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Homeland Security Secretary Appoints Jeff Moss, founder of Black Hat and DEFCON, to the Homeland Security Advisory Council Moss to provide recommendations directly to Secretary Napolitano on Homeland Security Issues

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Seattle, Wash. — June 8, 2009 — Black Hat, the world's leading family of information security events, today announced that Secretary Napolitano has appointed Jeff Moss, the founder of Black Hat and DEFCON, to the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). Moss was sworn in on Friday, June 5, 2009 during a HSAC meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The HSAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on matters related to homeland security. The Council is comprised of leaders from state and local government, first responder communities, the private sector, and academia. Other members of the advisory council include William H. Webster, former Director of the CIA; Judge Louis Freeh, former Director of the FBI; and James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense and America's first Secretary of Energy. More information about the HSAC is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xinfoshare/committees/editorial_0331.shtm.

"This is the first Presidential administration transition of the Department of Homeland Security. The new administration is taking cyber-security seriously," said Jeff Moss, founder of Black Hat and DEFCON. "I have great expectations for what Secretary Napolitano will be able to accomplish. I am honored and excited to advise the Secretary and owe a great deal to the Black Hat and DEFCON community."

"Jeff Moss is one of the most refreshing additions to the Council I have seen since it was created in 2002," said William H. Webster, chairman of the HSAC and former Director of the CIA. "Cyber-security is the now and the future of homeland security."

The next Black Hat Briefing is in Las Vegas July 29-30, 2009:
<http://www.blackhat.com/html/bh-usa-09/bh-us-09-main.html>. DEFCON is in Las Vegas July 31-August 2, 2009, immediately following Black Hat:
<http://www.defcon.org/html/defcon-17/dc-17-index.html>.