

Elizabeth Neumann

Elizabeth Neumann serves as the Assistant Secretary for Threat Prevention and Security Policy in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans. In this role, she oversees the development and coordination of Department-wide policies for screening and vetting, terrorism prevention, counterterrorism, and countering transnational criminal organizations and other persistent and emerging threats. She is also responsible for four operational programs: the Visa Waiver Program, the REAL ID Program, Countering Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (C-UAS), and Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention.

Ms. Neumann works closely with other Federal departments and agencies, state and local governments, and international counterparts, to develop, coordinate, and implement these policies and programs. Prior to this role, Ms. Neumann served as the DHS Deputy Chief of Staff, where she assisted in the management of the Department's day-to-day operations for Secretaries Kelly and Nielsen, as well as Acting Secretary Duke.

Ms. Neumann's work in the homeland security enterprise began just prior to the founding of DHS in 2003, where she served on the Homeland Security Council at the White House. As part of the White House's Domestic Counterterrorism Directorate, she tracked terrorist threats, and developed domestic prevention and mitigation strategies and programs. She also coordinated the development and implementation of the Federal Government's post-9/11 terrorism information-sharing strategies and policies, including the architecture through which the Federal Government shares information with state and local governments.

Later, in support of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Ms. Neumann worked with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to develop protocols for reporting suspicious activity, including the development of an early community-based model for countering violent extremism.

Over the past 18 years, Ms. Neumann has created and implemented multiple government-wide policies and reforms. This is reflective of her extensive experience working across the homeland security and national security disciplines, including: intelligence, law enforcement, emergency management, preparedness, critical infrastructure security and resilience, and cybersecurity.

Over the past five years, Ms. Neumann has lived in Denver, Seattle, and Dallas. She currently resides in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area with her husband and two children.