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As co-founder of the Cybersecurity Advisor Program, he served as Chief of Operations and was the first Cybersecurity Advisor for the Western United States within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Previously, he led the interagency development of the Nation's cyber incident response policy and contributed to cybersecurity education and workforce development efforts. Deron played a primary role in the stand-up of the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) and was a key participant in information sharing policy development.

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