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22 Years of Experience

Washington, DC

Experience Overview

Jonathon is a Principal at Converge Strategies, LLC, a consulting company focused on the intersection of advanced energy, energy resilience and national security. He works with a broad range of federal, state, and local governments, electricity and natural gas utilities, Fortune 100 companies, and military partners. He brings 21 years of experience to develop energy resilience strategies to achieve operational, policy, and business continuity objectives. Jonathon's unique expertise blends leadership roles in the fields of national security, public safety, emergency management, military readiness, and critical infrastructure protection. This includes exercise design and implementation for complex catastrophes, resilience planning for interdependent infrastructure systems, and program design and integration for government and private sector organizations. He holds an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management and a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy.

Selected Experience

Sr Dir, System Resilience, PJM Interconnection — 2016 - 2020. Led resilience strategy development supporting business continuity, physical and cyber security, infrastructure planning, risk management and system operations for the largest grid operator in North America and the largest wholesale energy market in the world.

VP, US Operations, EIS Council — 2015 - 2016. Worked with government agencies and the electricity industry to develop best practices and capabilities to improve the resilience of infrastructure systems to catastrophic "Black Sky" grid outages.

Director, Illinois Emergency Management Agency — 2011 - 2015. 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. Served as the 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. Led a full-service state police 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 including private sector intelligence integration.

Major, United States Army — 2002 - Present. Served in leadership roles from tank platoon leader to company commander, civil affairs officer, international affairs, and domestic operations planner. Currently assigned to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Relevant Boards and Positions

Defense Science Board Task Force on Critical Infrastructure, Member — 2020 - 2021

Cyber Resilient Energy Delivery Consortium (CREDC), Board Member — 2016 - 2019

PJM Security and Resilience Advisory Committee (SRAC), Chair - 2017 - 2020

Accomplishments

- Led public safety organizations with thousands of employees and billion-dollar budgets.
- Created the resilience program for the second-largest grid operator in the world.
- Designed and executed hundreds of exercises for utilities, government agencies, and Fortune 500 companies.
- 22-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" device for Valor in combat.

Education

- MBA, Northwestern University
- B.S., United States Military Academy at West Point