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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Public Safety Professional and Ph.D. Student with excellent research and problem-solving skills that has a reputation for finding innovative solutions to uncommon problems. Leader with experience in training and education, process improvement, and project planning and execution. Military officer, law enforcement professional and team player dedicated to ensuring mission success in all pursuits.

EXPERIENCE

Critical Infrastructure Specialist

August 2017 – Present

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

- Supports Agency efforts regarding security and resilience policies, inspections/assessments, and measures to protect nationally and regionally significant critical infrastructure.
- Develops sophisticated databases and other work products which allow for the storage, utilization, and dissemination of critical information.
- Analyzes critical infrastructure dependencies and interdependencies for facilities, systems and protection programs while advising Regional staff, senior leadership and headquarters personnel of critical infrastructure trends within CISA Region 5 to improve security and resilience.
- Reviews, interprets, and adapts directives, program changes, legal initiatives and other DHS / CISA requirements as necessary for implementation by Regional Office and Region 5 Staff.
- Develops strategic products for use by field personnel throughout Region 5 – Products used in support of Super Bowl LII, Indianapolis 500, Chicago Marathon, Chicago Long-Term Power Outage Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP), and elections at the national, state, and local levels.
- Develops and conducts analyses and evaluative studies of trends from multiple sources pertaining to physical and cyber infrastructure security and maintains situational awareness of operational activities and facilitates information-sharing throughout CISA Region 5.
- Develops reports pertaining to critical infrastructure analysis for use by agency personnel, including those that support field personnel during short- or no-notice events and incidents.
- Leads efforts to complete various assessments and analysis activities to identify dependencies, gaps, interdependencies, and vulnerabilities.
- Engages with various federal interagency partners and private sector stakeholders and represents CISA during high-visibility events.

Operations Officer

February 2012 – Present

February 2012 – January 2021: Served as enlisted member, having attained the rank of Technical Sergeant (E-6)

Illinois Air National Guard - 182d Security Forces Squadron

- Ensures successful implementation of critical security missions and assists in turning strategic plans into actionable operations, ensuring safety and security for air installations, personnel and assets.
- Fosters open and transparent communication channels within unit, mentoring and guiding security personnel to excel in their roles.
- Sets tone for the unit's performance and morale creating a cohesive and motivated organization that develops and empowers Airmen.
- Leads planning and execution of air base defense / contingency response training exercises to ensure unit readiness and proficiency in security procedures.
- Facilitates active shooter preparedness training for military members and delivers active shooter response training to first responders.
- Twice deployed (2014 – Operation Enduring Freedom; 2019 – Operation Inherent Resolve).

EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor

January 2024 – Present

*July 2021 – December 2023:
Contributions to STOP Grant
Project were made as
independent consultant*

University of Illinois at Chicago – School of Public Health, Emergency Management & Resilience Planning Program

- Facilitates asynchronous coursework within the Emergency Management and Resilience Planning Program within the School of Public Health.
- Contributes extensive knowledge regarding physical security, school violence, and understanding of active shooter incidents towards the pursuit of violence prevention efforts across two school districts spanning Northern-IL and Southeastern-MN.
- Assisted with grant proposal to receive maximum award (\$2M) towards conducting physical security and safety assessments, facilitating like training for school personnel and preparing relevant and unique products for use by schools beyond grant funding period.

Part Time Police Officer

May 2021 – February 2024

Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) Police Department

- Safeguarded visitors, employees, and properties of the FPDWC to include its' natural resources and wildlife.
- Provided assistance and mutual aid to area law enforcement agencies and has responded to critical incidents including officer involved shootings, barricaded and suicidal subjects, plus one active shooter incident.
- Has developed and led a variety of training sessions for civilian employees of the FPDWC, to include the following topics: Active Shooter Preparedness, General Safety and Security, and Preparing for First Amendment Audits.
- Planned, coordinated, and conducted physical security assessments of key FPDWC buildings and visitor centers to protect against human-caused threats, natural disasters, and medical emergencies to identify vulnerabilities and presented recommendations to mitigate risk.

Patrolman

September 2013 –
September 2020

Chicago Heights Police Department

- Demonstrated sound judgement while under pressure, including life-threatening situations, to maintain safety for people and property.
- Responded to calls for emergency service and patrolled in a high-crime environment.
- Enforced laws and local ordinances, investigated crimes and arrested suspected criminals.
- Contributed towards sustainment of community-oriented policing by conducting bicycle patrol and participating in community events.
- Interviewed suspects and witnesses, collected evidence, prepared various reports and testified in court.

Volunteer

September 2017 –
August 2019

Special Olympics of Illinois – Young Professionals Board

- Raised community awareness of Special Olympics programs through events, volunteer work, and fundraising.
- Has served on various committees to organize fundraising events.

Board President

2017 – 2019

Bradley Place Condominium Association

- Prepared annual budgets, planned association meetings, coordinated with various contractors and vendors.
- Personally tended to various grounds and maintenance projects from planning and design to execution.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

University of North Georgia

*August 2024 – Present
(In progress)*

Criminal Justice with Concentration in Intelligence (Ph.D.)

