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*Executive Director
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David Venturella is the executive director for ICE's Secure Communities program, which was announced in March 2008. The program is designed to change immigration enforcement by using technology to share information between law enforcement agencies and by applying risk-based methodologies to focus resources on assisting all local communities remove high-risk criminal aliens.

Prior to this assignment, David served U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as both acting director and assistant director of the Office of Detention and Removal Operations. Mr. Venturella began his federal law enforcement career in Chicago in 1986 with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, having served as a deportation officer, assistant district director and deputy district director.

During his career, Mr. Venturella has successfully negotiated bi-lateral repatriation agreements on behalf of the United States government, served as a U.S. representative to the semi-annual U.S./Cuba Migration Talks, was selected to co-chair a White House working group on a proposed guest worker program and participated in the development of the Secure Border Initiative.

From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Venturella served as vice president and as director of business development for two private sector companies focusing on homeland security issues.

Mr. Venturella holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Bradley University and successfully completed the Senior Executive Leadership Program administered through Harvard University and MIT.