

Joshua Powell  
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Assistant Chief (ASC) Joshua Powell entered on duty with the U.S. Border Patrol in 2007 as a member of Academy Class 722 assigned to Tucson Sector's Tucson Station. In 2015, he was promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent at Tucson Sector's Ajo Station. In September 2017, he was promoted to Operations Officer at Headquarters in Washington, D.C. While there, he served on the USBP Future Capabilities Group and supported the Commissioner's Innovation Team prior to its formal inception. In May 2019, he was promoted to Assistant Chief to continue his work with USBP Future Capabilities as a portfolio manager and the lead conduit between the user groups and the Office of Information Technology.

ASC Powell has been heavily involved with the U.S. Border Patrol's technology deployments. He is certified and trained on all surveillance systems deployed along the southern border and has managed multiple surveillance operations teams in Southern Arizona. ASC Powell acted as the field lead on the Operational Test and Evaluation of the SBInet Block 1.0 towers deployed to Tucson, AZ. He is certified in Testing and Evaluation through the Department of Homeland Security and has attended the Testing and Evaluation Basic Course provided by the Army's Testing and Evaluation Command. Throughout his career he has instituted various analytics and deployment planning strategies across the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson Sector.

ASC Powell holds is a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, and a Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.