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Andrew (Andy) Smith is a Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor (PSA) assigned to New Jersey. He serves as a security and resiliency subject matter expert and is the link between State, local, tribal, and territorial organizations and DHS infrastructure mission partners. PSAs perform vulnerability and security assessments on a variety of Critical Infrastructure to identify security gaps and potential vulnerabilities as well as coordinate training and supports special events and incident management.

Andrew was a Special Investigator for the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. His portfolios included Freight Rail, Commercial Facilities, Defense Industrial Base, and Special Events. He was actively involved in Super Bowl 48 infrastructure security planning, security assessments for the return of the Miss America Pageant to Atlantic City, and numerous exercise development for private and public sector partners. Additionally, he was actively involved in the New Jersey State Emergency Operations Center during Hurricanes Sandy and Irene, Super Bowl 2014, and the Papal visit to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Previously, Andrew served four years in the United States Marine Corps, and 20 years with the United States Air Force as a Security Policeman. With multiple overseas deployments supporting Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Enduring Freedom. Additionally he provided embedded force protection in the air and on the ground; for USAF transport aircraft and aircrews flying into high threat locations. He culminated his military career as a First Sergeant responsible for the morale, welfare, discipline, and professional development of his unit's enlisted members.

In 2015 he was recognized by the Attorney General of The State of New Jersey for his work on the Bakken Crude Oil by Rail Security and Preparedness working group. Additionally, his work with the freight railroads earned him "Project of the Year" by the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

Andrew is a graduate of American Military University with Bachelor of Arts Degree in Homeland Security with honors. He also holds Associates Degrees in Industrial Security and Human Resource Management from the Community College of the Air Force.

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