

ISSA Los Angeles Announces Dr. Eric Cole as Keynote Speaker for 2026 ISSA LA Security Summit

The event brings together CISOs, security executives, risk leaders, & practitioners to address AI-driven threats, cyber resilience, & security leadership

SANTA MONICA, CA, UNITED STATES, May 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ISSA Los Angeles today announced that Dr. Eric Cole, CEO of Secure Anchor Security Consulting, cybersecurity author, and former member of the U.S. Presidential Commission on Cybersecurity, will serve as keynote

speaker at the ISSA Los Angeles Security [Summit](#) 2026. The event will take place October 14, 2026, at the Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica and will bring together security executives, practitioners, risk and compliance leaders, technology professionals cybersecurity executives, CISOs, CIOs, and practitioners to examine AI-driven threats, cyber resilience, and the evolving role of security leadership.



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AI-driven threats have changed the calculus for every security leader. The organizations that will navigate this era well are the ones investing now in leadership depth, not just technology.”

Oksana Denesiuk, Marketing Director and Board Member, ISSA Los Angeles

AI-driven threats have fundamentally changed the security landscape facing organizations today. Deepfake fraud, synthetic identity attacks, and AI-assisted intrusion campaigns have moved from theoretical risk to documented operational reality, with high-profile incidents in 2024 and 2025 exposing the limits of conventional security programs and the growing accountability placed on security leaders at the board level. The ISSA Los Angeles Security Summit 2026 brings together the region's security community to examine what preparedness requires in this environment.

The ISSA Los Angeles Security Summit is one of Southern

California's leading cybersecurity gatherings, bringing well-known speakers from around the

country for a focused discussion of emerging threats, governance, resilience, and leadership. The 2026 program includes the Security Summit, [Women](#) in Security Forum, and CISO Forum, with sessions designed to address both technical risk and executive accountability.

Dr. Cole's keynote will address how organizations can build security programs prepared for AI-enabled threats, including deepfake fraud, synthetic identity attacks, and AI-assisted phishing campaigns. Drawing on more than thirty years of cybersecurity experience across government agencies, Fortune 500 companies, and international financial institutions, Dr. Cole will focus on proactive defense, executive alignment, board-level accountability, and the organizational practices that distinguish resilient institutions from those that discover their vulnerabilities after a breach.

The keynote will also examine the evolving role of the CISO as security becomes increasingly connected to enterprise risk, business continuity, regulatory compliance, and organizational trust.

"The threats organizations face today, AI-generated fraud, synthetic identity attacks, deepfake impersonation at scale, are not the product of better technology alone. They are the product of organizations that treated security as a technical function rather than a leadership one. I look forward to joining ISSA Los Angeles to engage with the security community on what it means to build programs that are genuinely prepared for this moment."

- Dr. Eric Cole

The venue is a wonderful location right on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica. Attendees speak of this as their favorite event space, allowing for breaks on the beach and serious discussions breathing in the refreshing sea air.

Registration is now open. To view the full schedule and [register](#) for the ISSA Los Angeles Security Summit 2026, visit summit.issala.org

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About Dr. Eric Cole

Dr. Eric Cole, CEO of Secure Anchor Security Consulting, is one of the most recognized voices in cybersecurity leadership. Over a career spanning more than thirty years, he has served government agencies, advised Fortune 500 companies and international financial institutions, authored multiple books on cybersecurity strategy, and spoken to audiences worldwide. He is a former member of the U.S. Presidential Commission on Cybersecurity and a leading advocate for treating security as a strategic business leadership function.

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