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Kris Eide has been the director of Minnesota's Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) since October 2005. She was also named Homeland Security Advisor to Governor Mark Dayton in 2011.

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

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

Eide has been involved in emergency preparedness and response for 30 years and has been the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer for 14 Presidential Declarations of Major Disaster. 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 is a member of the National Governor's Association, Governors' Homeland Security Advisors Council Executive Committee and is the chair of the Grants and Funding Committee. Kris serves on the National Homeland Security Consortium, a consortium of 21 national associations relating to homeland security concerns. In addition she is the vice-chair of the Preparedness Committee and chair of the Radiological Emergency Preparedness sub-committee for the National Emergency Management Association.

She attended the University of Minnesota for a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and Metropolitan State University for a Master's degree in management and administration. In addition, Kris earned an Executive Leadership certificate from the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security.