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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Twenty years owning enterprise security programs in life safety and critical infrastructure. At Pavion, ran the full security function at a \$1B organization. Built ISO 27001 from scratch. No material breaches. The scope went well beyond the title. Also a founding member of the NFPA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee.

CORE COMPETENCIES

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| ▸ Cybersecurity Program Ownership | ▸ Enterprise Risk Management | ▸ ISO 27001 / Regulatory Compliance |
| ▸ M&A Security Integration | ▸ Security Org Design | ▸ Threat Detection & Response |
| ▸ Identity & Access Management | ▸ Zero Trust Architecture | ▸ Cloud Security (AWS + Azure) |
| ▸ OT/IT Security Convergence | ▸ Incident Response | ▸ SIEM / SOC Operations |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pavion Corporate

January 2020 – August 2026 | Chantilly, VA

Director of IT Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

~\$1B life safety company built through 24 acquisitions. The remit went further than the org chart showed.

- Built and led dedicated teams across Cybersecurity, Infrastructure, Systems Operations, and Compliance. Each function staffed with specialists, not generalists covering too much ground.
- Drove the ISO 27001 program from inception to certification: gap assessments, control development, policy writing, audit management, across all 24 acquired companies.
- Led security integration through all 24 acquisitions: different networks, different identity environments, different maturity levels. Every one absorbed without disrupting operations.
- Deployed the full enterprise security stack: CrowdStrike, Arctic Wolf, Proofpoint, Trend Micro, Palo Alto NGFW, SIEM, IDS/IPS, ITP/DLP, and a company-wide Security Awareness Training program.
- Federated 20 separate AD forests into a single Entra ID tenant and cut on-premises Active Directory entirely. Most organizations never finish that project.
- Architected SD-WAN across 80 Palo Alto NGFW devices nationwide, centrally managed through Panorama, with DNS governance maintained across 200+ domains through every acquisition.
- Built the AWS environment through Control Tower multi-account governance: Transit Gateway, EC2, VPC, IAM, Route53, Amplify, and Elastic Beanstalk.

AFA Protective Systems

December 2011 – January 2020 | Syosset, NY

IT Director

600-person alarm company with a 24/7 Central Station. IT failure there isn't a helpdesk ticket.

- Designed and built the Central Station from scratch: alarm receivers, thousands of phone lines, redundant power, full failover. Kept 24/7 on-call. The work required it.
- Managed 3 datacenters running 150+ Windows servers; deployed Panorama to centrally manage 50+ Palo Alto firewalls across the branch network.
- Unified AD, ADFS, O365/Azure AD, and LDAP into a single SSO environment. Put MFA and zero-trust in place years before the industry treated them as requirements.
- Built the AWS environment: VPC, Transit Gateway, EC2, RDS.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

NFPA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee — *Founding Member | 2023–Present*

A standing advisory committee that reports directly to the NFPA Standards Council. The committee's work spans the full breadth of NFPA standards, identifying gaps, advising technical committees on current and emerging threats, and making recommendations on how those standards can better reflect the realities of today's cybersecurity landscape. This includes participating in the standards development and commissioning process itself.

SKILLS

Cybersecurity: CrowdStrike · Arctic Wolf · Proofpoint · Trend Micro · Palo Alto NGFW · SIEM · IDS/IPS · ITP/DLP · ISO 27001 · Incident Response · Vulnerability Management

Identity & Access: Entra ID · Active Directory · ADFS · SSO · Zero Trust · MFA · Federated Identity · PKI / AD-CS

Cloud — AWS: Control Tower · IAM · EC2 · VPC · Transit Gateway · SES · Amplify · Elastic Beanstalk

Cloud — Microsoft: Entra ID · Azure AD · O365 · SharePoint · Teams · Intune

Networking: Palo Alto · Panorama · SD-WAN · Fortinet · Meraki · VPN · 802.1X · VLAN · DNS Governance

Infrastructure: Windows Server · AD DS · RDS · Hyper-V · Datacenter Management · DR/BC · 500+ Servers

Leadership: M&A IT Integration · Team Building · Org Design · Vendor Management · Executive Communication

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science — Queens College, CUNY

Microsoft Certification: Networking Professional

Secure Worker Access Consortium (SWAC) — Certified Member

AWS Certified Solutions Architect

Additional experience prior to 2011 and professional references available upon request.