Darnell Fitzgerald

Information Systems Security Manager

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SUMMARY

Information systems security manager with 12 years in DoD cybersecurity, leading a team of 6 ISSOs across 22 Navy systems. Owns RMF authorization, eMASS records and continuous monitoring with ACAS and HBSS, and brings risk management decisions to authorizing officials with clear options. CISSP and CGRC certified with an active Secret clearance.

EXPERIENCE

Information Systems Security Manager

01/2022 - Present

Tidewater Naval Systems Group — Norfolk, VA

ISSM for a Navy program support contractor covering shipboard and shore systems.

- Lead **6** ISSOs maintaining ATOs for 22 systems, with zero lapses since 2022.
- Direct continuous monitoring with ACAS and HBSS across 4,500 assets and brief monthly results to the AO.
- Approve SSPs and POA&Ms in eMASS and cut overdue POA&M items from 140 to 12 in 18 months.
- Develop tailored NIST SP 800-53 baselines for 3 new systems and defend risk decisions at authorization boards.

Information Systems Security Officer

04/2017 - 12/2021

Chesapeake Mission Technologies — Virginia Beach, VA

ISSO for tactical communication systems on a Navy contract.

- Earned ATOs for 7 systems under RMF on the first submission.
- Ran Nessus scans on 900 hosts and coordinated vulnerability management fixes with 4 admin teams.
- Filed 12 cyber incident reports inside DoD reporting timelines.
- Built continuous monitoring plans for 7 systems that the AO approved without changes.

Information Assurance Technician

06/2014 - 03/2017

Hampton Roads Defense Services — Norfolk, VA

Technician supporting shore network security for a defense contractor.

- Applied STIGs and patches to 600 workstations, reaching 97% compliance.
- Trained 300 users each year on information assurance policy.
- Audited 120 accounts monthly and removed departed staff within 24 hours.
- Scanned 600 hosts weekly with ACAS and sent ranked findings to the patch team.

SKILLS

- **RMF**
- **eMASS**
- **ACAS**
- **HBSS**
- **Nessus**
- **NIST SP 800-53**
- **Risk Management**
- **Information Assurance**
- **Vulnerability Management**
- **Written and Verbal Communication Skills**

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Old Dominion University

Information Technology

Norfolk, VA

05/2014

CERTIFICATES

Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)

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11/2017

Certified in Governance, Risk and Compliance (CGRC)

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06/2020