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**M**r. Franklin D. Hatfield, Director, System Operations Security, is responsible for integrating all aviation and airspace security into the National Airspace System (NAS). This includes Presidential movement, classified programs, crisis response, special use airspace, military activities, reporting and handling of unusual and suspicious events, and the associated response. He serves as the nexus between operational intelligence and the NAS and is responsible for balancing the needs of national security with the operational and economic demands of aviation commerce.

Mr. Hatfield began his air traffic controller career while serving in the United States Navy. He joined the Federal Aviation Administration in 1984 in En Route Procedures at New York's Air Route Traffic Control Center. In 1992, he became the Manager of Military Operations, joined the Senior Executive Service as Chief of Staff to the Director of Air Traffic in 1997, and was appointed the Air Traffic Division Manager in the FAA's busy Eastern Region in 1998. Mr. Hatfield was serving in that capacity on September 11, 2001, when air traffic managers made the

historic decision to shutdown the New York airspace immediately after the second terrorist plane hit the World Trade Center. The decision was soon followed by the FAA's unprecedented shutdown of the entire NAS, which led air traffic controllers to land thousands of planes in two and one half hours.

After 9/11, Mr. Hatfield was called to the FAA headquarters where he now serves as the Director of System Operations Security. For the Department of Transportation (DOT), Mr. Hatfield has served two tours of duty in Iraq, from June 2003 to August 2003, rebuilding the country's badly damaged air traffic control system and created an air transportation detachment to the U.S. Embassy in Iraq from March 2005 to July 2005. He also served as the senior DOT representative in New Orleans, Louisiana, immediately after Hurricane Katrina and has represented the FAA in many high profile airspace security issues for the past several years.