



Assistant Director Kerry L. Sleeper

Office of Partner Engagement
Bureau of Investigation



Mr. Sleeper entered on duty with the FBI in April 2012 after serving as Special Advisor to Directorate of Intelligence (DI) Assistant Director Eric Velez-Villar. Mr. Sleeper advised the DI on how to integrate and align the FBI's intelligence efforts with those of other federal, state, local, and tribal information-sharing programs with special focus on fusion centers. In April 2012 Mr. Sleeper was appointed to Deputy Assistant Director by Director Robert Mueller. In February 2014 FBI Director James Comey then appointed Mr. Sleeper to the position of Assistant Director of the Office of Partner Engagement (OPE). The OPE implements initiatives and strategies which support engagement, communication, coordination, and cooperation efforts with law

enforcement, intelligence, public and private agencies and partners in a continuous effort to enhance the FBI's capabilities in the Domestic Information-Sharing Architecture.

Mr. Sleeper has been engaged in law enforcement, public safety and the intelligence community for more than 41 years. He enlisted in the Vermont State Police in 1977 and became the first Trooper to rise through the ranks to be appointed the Commissioner of Public Safety. He held the ranks of Trooper, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant (Station Commander and Vermont Drug Task Force Supervisor), Captain (Special Investigation Unit Commander, Chief Criminal Investigator, Troop Commander, and Assistant Field Force Commander), Major (Field Force Commander), and Colonel, the Commissioner of Public Safety.

In 2001, Governor Howard Dean appointed Mr. Sleeper as Vermont's Homeland Security Advisor. In 2002, Governor Jim Douglas appointed Mr. Sleeper as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. He was directly responsible for all aspects of Vermont's Homeland Security program, including administering more than \$60 million in U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants; developing the Vermont Fusion Center and information sharing processes; integrating the National Incident Management System with Vermont's first responder community; developing Vermont's component of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (including the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant); and managing international border issues.

In 2002, Mr. Sleeper became the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, where he oversaw the Vermont State Police, Vermont Emergency Management, Fire Safety Division, Criminal Justice Services, and the Homeland Security Unit. Mr. Sleeper reported directly to the Governor of Vermont and was the department's primary source at the State House for all legislative and budget testimony. He retired from the Vermont State government in 2008 after 31 years of service.

From 2008 to 2010, Mr. Sleeper served as a lead for the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE) with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. He conducted the first national baseline capabilities assessment of the 72 state and major urban area fusion centers and effectively coordinated the efforts of the PM-ISE, FBI, DHS, state, and local governments that own the 72 fusion centers.

In 2017, Mr. Sleeper was awarded the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award for his exceptional sustained performance as a Senior Executive Service member.