

Secretary Kristi Noem Announces Expanded Leadership to Revamp ICE

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WASHINGTON —Today, Secretary Kristi Noem announced new leadership to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to reinstitute a culture of results and accountability after four years of agency decay under the Biden Administration.

Secretary Noem issued the following statement:

“For the past four years, our brave men and women of ICE were barred from doing their jobs—ICE needs a culture of accountability that it has been starved of under the Biden Administration.

“With President Trump’s support, I am appointing new ICE leadership to deliver results that President Trump and the American people rightfully demand: Todd Lyons will serve as Acting ICE Director and Madison Sheahan as Deputy Director of ICE. Todd Lyons and Madison Sheahan are work horses, strong executors, and accountable leaders who will lead the men and women of ICE to achieve the American people’s mandate to target, arrest and deport illegal aliens.”

Mr. Todd Lyons, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the acting Executive Associate Director of ICE – Enforcement and Removal Operations. He was the former Assistant Director of Field Operations for ERO, overseeing all 25 Field Office and domestic operations across the United States.

Additionally, Mr. Lyons held the role of the Deputy Assistant Director of Western Operations and the Southwest Border. Previously, Mr. Lyons served as the Field Office Director (FOD) for Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Boston Field Office. As the FOD for the Boston Field Office, Mr. Lyons oversaw all ERO activities within the states of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Vermont. Mr. Lyons also served as an Assistant Field Office Director (AFOD) in ERO Dallas from April 2015 to Sept 2017 and served as the Chief of Staff for the ERO Dallas Field Office Director from Aug 2014 to March 2015.

Mr. Lyons began his career in federal service with the United States Air Force in 1993. In August 1999, Mr. Lyons began his civilian law enforcement career in the State of Florida. In April 2007, Mr. Lyons joined ERO as an Immigration Enforcement Agent in Dallas, TX.

Ms. Madison D. Sheahan serves as the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, overseeing a \$280 million budget and leading a team of over 800 employees across the wildlife, fisheries, and enforcement divisions. She established the Special Operations Group within the enforcement division to prioritize public safety cementing historic partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies for major events such as Mardi Gras and Super Bowl LIX. In this role, she also advises Governor Jeff Landry as a member of the state's cabinet and Unified Command Group.

Prior to serving the State of Louisiana alongside Governor Jeff Landry, Madison worked for former South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem in various leadership positions. Including in the governor’s official office, the state republican party, and on special initiatives aimed at advancing the governors agenda. She played a major role in passing one of the strongest bills in the nation protecting women’s sports.

Madison is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in public affairs, public management, leadership, policy, and agribusiness, with minors in community and business leadership.

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