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## **Eric B. Smith** **Special Agent in Charge** **Cleveland**

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Eric B. Smith was named SAC Cleveland by FBI Director Wray in December 2018.

SAC Smith graduated from the FBI Academy in 1999 and was assigned to the Wichita, Kansas Resident Agency (RA) where he worked multiple programs including Violent Crime, Counterterrorism, and Counterintelligence. In October 2005, SAC Smith transferred to the FBI's Counterterrorism Division where, for the next three years, he held positions as a Supervisory Special Agent and Unit Chief in the International Terrorism Operations Section, focusing on countering threats both domestically and internationally.



In 2008, SAC Smith was selected as the field supervisor for FBI Cleveland Division's Counterterrorism Squad and Joint Terrorism Task Force. In association with this role, he was chosen in 2010 to deploy to Bagram, Afghanistan and serve as the FBI's Senior Representative to the nation's elite Counterterrorism Joint Task Force.

In June 2013, SAC Smith was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Cleveland where he had oversight for counterterrorism and cyber matters as well as multiple RAs. In April 2015, he joined the Senior Executive Service as the Chief of Staff to the FBI Deputy Director. In December 2016, SAC Smith transitioned to serve as the Executive Special Assistant to the FBI Director. In this capacity, he served both FBI Directors Comey and Wray.

From 1991 to 1999, SAC Smith served as an officer in the United States Army, primarily in airborne rapid deployment forces at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Ranger School, the Basic and Advanced Military Intelligence Courses, the Jungle Warfare School, the Advanced Airborne (Jumpmaster) Course, and the Combined Arms Services Staff School. SAC Smith served as a battalion intelligence officer, an airborne rifle platoon leader, a company executive officer, and company commander. SAC Smith's military awards and decorations include the U.S. Army Ranger Tab, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Royal Australian Parachutist Badge, and the German Schutzenschnur (shooting badge).

SAC Smith received his Master's Degree in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California in 2009. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1991.