

Welcome to SANS DC Metro September

September 28–October 3, 2026
Bethesda, MD



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CERTIFICATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

The Bethesda Hotel
8120 Wisconsin Avenue | Bethesda, Maryland, 20814

Event Check-In | Badge & Courseware Distribution

Location: 2nd Floor Foyer (2nd FLOOR)

Monday, September 28 7:00–8:30 AM

Registration Support

Location: Woodmont Boardroom (2nd FLOOR)

Monday, September 28–Friday, October 2 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

Saturday, October 3 8:00 AM–2:30 PM

Parking

SANS attendees will receive a discounted parking rate of \$20/day and \$30/overnight. Overnight parking includes in-and-out privileges.

Course Breaks

Morning Coffee 7:00–9:00 AM

Morning Break* 10:30–10:50 AM

Lunch 12:15–1:30 PM

Afternoon Break* 3:00–3:20 PM

*Snack and coffee to be provided during these break times.

CLASS INFORMATION

All courses will run 9:00 AM–5:00 PM (unless noted) **NOTE:** All courses will start at 8:30 AM on Day 1

FOR508: Advanced Incident Response, Threat Hunting, and Digital Forensics™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Carlos Cajigas Rugby (3RD FLOOR)

ICS456: Essentials for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection™ (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Jason Christopher Cordell (2ND FLOOR)

LDR516: Strategic Vulnerability and Threat Management™ (5-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Kevin Garvey Del Ray (3RD FLOOR)

SEC401: Security Essentials (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Ted Demopoulos Arlington (3RD FLOOR)

HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAY 1); 9:00 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAYS 2–5);

9:00 AM–5:00 PM (COURSE DAY 6)

SEC497: Practical Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Steven Harris Auburn (3RD FLOOR)

SEC504: Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Kevin Tyers Rosedale (2ND FLOOR)

HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:15 PM (COURSE DAY 1)

SEC573: AI-Powered Security Automation: Building Tools with Python, LLMs, and MCP™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Mark Baggett Bethesda D (2ND FLOOR)

SEC588: Cloud Penetration Testing™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Aaron Cure Wisconsin (2ND FLOOR)

SEC595: Applied Data Science and AI/Machine Learning for Cybersecurity Professionals™ (6-DAY COURSE)

INSTRUCTOR: Christopher Crowley Hampden (3RD FLOOR)

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SANS@NIGHT: 2026 Security Operations Survey Review and Analysis

DATE/TIME: Tue, September 29 | 6:00–7:00 PM

LOCATION: Bethesda D (2ND FLOOR)

SPEAKER: Christopher Crowley

RECEPTION: Community Night

DATE/TIME: Wed, September 30 | 5:30–6:30 PM

LOCATION: Bethesda Ballroom Foyer (2ND FLOOR)

SANS@NIGHT: The Anatomy of AI Agents for InfoSec Professionals

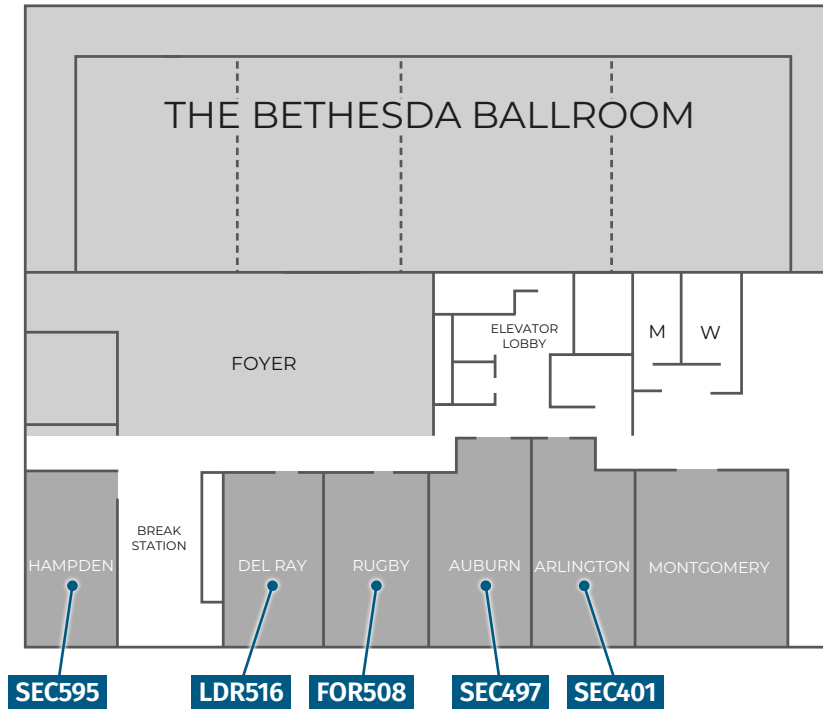
DATE/TIME: Wed, September 30 | 6:45–7:45 PM

LOCATION: Bethesda D (2ND FLOOR)

SPEAKER: Mark Baggett

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