Alen Guner

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Cybersecurity Analyst | SOC Tier 1 | Threat Detection | Remote-Ready | Linux Security | Incident Response

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cybersecurity Analyst with a first-responder mindset calm under pressure, decisive, and threat-aware. Ranked Top 100 in TDX Arena with 15+ technical challenge badges. Built a personal SOC lab simulating real-world attacks and responding with SIEM, IDS/IPS, and log analysis. Proven leadership and emergency response from firefighter background, now applied to digital defense. Ready to secure systems in a remote SOC or cybersecurity operations team.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

SIEM, IDS/IPS, Linux, Python, Bash, VirtualBox, Kali Linux, Wireshark, Cisco Packet Tracer, Log Analysis, Firewalls, TryHackMe, TDX Arena, Cloud Security, Ticketing Systems

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

Cybersecurity Bootcamp NJIT (20212023, 400+ hrs), CPR & First Aid AHA (2023), Hazmat Ops IAFF (2019)

PROJECTS & LAB EXPERIENCE

Cybersecurity Lab Engineer (Self-Directed, 2023Present)

- Simulated phishing, malware, and insider threat attacks in a custom VirtualBox SOC lab
- Performed real-time analysis using SIEM, firewall logs, and open-source IDS tools
- Documented incidents and practiced structured response protocols under pressure

TDX Arena Top 100 Globally

- Completed 15+ cybersecurity challenges (pen testing, DFIR, vulnerability analysis)
- Earned multiple technical badges; demonstrated advanced problem-solving in SOC scenarios

TryHackMe

- Completed Red Team and Blue Team labs; practiced attack defense techniques in real-world CTFs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Security Supervisor Elite Investigations | Paramus, NJ | Jun 2022 Present

- Led 15+ security staff; improved operational security by implementing SIEM-based monitoring
- Reduced threat response time by 40% through protocol training and system upgrades
- Coordinated with law enforcement and managed surveillance systems across client sites

Firefighter Grandview Fire Dept | Fairview, NJ | Dec 2019 Jun 2023

- Responded to 200+ emergencies/year with tactical execution and safety-first planning
- Developed risk mitigation protocols and managed multi-agency coordination under pressure
- Strengthened instinctual decision-making directly applicable to cybersecurity triage and IR

Lifeguard Supervisor Palisadium Gym | Cliffside Park, NJ | Apr 2018 Sep 2019

- Ensured safety of 500+ daily guests; reduced incidents by 20% via proactive monitoring
- Trained team in emergency readiness, compliance, and incident prevention

EDUCATION

Cybersecurity Bootcamp New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ (20212023)
Covered: Linux Security, Networking, Python, Cloud Security, DFIR, Ethical Hacking (400+ hrs)

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