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A.T. SMITH APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan has announced the appointment of A.T. Smith to the position of Deputy Director, effective April 8, 2012. Mr. Smith is a 25-year veteran of the Secret Service and currently serves as the Assistant Director of the Office of Investigations.

“A.T. has a well deserved reputation as a focused and consummate professional. From his supervisory assignments, he has demonstrated not only the ability, but also the values, spirit and character to effectively lead. He is well respected within the Secret Service, as well as by all our external partners,” Director Sullivan said.

In his current position as Assistant Director of Investigations, Mr. Smith develops and implements policy for all Secret Service criminal investigations pertaining to counterfeit currency, financial crimes, and electronic crimes. Mr. Smith oversees multiple investigative divisions and more than 160 domestic and international offices.

Mr. Smith’s law enforcement career began in 1978 as a communications dispatcher for the Greenville County (SC) Sheriff’s Office, where during his eight-year tenure he achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Smith began his Secret Service career in 1986 as a special agent assigned to the Miami Field Office. He has since served in numerous assignments which include: Assistant Director – Investigations 2010-2012; Assistant Director – Human Resources and Training 2008-2010; Deputy Assistant Director – Office of Investigations 2006-2008; Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office 2003–2006; Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service training academy; Executive Assistant to the Director; and Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division.

While serving as the agent in charge in New York, Mr. Smith was appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the position of Principal Federal Official for the tri-state region of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. In this capacity, Mr. Smith served as DHS’s Federal Coordinator for the United Nations General Assembly’s (UNGA) 60th Anniversary, the largest gathering of world leaders in history. Additionally, UNGA 60 was the largest protective mission ever undertaken by the United States Secret Service in its

146-year history. Mr. Smith also served on the Executive Board of the New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, the largest such program in the United States. This program operates under the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Mr. Smith has received numerous citations of merit as well as public service and law enforcement awards. In September 2010, he received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service. He was presented the Secretary's Silver Medal by the Department of Homeland Security in May 2006 for his work in the greater New York area. In 2004, he was presented with the Department of Homeland Security Secretary's Award of Excellence for his work during the 2004 Republican National Convention. Additionally, Mr. Smith received awards from the New York's Finest Foundation and the American Society of Industrial Security for his work as the Principal Federal Official and Federal Coordinator for the Republican National Convention and the annual United Nations General Assembly in New York City.

During his assignment to the Office of Human Resources and Training, Mr. Smith served for two years as a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Board (FLETA). This board reviews and awards accreditation certification for numerous training academies and academic processes within federal law enforcement.

Mr. Smith holds two master's degrees; a Master of Science in Management from the School of Business - Johns Hopkins University (2004); and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama (1993). His undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina. Mr. Smith has also served as an instructor at the Greenville Technical College where he taught in the Criminal Justice Program.

About the United States Secret Service

The United States Secret Service was originally founded in 1865 for the purpose of suppressing the counterfeiting of U.S. currency. Now an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service is widely known for its protective mission in safeguarding the nation's highest elected officials, visiting foreign dignitaries and events of national significance. Today, the Secret Service maintains a unique dual mission of protection and investigations, as one of the premier law enforcement organizations charged with investigating financial crimes.

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