

Kris Eide
Senior Associate



Education

- > Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (University of Minnesota)
- > Masters in Management & Administration (Metropolitan State University)
- > Executive Leadership certificate from the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Key Areas of Expertise

- > Emergency Preparedness & Response
- > Homeland Security
- > Executive Leadership
- > Federally declared disasters

Relevant Experience

- > Former Director, Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- > Homeland Security Advisor to Minnesota Governor Dayton
- > Chair, Preparedness & EMAC Committees, NEMA

Kris Eide was the director of Minnesota's Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) from 2005 until her retirement in 2015. She also served as Homeland Security Advisor to Governor Mark Dayton.

As HSEM Director, Kris had the overall responsibility to ensure coordination of state agency preparedness and emergency response to all types of natural and other emergencies and disasters. She served as the State Emergency Response Commission and represented Homeland Security and Emergency Management on several statewide committees and councils.

As Homeland Security Advisor, she was the lead point of contact with the Department of Homeland Security and was responsible to keep the governor informed on emerging threats, events, and responses.

Eide was involved in emergency preparedness and response for 30 years and was the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer for 19 Presidential Declarations of Major Disaster and Emergencies. Since starting out her career in the American Red Cross, she responded to numerous disasters across the country and has served as a subject matter expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency to assist Russia and Turkey with emergency preparedness efforts.

She was a member of the National Governor's Association, Governors' Homeland Security Advisors Council and was the chair of the Preparedness and Emergency Management Assistance Compact committees for the National Emergency Management Association. In addition, Kris served on the National Homeland Security Consortium, a consortium of 21 national associations relating to homeland security concerns.

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