



ENSURING SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS

PANELISTS:



ELVIS CHAN

SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT (SSA)
FBI, SAN FRANCISCO

Elvis Chan is a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) assigned to FBI San Francisco. SSA Chan manages a squad responsible for investigating national security cyber matters. With over 15 years in the Bureau, he is a decorated agent who is recognized within the Intelligence Community as a cyberterrorism expert. SSA Chan was the lead agent on significant cyber investigations and managed joint counterterrorism operations with domestic and foreign law enforcement agencies. Prior to joining the Bureau, SSA Chan was a process development engineer in the semiconductor industry for 12 years. He holds two U.S. patents, presents at many technical and law enforcement symposiums, and published multiple articles in technical journals. SSA Chan graduated from the University of Washington with degrees in chemical engineering and chemistry.



CHAD HOUCK

CHIEF DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE

Chad Houck is the Chief Deputy Secretary of State for Idaho. Prior to working with the Secretary of State's office, Chad was a private consultant advising in operational and process improvements in the IT and commerce space. He has served on the Idaho Governor's Cybersecurity Task Force, assisted in the development of an elections cybersecurity virtual tabletop training exercise (VTTX) with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has collaborated with Harvard University's Defending Digital Democracy project on two statewide elections specific cybersecurity exercises, bringing together multiple state and federal agency collaborators, and most recently spearheaded the creation of the Idaho Elections Cybersecurity Research Center (INSURE) at Boise State University.



LT. COLONEL CHRIS A. KELENSKE

FIELD SUPPORT BUREAU
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Lt. Colonel Chris Kelenske is the commander of the Field Support Bureau within the Department of State Police. In this role, he is responsible for strategic leadership for the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, the Intelligence Operations Division which includes the State of Michigan Fusion Center, the Forensic Science Division, the Biometrics and Identification Division, the Information Technology Division, the Training Division, the Criminal Justice Information Center, the Office of Behavioral Science, the Office of Highway Safety Planning, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, the Grants and Community Services Division, and the 911 Administration Section. He serves as one of the department's two deputy directors, has served as the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor for the state of Michigan since 2013, and is the vice chair of the National Governor's Association, Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council. He coordinated response efforts as a part of the MSP's initial Secure Cities Partnership, which focused on providing enhanced law enforcement services in the cities of Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, and Saginaw and commanded numerous large-scale special events and incidents. Additionally, he led the state of Michigan through four presidential disasters/emergencies and thirteen gubernatorial disasters/emergencies.



BRIAN SCULLY

CHIEF

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
COUNTERING FOREIGN INFLUENCE TASK FORCE

Brian Scully is Chief of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Countering Foreign Influence Task Force. In this role, Brian leads the Department's effort to build National resilience to foreign influence operations. Previously, Brian served as Director for Strategy and Policy Programs at the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP). As Director, Brian led development and implementation of National critical infrastructure security and resilience strategy and policy. Prior to joining IP, Brian spent three years at the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) as Branch Chief for Intelligence Strategy. Brian began his DHS career at FEMA, where he spent almost 9 years in a variety of positions to include Senior Advisor for Emergency Management to Secretary Napolitano, Senior Policy Advisor to Administrator Fugate, and Special Assistant to Administrator Paulison. Before joining the Federal government, Brian held positions in state and local government, private sector, and a non-profit organization.

MODERATOR:

DR. CHRIS BELLAVITA

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS DIRECTOR
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Christopher Bellavita joined the Center for Homeland Defense and Security in 2003. From 1998 through 2002, he directed security planning for the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command. Prior to the 2002 Olympics, Dr. Bellavita was responsible for special event training for the Department of Defense's Office of Special Events. In that capacity, he helped to support DoD's activities in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic and Paralympic Games, 1994 World Cup, 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and other major sporting, political, and international security events. He also provided security support to the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens and the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin. Dr. Bellavita has held teaching appointments at the University of Southern California and the University of California, Berkeley. He has provided planning, training, leadership, and organizational development services to a variety of state, local, and federal public safety agencies.