

Earl J. “Buddy” Croft III

IBTTA SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Buddy Croft is the Executive Director for the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority where he is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority, including the direct supervision approximately 75 staff members and an operating budget of approximately \$18 million. He has held this position since 2006.

Previously he was the Chief of Staff Rhode Island Family Court, where he was responsible for supervision of approximately 150 employees, as well as overseeing a budget, personnel, public relations, grant funding and administrative matters of Court. He also served as the Drug Court and Truancy Court Coordinator and the Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

Buddy serves on the Executive Board of the E-ZPass Interagency Group and is a member of IBTTA's Board of Directors and will serve as the association's president in 2016. Buddy served previously as the Vice Chairman for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and the Chair, Fundraising/Development Committee for NADCP. He holds a BA in Political Science from Providence College. Buddy has four children and eight grandchildren and resides in Rhode Island with his wife, Shelly.