



BIOGRAPHY



Joseph “Joe” Flores serves as the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

CISA is an Agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that maintains 10 regional offices around the country. CISA CSAs champion cyber resilience through partnership engagement, consultation and cybersecurity assessments with the public sector and private companies that support the 16 critical infrastructure (CI) sectors. Currently, and for the past eight years, Joe has also been a member of the Air National Guard serving in both the National Capital Region and in New England. Joe has held previous positions as a Cyber Surety Technician and is currently a Cyber Warfare Operator with the 102nd Cyberwarfare Squadron in Rhode Island.

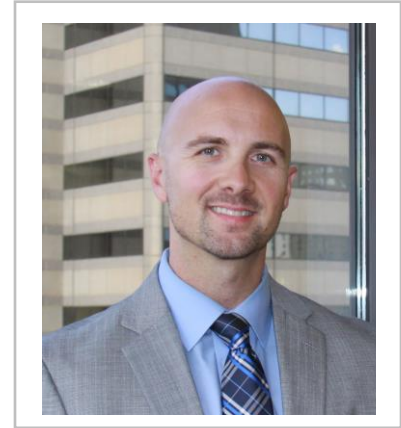
Before moving over to the cyber advisor program, Joe served as the CISA New England Regional Protective Security Advisor. In this role, Joe worked across New England and in collaboration with the various Sector Risk Management Agencies to deliver support and assistance to CI sector partners through training, assessments, and security subject matter expertise.

Before joining CISA, Joe worked at the DHS Transportation Security Administration for twelve years in various roles both in the field and at headquarters. Most recently, Joe served as the Operations Section Chief of a national program of Transportation Security Specialists focused on aviation and surface security. During this time Joe was also selected for the Presidential Management Rotational Program and was able to support leadership in U.S. Department of Transportation with strategic planning and advisory services.

Before joining DHS, Joe started his path into a federal career by working as an analyst with the Department of the Navy and as a Security Specialist with the Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service. In this role Joe was able to train Diplomatic Security Special Agents and contractors and supported the United Nation’s General Assembly in New York for three years as a coordinator for military special operations teams.

Joe started his career as an active-duty Airforce bomb technician and was stationed around the world in places like South Korea, Germany, and the Middle East.

As an academic, Joe received a Professional Leadership Certificate from American University, a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) in Organizational Leadership from Johnson & Wales University and a Professional Science Master’s Degree in Cybersecurity from the University of Rhode Island. Joe holds ISC2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst + (CySA+) certifications.



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