

Pentagon Force Protection Agency

The **Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA)** is a federal law enforcement agency within the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) charged with protecting and safeguarding the occupants, visitors, and infrastructure of The Pentagon, the Mark Center Building, the Defense Health Agency headquarters, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and other assigned DoD-occupied leased facilities within the National Capitol Region. As of 2004, the Pentagon Force Protection Agency employed 482 police officers.^[2]

This mission is accomplished with law enforcement officers (Pentagon Police), criminal investigative and protective services agents; threat management agents; chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives technicians; and anti-terrorism/force protection and physical security personnel.

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency provides a comprehensive protective intelligence analysis capability, which includes threat analysis, threat investigation, and criminal intelligence services to protect Pentagon facilities, employees and senior DoD personnel. The Pentagon Force Protection Agency liaises with other federal law enforcement and intelligence communities and conducts threat assessments and investigations for protective details while they are in the National Capital Region.

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Personnel

Director

The Director of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency is a Senior Executive Service position within the Office of the Director of Administration and Management.

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"Protecting Those Who Protect Our Nation"	
Abbreviation	PFPA
Motto	Semper Vigilans Always Vigilant
Agency overview	
Formed	May 3, 2002
Preceding agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Defense Protective Service</u>
Jurisdictional structure	
Federal agency (Operations jurisdiction)	<u>United States</u>
Operations jurisdiction	<u>United States</u>
Legal jurisdiction	<u>The Pentagon and National Capital Region</u>
General nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Federal law enforcement</u>
Operational structure	
Headquarters	<u>The Pentagon</u>
Agency executives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel P. Walsh, Ph.D., Acting Director

In late 2019, Daniel P. Walsh, Ph.D. became the Acting Director of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, Dec.10, 2019, after Jonathan H. Cofer retired.

Dr. Walsh is responsible for providing a full range of services to protect people, facilities, infrastructure and other resources at the Pentagon Reservation and in DoD-occupied facilities in the National Capital Region. Within this scope, he exercises the authorities of the Secretary of Defense under 10 U.S.C 2674 with respect to force protection, security, and law enforcement. He is the DoD principal liaison with State and local authorities, and communicates directly with DoD Components and other Executive Departments and Agencies in carrying out these assigned responsibilities and functions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Woodrow Kusse, Chief of Pentagon Police
Parent agency	<u>Department of Defense</u>
Child agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Pentagon Police</u>
Website	
<u>www.pfpa.mil (http://www.pfpa.mil/)</u>	
	
[1]	

Walsh was previously the Deputy Director where he was responsible for establishing and implementing the Agency's strategic security and technology objectives, with a broad Agency portfolio of technology integration programs, information technology, construction management, and security operations. He joined the Pentagon Force Protection Agency in 2008 as a scientist in the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives Directorate. He previously served as the Assistant Director of Security Integration and Technology, the Chief of the Science and Technology Office and as the Special Assistant to the Agency Director. Prior to his tenure at the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, he served as a Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction Specialist for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, supervising response and analytical operations for hazardous material incidents throughout the City. Walsh received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from New York University and an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Scranton.

The first Director of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency was John N. Jester Jr., who previously served as the Pentagon police chief.^{[3][4]}

PFPA Divisions

Pentagon Police

The Pentagon Police Division (PPD) is the principal law enforcement arm of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (https://www.pfpa.mil/) (PFPA). PPD's role is to provide law enforcement and protective security services for The Pentagon and other Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) activities in the National Capital Region. These services include patrol, response, and investigation of criminal activity as well as protection of designated Defense officials.

Fallen officer

Since the establishment of the Pentagon Police, one officer has died in the line of duty.

Officer	Date of death	Details
Police Officer James Melvin Feltis III	Monday, February 14, 2005	Vehicular assault

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External links

- [Official website \(https://www.pfpa.mil/\)](https://www.pfpa.mil/)
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