and taught Customs regulations to members of the trade as well as to Customs employees.

Prior to his selection as Area Port Director, Mr. Fencel served as a program manager, and director of the Field Liaison Division, at CBP Headquarters, Washington, DC. In this position Mr. Fencel was responsible for coordinating and briefing CBP Executive Staff on significant events, issues and incidents. This position also involved oversight and management of the implementation of national policies, initiatives and procedures by field components.

Mr. Fencel, a 2009 recipient of the Commissioners Mission and Integration Team Award, and a 2010 recipient of the Commissioners Ambassador Team Award, resides in Summerville, South Carolina, with his wife and two daughters.