

Consultant Biography



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Name: Neal McCarthy

Title: Cyber Incident Response Planning Consultant

Experience: Mr. McCarthy previously managed the Information Security Operations / Threat & Vulnerability Management for a Fortune 100 Corporation for several years. His international staff performed round-the-clock security event monitoring and response. His responsibilities included: security patch remediation, vulnerability scans & remediation, penetration testing, system configuration monitoring & remediation, maintaining the various Computer Incident Response Plans (CIRP), and an active threat portfolio for key business functions, users, applications/platforms and persistent vulnerabilities.

Over his 20+ year IT career, Mr. McCarthy has held a wide range of roles including systems programming, IT consultant, technical management, Privacy, Risk Management, & IT sales. He recently retired after 30 + years as a Marine Corps reservist obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His last reserve assignment of five years was with the US Cyber Command. After 9/11, LtCol McCarthy was mobilized and spent almost 4 years on active duty as an Information Warfare Officer working at the US Strategic Command, the Pentagon, and the National Security Agency (NSA). Mr. McCarthy also has 17 years of experience as a volunteer reserve police officer. In this capacity he was able to attend USDOJ (Law Enforcement Only) training in computer forensics and advanced Internet investigations. Mr. McCarthy is currently on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area / Silicon Valley chapter of the FBI's Infragard program.

Education & Certifications: B.S., Computer Science, MBA, CISSP, CIPP/E

Passion for Security: Neal was commissioned in 2012 by McGraw-Hill to write "The Computer Incident Response Planning Handbook" (<http://www.amazon.com/Computer-Incident-Response-Planning-Handbook/dp/007179039X>). He has also published a children's Internet safety book: "Mommy! There's a Monster in Our Computer" (<http://www.amazon.com/Mommy-Theres-Monster-our-Computer/dp/0990911829>). Mr. McCarthy brings a Strategic Business focus to Cyber Incident Response Planning.