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Experience Overview

Jonathon is a Senior Partner at Converge Strategies, LLC, a consulting company focusing on the intersection of advanced energy and resilience. He works with a broad range of government, private sector, and military partners, leveraging 19 years of experience to develop solutions around the advancement of whole community security and resilience. Jonathon's unique expertise blends leadership roles in the fields of national security, public safety, emergency management, military readiness, and critical infrastructure protection. He has extensive experience in exercise design and implementation for complex catastrophes, resilience strategy development for interdependent infrastructure systems, and program design and integration for government and private sector organizations.

Selected Experience

Sr Dir, System Resilience, PJM Interconnection – 2016-2020, Washington, D.C.

Designed and led the first dedicated Independent System Operator (ISO) resilience program in the country resulting in a strategy to integrate organizational programs including business continuity, physical and cyber security, infrastructure planning, risk management, energy markets and system operations for the largest grid operator in North America. These efforts produced a first-of-its-kind resilience criteria for transmission infrastructure planning and operations.

Vice President, US Operations, EIS Council – 2015-2016, Washington, D.C.

Worked with government and industry to develop best practices and capabilities to improve the resilience of infrastructure systems to "Black Sky" hazards

Director, Illinois Emergency Management Agency – 2011-2015, Springfield, IL

Led Illinois' disaster preparedness and response, nuclear safety and homeland security programs, as well as the agency's 225+ employees and a budget of more than \$425 million. In this capacity, he also served as the State Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor. At IEMA, Jonathon directed the response and recovery effort to 11 declared disasters including floods, blizzards, and tornadoes.

Acting Director, Illinois State Police, 2009 – 2011, Springfield, IL

Led an agency with 3,400 sworn and civilian personnel and an annual budget of approximately \$428 million. Oversaw the expansion of the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center to the country's first all-hazards model.

Major, United States Army, 2002 – Present, Various Duty Stations

Served in leadership roles from tank platoon leader to company commander, civil affairs officer and domestic operations planner. Currently assigned to the DHS National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC).

Relevant Boards and Positions

Task Force Member, Defense Science Board Task Force on DoD Vulnerabilities to Critical Infrastructure
Chairman, Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), 2012-2014
Chair, PJM Security and Resilience Advisory Committee (SRAC) 2016-2020

Years of Experience

- Professional start date: 2002

Accomplishments

- Led public safety organizations with thousands of employees and billion-dollar budgets
- Directed the resilience program for the second-largest grid operator in the world
- 19-year Army veteran with multiple combat deployments and activations for domestic response operations
- Awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" for Valor in Combat

Education and Certifications

- MBA, Northwestern University
 - B.S., United States Military Academy at West Point
 - Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University Engineering Extension
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