



Christopher Combs
Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio Field Office

Christopher Combs was appointed as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI San Antonio Field Office in April 2014. San Antonio Division encompasses 60 counties, 65,636 square miles, two federal judicial districts, one third of the border with Mexico (625 miles), and employs approximately 500 employees and over 175 Task Force Officers. SAC Combs oversees the Austin, Brownsville, Del Rio, Laredo, McAllen, and Waco Resident Agencies.

Previous to this assignment, SAC Combs entered the Senior Executive Service (SES) ranks in January 2012, when he became Section Chief of the FBI Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC), the FBI's 24-hour worldwide command, control, and operations center. SAC Combs also served as the FBI lead in the development of training and response programs to combat active shooter events throughout the U.S.

SAC Combs was the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of Counterterrorism at the FBI Washington Field Office (WFO). As ASAC, SAC Combs oversaw the Threats, Domestic Terrorism, Special Events, and Special Operations programs, which include the Bomb Squad, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Team, Evidence Response Team (ERT), Operational Medics (OpMed), Underwater Search and Evidence Response Team (USERT), Hazardous Material Response Team (HMRT), SWAT, Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT), and the Rapid Deployment Team (RDT). SAC Combs previously served as the Operations Unit Chief of the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) in the WMD Operations Unit, and as SSA of the WFO National Capitol Response Squad (NCRS).

SAC Combs has directed numerous domestic and international critical incidents throughout his career. He was the initial FBI On-Scene Commander (OSC) at the Pentagon crash site immediately after the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and then served as the FBI representative to Unified Command (UC) for the duration of on-scene operations. SAC Combs served as the FBI representative to UC at the U.S. Capitol during the anthrax mail attacks of 2001. He served as the FBI Operations Section Chief for numerous terrorist incidents to include: Holocaust Museum Shooting, Pentagon Shooting, and the Luna Restaurant Bombing in Pakistan. SAC Combs also served as the Deputy OSC of all FBI operations in London, England in support of the London 2012 Olympics. During the response and investigation of the mass shooting at Sutherland Springs Baptist Church in November 2017 and the Odessa Active Shoot in 2019, SAC Combs served as the OSC for the FBI. In March 2018 in Austin, Texas, SAC Combs was in command of more than 600 FBI employees who were able to successfully identify the Austin serial bomber and prevent further injury and death.

SAC Combs was a member of the inter-agency writing team that developed the Initial National Response Plan (NRP), the NRP, and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). SAC Combs also serves as the FBI representative to the White House Homeland Security Council (HSC). He served as the Special Assistant to the Senior Federal Law Enforcement Official (SFLEO) during Hurricane Katrina and was a co-author on the White House *Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina Lessons Learned* after-action report. SAC Combs was appointed the SFLEO for the federal law enforcement response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. As the SFLEO, SAC Combs had oversight of more than 1,800 federal law enforcement officers who provided public safety support to state and local authorities conducting law enforcement and rescue operations in the Houston Metropolitan area and other impacted communities along the Texas coast.

SAC Combs received the FBI Director's Award for Distinguished Service to the Law Enforcement Community for President Obama's 2008 Inauguration. He is currently a Senior Fellow with the Ash Center at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Prior to joining the FBI, SAC Combs was a volunteer firefighter for eight years with the Freeport, New York and New Berlin, Wisconsin Fire Departments.