



BIOGRAPHY

Thomas “T.J.” Swenson Jr. is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for the State of Maine.

CISA is an Agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that maintains 10 regional offices across the country. CISA PSAs enable the delivery of the Agency’s services and support to critical infrastructure owners and operators and state, local, tribal, and territorial partners to secure our nations’ critical infrastructure against all threats and hazards.

T.J. has been the PSA for the State of Maine since April 2022. Prior to joining CISA, he served seven years with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I, most recently as the Response Division’s Operations Integration Branch Chief and as the Type I Planning Section Chief on FEMA’s National Incident Management Assistance Team (N-IMAT) Gold.



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In these roles, T.J. led elements of more than 25 federal disaster response and recovery operations across the United States; led strategic, operational, and tactical operations and policy initiatives at Regional and National levels; and managed programs and teams that optimized interagency coordination, federal coordination centers, and response readiness.

Before joining FEMA in 2015, T.J. served five years active duty as a U.S. Marine Non-Commissioned Officer, Infantryman, Squad Leader, and Platoon Sergeant. His service in the U.S. Marine Corps includes a combat deployment to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, where he led counterinsurgency and physical security operations, as well as managing nuclear Security Force operations at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia.

T.J. earned a Doctorate in Law and Policy (LP.D.) from Northeastern University, where he focused his published research on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant’s (ISIL’s) weaponization of social media to influence radicalization in the United States. T.J. also earned a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Homeland and Corporate Security from St. John’s University.

T.J. married his wife, Jess, in Waitsfield, Vermont in 2014 and together they have a 2.5-year-old daughter, Sophie, and their Vizsla, Kinleigh.

His hobbies are spending time with his family, Olympic weightlifting, woodworking, reading, and enjoying the beautiful State of Maine!



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