

SECURITY LEADER | COMPLIANCE EXPERT | CRISIS MANAGER

Global track record of technical leadership and impact within enterprise and government organizations, leveraging 20+ years of expertise in computer security and forensics, crisis management, and incident response. Develop and lead high-performing teams in detection, prevention, and remediation of complex cybersecurity incidents with precision and compliance. Proven ability to navigate high-pressure crisis situations, align diverse stakeholders, and rapidly problem-solve complex environments.

Career History: Google (2014 – Present) | NASA Ames Research Center (2000 – 2014) | Onyx Networks (2000)

- **Influenced industry precedents and standards for security engineering, incident management, and compliance** through leadership roles at Google and NASA. Cultivated relationships with policymakers, technical experts, and government agencies to accelerate advances in global cybersecurity operations, AI incident risk and response, risk prevention, and crisis management.
- **Spearheaded 15-month initiative to remediate Spectre/Meltdown vulnerability affecting computer systems worldwide.** Steered a team of 350 Google engineers in partnership with technical leads from Microsoft, Intel, AMD, Amazon, and others in rectifying hardware and operating system impact. (Received “Feats of Engineering” award)
- **Professionalized Google’s global Incident Response organization**, developing and leading a premiere group of forensics and security experts for the Americas. Scaled the team from 4 to 20 staff with indirect oversight of 300+ Google engineers, driving full-scale incident management, communications, and command for the region.
- **Ensured the alignment of cutting-edge security and privacy systems to existing governance and compliance requirements** across many countries and major (\$1B+) customers
- **Expertise informing information security and real-world disaster response**, including 12 years as part of the elite California Task Force 3 search and rescue team.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Global Information Security
Cybersecurity & AI Risk
Contingency Planning
Complex Problem Solving

Technical Strategy & Leadership
Digital Forensic Analysis
Crisis Management
Enterprise Security Engineering

Disaster & Incident Response
Regulatory Compliance
Stakeholder Engagement
Culture & Team Building

EXPERIENCE

GOOGLE

2014 – Present

Regional Head of Security Response – Americas (2020 – Present)

Staff Security Engineer (2018 – 2020)

Senior Security Engineer (2014 – 2018)

Formalized Google’s global Incident Response discipline as security forensics and technology lead, scaling and maturing a team of on-call chaos management specialists. Expanded role as 1 of 3 regional leaders steering the global Security Response organization, leading a hub of 300 engineers and analysts owning 24/7 incident management for the Americas. Partnered across dozens of independent business units and subsidiaries to achieve alignment in DFIR objectives.

Key Accomplishments:

- Blended cutting-edge AI tooling & procedures into existing mature DFIR processes & techniques, setting the standard for security investigations in a rapidly changing security ecosystem.
- Integral in positioning Google at the forefront of security and incident response while setting a global standard for clients, regulators, and government bodies. Assembled and trained a highly specialized team of crisis managers and forensic experts, building a culture centered on retention and burnout prevention.
- Led high-profile security and privacy response initiatives on a global scale, including pre-embargo coordinated disclosure of Spectre & Meltdown, log4j response, Frameshift DDOS vulnerability, and mitigation of active attacks by APT threats.
- Co-created IMAG (Incident Management At Google), training thousands of engineers across the company and successfully executing a unified response model for Availability, Security, and Privacy incidents.

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- Represented Google in CISA/JCDC's cross-industry "AI Incident" Response planning effort, providing insight into Artificial Intelligence as it relates to real-time security risks.

NASA | AMES RESEARCH CENTER

2000 – 2014

Deputy CISO (2010 – 2014)

Computer Security Lead (2007 – 2010)

Information Systems Security Specialist (2006 – 2014)

System Administrator (2000 – 2006)

Steered the design and implementation of world-class computer security environments, accelerating NASA's research in aeronautics, space flight, and information technology. Progressed through multiple roles from security engineering expert to forensics / incident response lead and deputy CISO for the \$600M Silicon Valley research lab (4000 staff).

Key Accomplishments:

- Developed and deployed secure engineering environments for the world's largest interactive flight and air traffic control simulators, a national wind tunnel complex, Mission Control center, private government Cloud services, NASA's Advanced Supercomputing environment, and general administrative and wireless IT networks (among others).
- Partnered with research teams to evaluate and enhance security compliance measures in response to regulatory changes. Mediated between security officials and federal employee unions to implement secure practices and align on resources.
- Operated 1 of 13 global internet DNS Root Servers, performing CSIRT functions as on-call security responder. Investigated cyber-related crimes targeting government systems, instances of IT fraud and abuse, and policy violations.
- Aligned stakeholders (scientists, engineers, leadership, policymakers) on key security priorities and protocols. Instrumental in improving relationships between NASA's Institutional Security team and Inspector General of Computer Crimes Division.
- Served as Designating Approval Authority in performing security oversight for US government classified information systems.
- Awarded multiple government accolades including innovation awards and published review of 10-year military strategy.
- Appointed captain of ARC's premiere in-house technical rescue team. Trained in technical rescue and emergency response in highly complex, dangerous environments. Taught classes in collapsed structure rescue to other agencies.

Previous Roles:

UNIX System Administrator at **ONYX NETWORKS / PACIFIC GATEWAY EXCHANGE**

AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP

Technical Director, Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue (2004 – Present) | Technical lead for distributed nonprofit animal rescue.

Rescue Specialist, California Task Force 3 → Half Moon Bay VFD (2008 – Present) | Responded to large-scale emergency and crisis situations as a Firefighter, EMT, heavy rescue, and water rescue specialist, working for 1 of 28 full-scope urban search and rescue teams in the US.

Principal Cellist, International Space Orchestra (2012 – Present)

EDUCATION & TRAINING

GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH) – SANS Institute

GIAC Certified Forensic Analyst (GCFA) – SANS Institute

Crisis & Disaster Management – University of Maryland Baltimore County