

ODIN Brief

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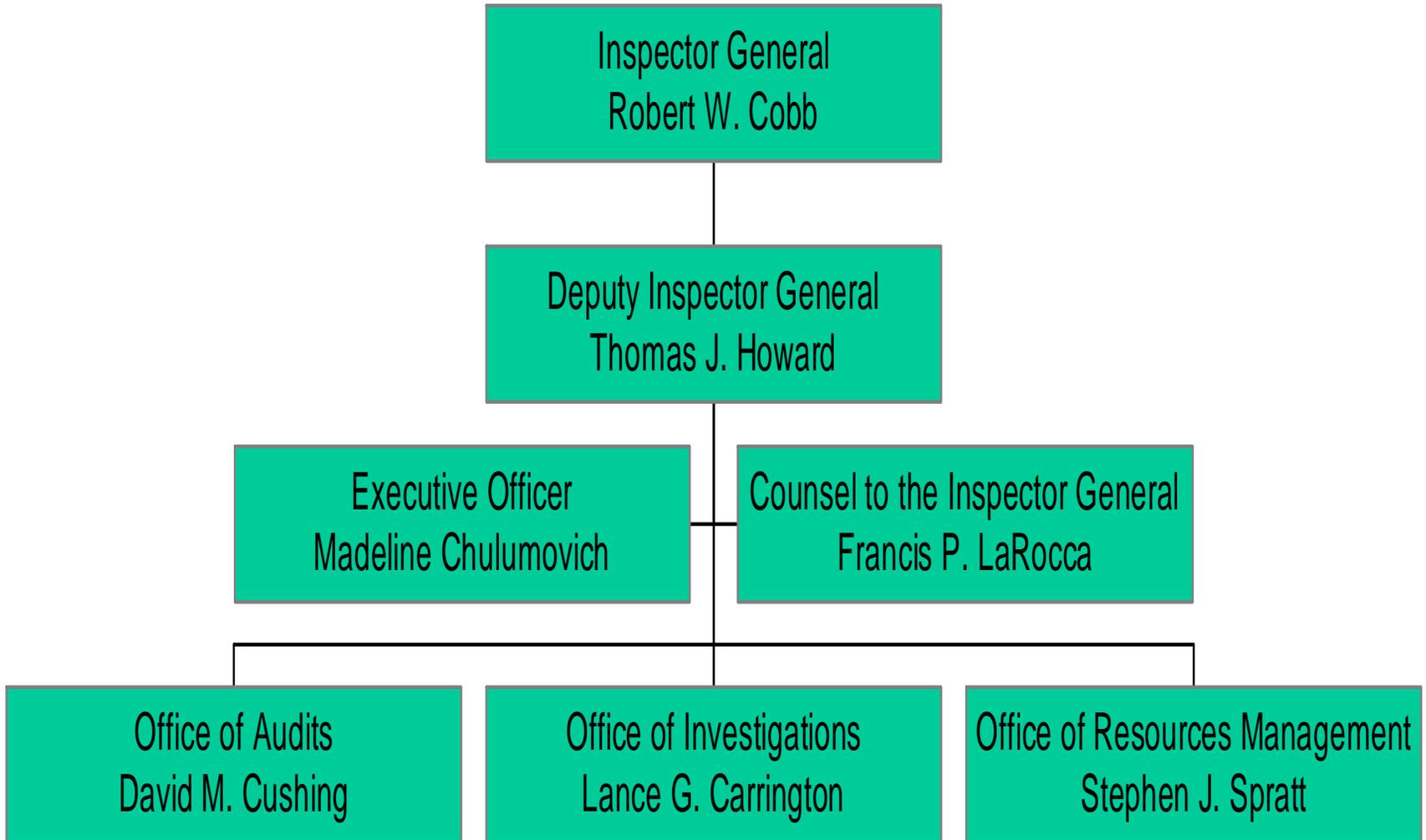
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1. We have a combination of PC (CPU's) and Notebooks with docking stations. (about 1/3)
2. Exception rule for Computer Crime Division (CCD), they have there own equipment and maintain it as well.
3. Escorted at all times when in OIG spaces.
4. Can not remove a hard drive or computer from OIG area, unless physically escorted by a member of the OIG.
5. Use a browser (IE, Netscape, Mozilla) to access our databases. (Java, Cold Fusion, ...)
6. We have many local as well as network printers (color and b/w). (All ODIN supported)

7. OIG specific software to our computers (TeamMate 2000, Access to NIS/NORS)
8. VPN (moving in that direction, but ODIN will still have same standard responsibilities)

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NASA OIG Mission

Public Law 95-452, known as the Inspector General Act of 1978, created independent audit and investigative units, called Offices of Inspector General (OIGs) at 61 Federal agencies.

The mission of the OIGs, as spelled out in the Act, is to:

- *Conduct and supervise independent and objective audits and investigations relating to agency programs and operations.
- *Promote economy, effectiveness and efficiency within the agency.
- *Prevent and detect crime, fraud, waste and abuse in agency programs and operations.
- *Review and make recommendations regarding existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to agency programs and operations.

*Keep the agency head and the Congress fully and currently informed of problems in agency programs and operations.

The NASA OIG serves as an independent and objective audit and investigative organization to assist NASA by performing audits and investigations. The OIG prevents and detects crime, fraud, waste and abuse and assists NASA Management in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its programs and operations. The OIG auditors and agents are located at NASA Headquarters and all NASA Centers.

OIG Audits

The Office of Audits (OA) conducts independent, objective audits, reviews, and other examinations of NASA and NASA contractor programs and projects to improve NASA operations. The OA provides a broad range of professional audit and advisory services, performs focused reviews of specific management issues, comments on NASA policies, and is responsible for oversight of NASA audits performed under contract or by other Federal agencies. The OA helps NASA accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of NASA operations and by deterring fraud, crime, waste, and abuse.

OIG Investigations

The OIG's investigative agents are Federal law enforcement officers and as such conduct criminal and regulatory investigations in which NASA is a victim. These investigations involve violations of Federal laws, such as False Claims, False Statements, Conspiracy, Theft, Computer Crime, Mail Fraud, the Procurement Integrity Act and the Anti-Kickback Act, as well as noncompliance with NASA Management Instructions, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

During the 6-month period which ended March 31, 2003, OIG investigations led to \$3,873,585 in recoveries for the Government.

In addition, investigations resulted in 15 indictments or informations, and 15 convictions, plea bargains or pretrial diversions.

OIG Legal Unit

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) legal staff provides advice and assistance on a variety of legal issues and matters relating to the OIG's review of Agency programs and operations. The OIG Attorney-Advisor acts as the central official for the review and coordination of all legislation, regulations, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, congressional and legal matters requiring OIG attention.

The OIG legal staff provides advice and assistance to senior OIG management, staff auditors, inspectors, and investigators, and serves as counsel in administrative litigation in which the OIG is a party or has a substantial interest. The staff also assists the Justice Department in litigation in which the OIG participates as part of the prosecution team.

The OIG legal staff is not a component of the NASA General Counsel's Office.