



Ron Yearwood

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Education

B.A., Political Science,
Florida Atlantic University
Chief Information Security
Officer, Carnegie Mellon
University (CMU) Heinz
College

Certifications

Certified Information
Security Manager
Certified Information
System Security
Professional
Chemical-terrorism
Vulnerability Information
(CVI) Authorized User

Professional Affiliations

Adjunct Instructor, CMU
Heinz College, Advisor –
Chubb COPE Insurance
Certification Program

Expertise

Crisis Management
Cyber Incident Coordination
Cybersecurity Preparedness
Cybersecurity Policy &
Compliance
Incident Response
Investigations
Vulnerability Assessments

Mr. Yearwood is an accomplished cybersecurity and law enforcement veteran whose expertise includes cybersecurity incident response, investigation, prevention, remediation, recovery, and neutralization.

Mr. Yearwood has more than 30 years of experience combatting the foremost criminal and national security threats. Having spent more than 23 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Mr. Yearwood led strategic and investigative operations against hundreds of criminal and nation state cyber threat actors. During his tenure in the FBI Cyber Division, Mr. Yearwood served as a representative to the White House Cyber Response Group.

Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Mr. Yearwood directed the FBI's premier network intrusion rapid incident response team, responsible for hundreds of successful operations, including advanced digital forensics, malware analysis, network intrusion investigations, and vulnerability/exploit analysis. As a Senior FBI Cyber Executive, he led national cyber response management during multiple high-profile cyber investigations and operations receiving significant public/private scrutiny and media attention. Mr. Yearwood also led highly decorated programs focusing on cyber intelligence operations and development of innovative threat agnostic cyber tools.

During his time with the FBI, Ron provided cyber risk/threat briefings to more than 1,000 private sector and government organizations/representatives, consistently including senior executive participation. Prevalent topics included incident response planning, preparedness, remediation, and prevention.

Mr. Yearwood joined the FBI in 1995 working in Boston conducting violent crime and cyber investigations. As a member of the inaugural Cyber Squad in Boston, his team provided the foundation for the thriving Cyber component currently in existence today. In 2000, as a program manager at FBI Headquarters, Mr. Yearwood's team broke new ground leading criminal and national security covert operations. In 2003, Mr. Yearwood led the Cyber Squad in the FBI Houston field office prior to an assignment in the Counterterrorism Division in 2007. There, he led several hundred agents and analysts investigating thousands of terrorism cases managing the most significant risks faced by the nation resulting in dozens of arrests/plot disruptions in both the United States and across the globe.

Expanded Work History

FBI Special Agent – Boston, Houston, Minneapolis, and FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC

December 10, 1995 – March 30, 2019 (Specifically 2014 - 2020)

- Special Agent – Section Chief (Senior Executive Service – SES) Cyber Division
 - Eurasian Cyber Operations – July 2014 – October 2016
 - Technical Operations and Global Cyber Operations - November 2016 – March 2019

FTI Cybersecurity – Senior Managing Director – San Francisco – March 11, 2019 – Present

- Practice lead in developing West Coast
 - Proactive Services
 - Incident Response
 - Litigation Support

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Heinz College – Chubb COPE Insurance Certification Program

Adjunct Instructor/Advisor – June 2019 – March 2020

History of Expert Testimony

Limited to participation in presentations before Congress.

Publications

AICPA – Understanding the forensic technology landscape - June 2020 –

Cybersecurity, email and network intrusion, page 36.

FTI Journal – Stay Protected While Connected: Wi-Fi Safety – October 2019

FTI Journal – Invest Now, Save Later: The Best Business Strategy Against Cyber Attacks – December 2019