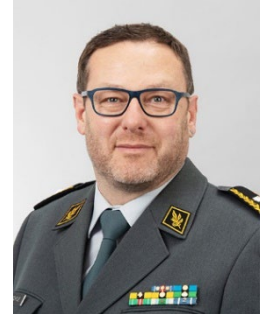




Brigadier General Marco KNECHTLE

Deputy Commander of Territorial Division 4

Date of birth 22 March 1972
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Current function

A conscript officer, Brigadier General Knechtle is the Deputy Commander of Territorial Division 4. This division is responsible for supporting civilian authorities in exceptional situations. It comprises the cantons of Appenzell-Innerrhoden, Appenzell-Ausserrhoden, Glarus, St. Gallen, Schaffhausen, Thurgau and Zurich. Territorial Division 4 is responsible for one staff battalion, four infantry battalions, one engineer and one rescue battalion.

Brigadier General Knechtle acts on behalf of the Commander of Territorial Division 4 in all of his functions when the latter is absent.

Career

2000 Captain, Commander of a light infantry company
2005 Major GS, General Staff Officer in the staff of a territorial region
2006 General Staff Officer in the Land Forces Staff
2012 Lieutenant Colonel GS, Commander of a mountain specialist division
2016 Colonel GS, Chief of Readiness in the Territorial Division 3 Staff
2019 Head of Cantonal Liaison Staff for Appenzell Innerrhoden in Territorial Division 4 Staff
2023 Brigadier General, Deputy Commander of Territorial Division 4

Functions

2000 Contracted soldier
2001 UN military observer in the Golan, United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO)
2003 Contracted soldier
2006 Backoffice employee, The Pacific Society AG in Appenzell Meistersrüte
2014 Secondary school teacher, St Antonius baccalaureate school in Appenzell
2015 Vice principal and secondary school teacher, St Antonius baccalaureate school in Appenzell
2018 Principal and secondary school teacher, St Antonius baccalaureate school in Appenzell
2023 Principal, St Antonius baccalaureate school in Appenzell