

Chris Pluhar

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Certifications

FBI Digital Evidence Examiner
FBI Mobile Device Examiner
CompTIA A+ & Network+
RedHat Certified Engineer (RHCE)

Education

B.S., Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy
M.S., IT Security & Assurance, Carnegie Mellon University

Mr. Pluhar has over 25 years of experience conducting technical and complex cyber investigations and in-depth digital evidence examinations, providing expert witness testimony, and leading teams of technical personnel.

At FTI Consulting, Mr. Pluhar leads teams that perform complex cybersecurity incident response and investigations and ensure cybersecurity readiness and resilience against sophisticated cyber attacks.

Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Mr. Pluhar served 21 years as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices. Mr. Pluhar is known for his abilities to use innovative techniques to lead investigations, conduct digital evidence analysis, and provide expert testimony on some of the FBI’s largest, high-profile, and sensitive Cyber, Counterterrorism, and Counterintelligence cases. During his FBI tenure, Mr. Pluhar was selected as the Director of the Orange County Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (OCRCFL) which serves Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties. The OCRCFL is a 30-member multi-agency FBI task force responsible for digital evidence preservation, processing, analysis, investigation, and technical expert testimony for state/local and federal law enforcement agencies in the Los Angeles area.

Mr. Pluhar has significant technical, operational, and teaching experience around the world and has been honored by the Department of Justice, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the FBI.

Prior to the FBI, Mr. Pluhar served five years as an Officer in the United States Air Force, leading joint Air Force and contractor teams in the design planning, negotiation, and purchase of next-generation Department of Defense satellite communications systems. After the Air Force, Mr. Pluhar worked as a spacecraft system engineer at Hughes Space and Communications, where he developed, implemented, and managed technical solutions to track and ensure compliance for spacecraft design.

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Areas of Expertise

- Cyber Incident Coordination
- Cybersecurity Preparedness
- Cybersecurity Policy & Compliance
- Data Recovery
- Digital Forensics
- Incident Response
- Insider Threat
- Investigations
- Technical Troubleshooting
- Vulnerability Assessments