

## Candidate Statement for Alamo ISSA Officer Board Member

Board Position: Director of Professional Development

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Current Job Title/ Description: Chief of Cybersecurity, CISA Region 6

Bio Description (Experience: ISSA/InfoSec/Other organizations):

Deron McElroy is Chief of Cybersecurity for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) ,Region 6. He leads a team of Cybersecurity Advisors focused on enhancing our Nation's cyber resilience. Deron's team is available to help critical infrastructure owners and operators improve their cybersecurity posture, better manage cyber risk, and measure themselves against the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

As co-founder of the Cybersecurity Advisor Program, he served as Chief of Operations, and was the first DHS Cybersecurity Advisor for the Western United States. Previously, he led the interagency development of the Nation's cyber incident response policy, and contributed to cybersecurity education and workforce development efforts. Deron played a primary role in the stand-up of the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center and was a key participant in information sharing policy development.

Prior to joining DHS, Deron worked as Staff Director for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, and as a Senior Professional Staff Member. He focused on cybersecurity, counterterrorism, and information sharing practice and policy.

Deron is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP), and an expert in cyber resilience. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and studied strategic intelligence and information operations at the National Defense Intelligence College. He also currently serves as a cybersecurity instructor at the University of Texas San Antonio's Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security, is the Director of Professional Development for the Alamo ISSA, and is the co-founder and Chief Creative Officer for the Lone Star Cyber Podcast.

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Statement of Interest: I am passionate about professional development and would like to continue to improve the chapter's efforts in this area.

Goals if elected to position: Develop internship opportunities, increase scholarship visibility through a student-focused event.