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AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INVESTIGATIONS, MR. SMITH supervises OIG's day-to-day investigative activities related to DOT programs and operations through its Headquarters and major regional offices. The Headquarters office conducts nationwide special investigations and analysis and manages the OIG Hotline Complaint Center and activities generated by complaints.

Mr. Smith began his career as a Special Agent with the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations, where he worked a variety of investigations, ultimately focusing on counterintelligence/counterterrorism and high-risk deployment operations.

After separating from military active duty, Mr. Smith came to OIG as a Special Agent in the Washington, DC, field office. He has investigated fraud, waste, and abuse in a wide range of Department programs, including those involving disadvantaged business enterprises, airport and highway construction projects, commercial drivers' license testing, suspected unapproved parts, employee misconduct, and hazardous materials.

He previously served as Special Agent-in-Charge in OIG's Fort Worth regional office, which included investigative jurisdiction over eight States with offices located in Fort Worth, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Lakewood, Colorado. He led a team of Special Agents and staff focused on criminal, civil, and administrative casework involving DOT funds and programs.

Mr. Smith has been instrumental in developing outstanding partnerships with DOT stakeholders and other investigative agencies on behalf of OIG. He has served on numerous multi-agency task forces and working groups, including Department, Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners, and has served as an associate instructor for the Pipeline Safety Regulation Application and Compliance Procedures Course in Oklahoma City.

He is the recipient of multiple awards, including the DOT Secretary and OIG Awards.