



Lt. Colonel Chris Kelenske

Specialized Services Bureau, Michigan State Police

Lt. Colonel Chris Kelenske served as commander of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) from February 2013, to May of 2018. In his role as commander, he served 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.

Currently Lt. Colonel Kelenske oversees the Specialized Services Bureau within the Department of State Police. As commander of the Specialized Services Bureau, he is responsible for managing the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and Intelligence Operations Division. He serves as one of the department's four deputy directors, is a member of the department's Executive Council, and is the deputy homeland security advisor for the state of Michigan.

Lt. Colonel 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.

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.