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## OBJECTIVE

I aim to contribute to an organization by protecting its digital assets. I want to achieve this by providing first-class security engineering and leadership.

## SKILLS

- Information Security strategy
- Information Security engineering
- Information Security architecture
- SIEM, SOAR, DevSecOps, EDR, firewalls, and IAM
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Public speaking
- Network engineering
- Excellent organizational skills

## EXPERIENCE

### SENIOR DIRECTOR, IT • SEPTA • FEB 2021 – PRESENT

I provide **technical leadership and ownership** for SEPTA's information protection functions. I own all aspects of information security for SEPTA, including procedures, risk analysis, threat modeling, incident response, vulnerability management, security engineering, staff development, application security, Identity and Access Management (IAM), the Security Operations Center (SOC), and Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC). I **lead a team** of 34 people, 5 of whom are dedicated to information security.

I had several notable accomplishments in this role. I **engineered improved information security systems** to protect SEPTA's digital assets after a serious incident in August 2020. I **established information security standards** for internally developed and externally acquired applications and systems. I **architected and implemented** technologies including **SIEM, SOAR, DevSecOps, EDR, firewalls, and IAM solutions**.

I worked with diverse groups within SEPTA to **influence them to adopt stronger cybersecurity standards**. I **authored a grant** request that **led to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granting** SEPTA approximately **\$10 million** to improve SEPTA's information security systems. I **grew the size of the information security team** to meet SEPTA's needs and handle a realistic workload.

### SENIOR PROJECT LEADER • SEPTA • AUG 2015 – FEB 2021

I **managed a team** responsible for SEPTA's networks, servers, cloud infrastructure, and end user support. My team consisted of 14 people.



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My notable accomplishments in this job included modernizing dozens of legacy systems, **improving security posture of infrastructure systems**, implementing direct Internet service, improving network performance, completing SEPTA's transition to virtual servers, and **instituting standard architectures and standard procedures** for infrastructure.

**NETWORK & SECURITY ENGINEER • EIRC • JUL 2013 – AUG 2015**

I provided security and network engineering services to clients. EIRC served both public and private organizations. I worked with a team of other engineers on projects ranging from incident response, **security engineering**, network engineering, and server engineering.

I had several notable accomplishments in this role. I designed, engineered, and operated a secure shared Internet Service Provider (ISP) for school districts. I implemented complex firewall systems for large customers. I provided expert advice on information security architecture to clients.

**NETWORK MANAGER • MT LAUREL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS • SEP 2002 – JUL 2013**

I managed all aspects of the district's networks, servers, and end user support systems. I was the **team lead for a team of 5** people, including myself.



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## EDUCATION

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**B.S.: COMPUTING & SECURITY TECHNOLOGY • 2011 • DREXEL UNIVERSITY**  
Institutional Honors: Summa Cum Laude

## INDUSTRY THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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I have participated as a speaker and organizer at local, national, and international information security conferences

**JAWNCON 0X2 • STAFF • OCTOBER 2025**

Activities: Assisted with design and implementation of infrastructure for the con. Technical lead for the Capture the Flag (CTF) event.

**JAWNCON 0X1 • ORGANIZER • OCTOBER 2024**

Activities: Designed and implemented technical systems for the Capture the Flag (CTF) event.

**DEFCON 32: BLUE TEAM VILLAGE • CFP COMMITTEE • AUGUST 2024**

Activities: Evaluated proposals submitted in response to Call for Proposals (CFP) for presentations at DEFCON 32: BTV.

**BSIDES LV 2024 • VOLUNTEER • AUGUST 2024**

Activities: Handled network security incidents and proactive safety as part of the Network Operations team.

**PUMPCON 2023 • SPEAKER • OCTOBER 2023**

Topic: Protecting legacy and OT systems



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**JAWNCON OXO • SPEAKER • OCTOBER 2023**

Topic: Linux Secure Boot with TPM and FDE

**DEFCON 31: BLUE TEAM VILLAGE • PANELIST • AUGUST 2023**

Topic: Interactive incident response tabletop exercise

**BSIDES LV 2023 • VOLUNTEER • AUGUST 2023**

Activities: Handled operational security incidents and proactive safety as part of the Safety & Security Operations team.

**HUSHCON NY 2023 • SPEAKER • JUNE 2023**

Topic: Using WSL 2 to Hide from EDR

**PUMPCON 2022 • SPEAKER • OCTOBER 2022**

Topic: Practical TLS Traffic Inspection



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