



# Team Profile

STEVE WHALEN, CFCE

Steve Whalen, CFCE is currently a Director with Forward Discovery, Inc., an Information Security provider with offices in Washington DC, Texas, North Carolina and Delaware. The company specializes in Information Protection and Risk Mitigation Services, Electronic Discovery, Digital Investigations, Incident Response, Vulnerability Assessments, and Security Training.

Prior to joining the Forward Discovery team, Mr. Whalen served 15 years as a Delaware State Trooper. During his time with the state police, Mr. Whalen spent several years as a detective with the Criminal Investigations Unit where he investigated major crimes against persons and property. In 1999, Mr. Whalen was assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Unit as their first full-time forensic examiner for digital evidence. Mr. Whalen assisted in the creation of the Delaware State Police – High Technology Crimes Unit which began operations in 2001. While assigned to the High Technology Crimes Unit, Mr. Whalen processed thousands of electronic items and devices containing digital evidence such as servers, hard drives, optical media, flash storage, cell phones and PDAs. During his career with the state police, Mr. Whalen developed and executed numerous search warrants and was involved in hundreds of investigations involving digital evidence such as intrusions, financial crimes, child sexual exploitation, stalking and homicides. Mr. Whalen conducted forensic examinations and assisted with investigations for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, United States Secret Service, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, United States Air Force and a multitude of state and municipal agencies throughout the nation.

In 2000 Mr. Whalen earned, and continues to maintain, his Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) title from the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). The IACIS CFCE is one of the most coveted certifications in the area of digital forensics. IACIS is a non-profit organization comprised of law enforcement officers from around the world dedicated to training other LEOs in the field of digital forensics. Mr. Whalen continues to support IACIS with the development of basic and advanced training material, serving on the IACIS training committee and as a CFCE mentor. Mr. Whalen also served several years as a Regional Manager for the IACIS certification process and is recognized by IACIS as a Certified Instructor.

In addition to instructing for IACIS, Mr. Whalen has taught law enforcement officers abroad in several countries throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa as a part of the Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program for the United States Department of State. Mr. Whalen regularly participates in the National Institute of Justice – Electronic Crime Partnership Initiative program which develops strategies for combating electronic crimes.

Prior to joining with Forward Discovery, Mr. Whalen worked in the civil arena under his own company which provided services such as digital forensic analysis, E-discovery, consultation and custom training. Mr. Whalen is affiliated with the High Technology Crimes Investigation Association (HTCIA), Infraguard, ASIS International and iSAFE.

Mr. Whalen holds a current security clearance. Further information available upon request.

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