

# 2023 Iowa Homeland Security Conference

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## **Speaker & Professional title:**

Jackie Schmillen, Iowa National Guard, Director of Public Affairs

## **Speaker Biography:**

A broadcast journalist for nearly two decades, Jackie Schmillen is currently the Iowa National Guard's Director of Public Affairs. It is the first time a civilian, with no military background, has held this position. Having a deep passion for Iowa and its people, Jackie enjoys sharing stories of the Guard and its Service Members. Her background in television media, education and performance has enabled her to work continuously in all facets of communication to ensure that the Public Affairs Team is able to communicate effectively during times of celebration as well as crisis.