



Transportation Security Administration

FSD Biography
S O U T H E A S T

Mary V. Leftridge Byrd was appointed Federal Security Director, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), effective April 12, 2009. Ms. Leftridge Byrd began her career in criminal justice and law enforcement in 1974. Over her 30 year career, she has served in positions of increasing responsibility and authority in both field and headquarters appointments. Before coming to TSA she served as Deputy Secretary, Community Corrections Division and as Assistant Secretary, Offender Treatment and Reentry Programs Division with the Washington State Department of Corrections. In her positions there she had the responsibility of directing the 1,100 staff responsible for field supervision of 27,000 offenders and later for implementation of evidence-based offender programs in the community and institutions. Prior to that appointment she served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Corrections as Deputy Secretary. Her statewide responsibilities included directing the Bureaus of Corrections Education, Community Corrections, Victim Services, Reentry and Inmate Programs and she was also responsible for the state's two diagnostic and reception institutions.



Ms. Leftridge Byrd has served as Superintendent, State Correctional Institution at Chester, Pa. a 1,200 bed medium security men's institution and Superintendent, State Correctional Institution at Muncy, Pa. a 1,000 bed maximum security women's prison in north central Pennsylvania and Warden of the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women in Jessup, Md., a 900 bed maximum security facility and Warden of the Maryland Correctional Pre Release System in Jessup.

Ms. Leftridge Byrd holds a Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania State University where she earned a degree in Behavioral Science. She also completed Master's coursework in Public Policy with the University of Maryland.

Her experiences have required direct responsibility for security staff, maintaining strategic stakeholder relationships, intelligence gathering, and perimeter security. She is active in professional organizations and has been honored by the American Correctional Association as the Best in the Business, Woman of Achievement by the Delaware County Commission for Women and was recognized as Criminal Justice Professional of the Year by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.
