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#### **JEFF PATTERSON**

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Jeff Patterson currently serves as the acting deputy chief executive for the Forest Service's Work Environment and Performance Office, overseeing such programs as anti-harassment, conflict resolution, employee wellbeing, training and employee development, and new-employee experience. Previously, he served as anti-harassment branch chief, senior national labor relations specialist, and employee and labor relations specialist for the Forest Service.

Before joining the Forest Service in 2010, Jeff was a police officer in Ohio and Florida, serving as Detective Captain for the Clearwater, Florida, police department and Chief of Police for Boardman Township, Ohio. He also served as assistant county prosecutor for Summit County, Ohio, and practiced law in Akron. He received his law degree from the University of Akron, master of public administration degree from the University of South Florida, and bachelor's degree from St. Leo

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Jeff's publications have appeared in the Delacorte Review, Tortoise Media (UK), Medium, the St. Petersburg Times, the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and Florida Police Chief.

He is originally from Niles, Ohio. He and his wife, Carol, currently divide their time between Saginaw, Michigan, and Brevard, North Carolina.



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