

# **Nev. FBI chief: 'I want to take down the barriers'**

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With an American flag pin on his lapel and an assertive smile on his face, the new special agent in charge of the FBI's Las Vegas Division introduced himself. Appointed by FBI Director James Comey, Aaron Rouse compared his first days on the job back in September to drinking from a firehose, adding that it was a "good hectic."

Rouse started his career in law enforcement 25 years ago as a New York state trooper, and he's been with the FBI for two decades, working violent crime and then forming part of a fugitive task force in the agency's Washington Field Office. He has held leadership positions in Florida and Texas, and before moving to Las Vegas was section chief in the Counterintelligence Division at FBI headquarters.

The federal agency, which also has satellite offices in Reno, Elko and Stateline, participates in several local law enforcement task forces, including targeting drugs, crime and counterterrorism. It also was an essential component of the Nevada Election Day Integrity Task Force, undertaking investigations into election fraud complaints or voting abuses.

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