



Homeland Security Biography

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Bradford serves as the Acting Director of the Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience (SECIR) Division, within the National Protection and Programs Directorate Office of Cybersecurity and Communications at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He leads the strategic coordination for many of the Department's cybersecurity partner engagement models.

In his more than 8 years with DHS, he has served as the Senior Advisor for SECIR – instrumental in unifying strategic and operational efforts to deliver cyber preparedness, risk mitigation and incident response activities, and in aligning cyber security resources, governance, and policy analysis to the needs of critical infrastructure and state and local government. And, Bradford served as the Eastern U.S.

Supervisory Cyber Security Advisor (CSA) and Chief of CSA Field Operations. Before joining DHS, Mr. Willke led field studies and research projects in cyber security for over 10 years while in the Software Engineering Institute's CERT® Division. Three of his proudest achievements while at CERT were in creating the OCTAVE™ suite of information security risk assessments, in leading the DHS cyber investigative efforts related to the 2003 Northeast U.S. Power Outage and in drafting all of the key cyber findings in the joint DOE-DHS final "Black Out" report, and in developing the Cyber Resilience Review – a practical evaluation method based on the CERT Resilience Management Model™.

Mr. Willke served in the United States Air Force as a law enforcement specialist at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, WY. Recognition of his skills with IT networks, database design and programming, and security management led him to serve as his unit's IT operations and cyber security manager – a position previously reserved for only senior enlisted personnel.

Mr. Willke holds a M.S. in Legal Studies, specializing in Homeland Security, from California University of Pennsylvania, a professional certificate in Information Protection and Security from the University of New Haven, a B.S. in Information Systems Technologies from Southern Illinois University, and an associate in Criminal Justice from the Community College of the Air Force. He was awarded a Certificate of Completion for the Senior Executive Fellows program, January to February, 2018, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University,

Executive Education. He has been happily married for over 24 years and is the proud father of his one and only daughter.