

Captain Chris Kelenske
Deputy State Director of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security,
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Capt. Chris Kelenske serves as commander of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) and has held this position since February 2013. As commander, he serves as the Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, responsible for the statewide management and administration of emergency management and homeland security programs, as well as the supervision of the division's employees.

Captain Kelenske began his career with the MSP in 1995 as a member of the 111th Trooper Recruit School. He has served in various positions at the Training Division, Lansing and State Capitol posts, rising through the ranks to become assistant commander of the Homeland Security/Infrastructure Analysis and Response Section in MSP/EMHSD and commander of the Field Support and Aviation Section in the Special Operations Division.

He also coordinated response efforts as a part of the MSP's Secure Cities Partnership, which focuses on providing enhanced law enforcement services in the cities of Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, and Saginaw.

Captain Kelenske chairs the Michigan Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Homeland Security Preparedness Committee, and the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council.

He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University, a master's degree in national security and defense from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a master's certificate in criminal justice studies from the University of Virginia. In 2008, he graduated from the 235th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.