

Patrick Kennelly

Mr. Patrick Kennelly is Chief of the Food Safety Section for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Food and Drug Branch. As Chief, Mr. Kennelly is responsible for overseeing the Department's statewide food safety operations including inspection and investigation of processed food manufacturers and distributors, water bottling plants and vended water operations; food-borne illness outbreak emergency response and recalls; and food industry education. He serves as a Steering Committee member on the California Food Emergency Response Team (CalFERT), which is a joint US Food and Drug Administration-CDPH rapid response team that responds to food-borne illness outbreaks, reports of product contamination and product tamperings. Mr. Kennelly has directed and overseen numerous complex environmental investigations, tracebacks and food recalls. Some of the more notable investigations include:

- 2006 *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak associated with spinach
- 2006 *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreaks associated with lettuce (Taco Bell and Taco John)
- 2006 *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak associated with raw milk
- 2006 Botulism case associated with fresh carrot juice
- 2008 Hallmark Westland beef recall
- 2009 *Salmonella* Rissen outbreak associated with white pepper
- 2010 *Salmonella* Newport outbreak associated with alfalfa sprouts
- 2011 *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak associated with hazelnuts

Mr. Kennelly also serves as an active member of the California Food and Agriculture Defense Steering Committee, the California Organic Advisory Board and is an active member of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). Patrick has served as the President of the Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) and was the recipient of WAFDO's Orlen J. Wiemann award in 2009. Mr. Kennelly is an active peace officer and serves as the program's Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Coordinator, Branch Training Officer, Branch Firearms Instructor and Chemical Agent Instructor.

Mr. Kennelly currently serves as a Governing Council Member for FDA's Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) and participates in various sub-committees. Mr. Kennelly also serves on the Board of the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security (WIFSS) at UC Davis.