- 3.66 GPA
- Studies focus on intelligence and research in military, federal, state, and local agencies as well as the private sector.
- Studying advanced theoretical, analytic, operational, research and investigative concepts.

Master of Arts

Eastern Illinois University

Political Science w/ Option in Public Administration and Public Policy

- 3.6 GPA
- Capstone Project: Active Shooter Incidents in the U.S., 2000-2019

EDUCATION

Completed 2020

Graduate Certificate

University of Illinois at Chicago

- Co-Author: *Trends for Domestic Security Considerations within the New Active Shooter Incidents Database*

Emergency Management and Resilience Planning

- 4.0 GPA
- Refined expertise in crisis management, hazard vulnerability analysis, and strategic planning.
- Developed leadership skills in continuity planning, risk management, and organizational crisis response, equipping me to guide organizations through emergency preparedness and response initiatives.

Completed 2020

Bachelor of Science

Calumet College of St. Joseph

Public Safety Management

- 3.6 GPA
- Enhanced competence in leadership, crisis management, and investigative techniques
- Developed skills in managing public safety organizations, addressing cultural diversity, and applying public safety laws and methods to promote positive transformation in communities.

Completed 2016

Associate in Arts

Prairie State College

Political Science

- 3.3 GPA
- Gained a comprehensive understanding of political systems, international relations, and policy-making.

Completed 2018

Associate of Applied Science

Community College of the Air Force

Criminal Justice

- 3.6 GPA
- Improved understanding of law enforcement principles, criminal procedures, and public safety operations

Completed 2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING, EDUCATION AND COMPETENCIES

ASIS International

Certified Protection Professional (CPP) Review

- Currently preparing to take exam for CPP Certification

Texas A&M

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)

- Effective Communication and Interviewing
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Instructor

University of Michigan

National Center for School Safety

- Supporting Youth Mental Health
- First Steps for Engaging Your School Safety Network
- Sustaining School Safety Programs
- Essential Elements of School Threat Assessment
- Connecting the Dots: Ideas, Plans, and Budgets for Grant Writing
- Engaging Collaborators in School Safety Planning
- Operationalizing Evidence-Based School Safety Programs

University of Illinois

The Illinois Fire Service Institute

- ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System
- ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

CITI Program

- Information Privacy & Security for Researchers
- Social and Behavioral Research Best Practices for Clinical Research

College of DuPage

Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Graduated: January 7, 2014

Suburban Law Enforcement Academy

- Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board 12-Week Basic Academy

ADDITIONAL TRAINING, EDUCATION AND COMPETENCIES

Department of Defense

United States Air Force

- Active Secret Security Clearance
- Security Forces Basic Officer Course
- Officer Training School
- Tactical Combat Casualty Care
- Active Shooter Incident Response Instructor Program
- Security Forces Combatives Instructor Course
- TASER Conducted Electrical Weapon Instructor and End User Courses
- Desert Defender Ground Combat Readiness Training Center Tier 3 Course
- Airman Leadership School
- Security Forces Apprentice Course
- Basic Military Training

Law Enforcement

General

- Active shooter preparedness, response and instruction
- Conflict de-escalation
- Tactical building entry and high-risk traffic stop initiation
- First-Aid, AED, CPR and Stop-The-Bleed
- Riot Control Tactics

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

DHS - CISA, FEMA and Center for Domestic Preparedness & Office for Bombing Prevention

- CISA Gateway
- Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) 101
- Cyber Analysis Seminar
- Insider Threat Training
- No Fear Act Training
- Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information
- HQ IT Security Awareness and Rules of Behavior [2.0]
- IS-75: Military Resources in Emergency Management
- IS-100.LEB: Introduction to the Incident Command System for Law Enforcement
- IS-120.A: An Introduction to Exercises
- IS-200.B: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident
- IS-242.B: Effective Communication
- IS-450: Emergency Preparedness for Federal Resumes
- IS-454: Fundamentals of Risk Management
- IS-546A: Continuity of Operations Awareness
- IS-700A: National Incident Management System
- IS-800.B: National Response Framework, an Introduction
- IS-906: Basic Workplace Security Awareness
- IS-907: Active Shooter – What You Can Do
- IS-912: Retail Security Awareness Understanding the Hidden Hazards
- IS-913.A: Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience
- IS-914: Surveillance Awareness – What You Can Do
- IS-915: Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Insider Threats
- IS-916: Critical Infrastructure Security – Theft and Diversion – What You Can Do
- IS-921.A: Implementing Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience
- IS-1300: Introduction to Continuity of Operations
- IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework Overview
- Homemade Explosive Awareness and Precursor Awareness
- Improvised Explosive Device Construction and Classification
- Improvised Explosive Device Explosive Effects Mitigation
- Introduction to the Terrorist Attack Cycle
- Protective Measures Awareness
- Homemade Explosive Awareness and Precursor Awareness
- Response to Suspicious Behaviors and Items for Bombing Prevention

ADDITIONAL TRAINING, EDUCATION AND COMPETENCIES

Mental Health First Aid USA

Adult Mental Health First Aid

- Trained to provide initial help to people experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.