

## **Kelly Alzaharna**

### **IPAC (IADLEST Partner Advisory Committee) Coordinator**

Kelly Alzaharna provides project management for the IADLEST [Partner Advisory Committee](#). She also serves as the Accreditation Committee chair.

Kelly's law enforcement career started in 1987, where she worked as a municipal and university police officer, and received law enforcement instructor certification prior to accepting a police officer position in Alaska.

Her Alaska law enforcement experience began in 1990, with the North Slope Borough Police Department in Barrow. She served in many capacities: as a sergeant, she created the department's training unit and worked as an instructor trainer, instructor, field training officer, and patrol supervisor. As a lieutenant her assignments included investigations unit supervisor, and tactical team and patrol unit commander. In 2007, she promoted to captain, leading the Operations Division and in March 2008 was appointed Chief of Police. During her tenure as Chief she accepted an appointment to the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC), which is responsible for the eligibility, training, and certification standards for police and correctional officers. In April 2011, Kelly accepted the Training Coordinator position with the APSC, then served as its Executive Director until leaving Alaska in 2015. In 2019, she was appointed as Director of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety's Law Enforcement Academy Division and as Director of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board, serving through March 2022.

Kelly is a graduate of New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management and from Azusa Pacific University with a master's degree in Organizational Leadership. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the IACP's Women's Leadership Institute.

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