

Director Kurt Schwartz

Kurt N. Schwartz serves as the Undersecretary for Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). Mr. Schwartz, who was first appointed as an Undersecretary by Governor Patrick in 2007, provides strategic leadership to the Massachusetts National Guard, the Department of Fire Services, the Commonwealth Fusion Center, and EOPSS's Homeland Security Division. Mr. Schwartz also serves as the Director of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency where he oversees a staff of 80 people and an \$8M operating budget. Mr. Schwartz also serves as the state's Homeland Security Advisor and member of the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council under the umbrella of the National Governors Association.

Prior to serving as the Undersecretary for Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Mr. Schwartz served in the Patrick administration as the Undersecretary for Law Enforcement and Fire Services, where he provided strategic leadership to the Massachusetts State Police, Department of Fire Services, Office of Grants & Research, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Municipal Police Training Committee and Department of Public Safety. In this role, Mr. Schwartz also focused on policy and legislation in the areas of law enforcement, fire services, and emergency management.

Prior to his appointment at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in 2007, Mr. Schwartz served for eight years in the Office of the Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General. For five years, he was Chief of the Criminal Bureau where he supervised a staff of prosecutors, investigators and state troopers and oversaw a number of large-scale, complex criminal investigations including the theft of \$12 million from the Treasurer's Office, the year-long grand jury investigation of child sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, and the multi-agency investigation into the ceiling collapse of the I-90 Connector Tunnel.

Prior to his employment in the Office of the Attorney General, Mr. Schwartz served for twelve years as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County, including eight years as Chief of the Special Investigations Unit where he supervised a unit comprised of 20 assistant district attorneys, troopers, civilian investigators and support staff that focused on long-term investigations of organized crime, drug trafficking, corruption, murder-for-hire, insurance fraud, and other forms of economic crime.

Mr. Schwartz has also worked as a full-time police officer in Massachusetts, and as an emergency medical technician.

He is a graduate of Boston College Law School and Wesleyan University.