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The Cyber Security Summit is a robust and growing community of professionals who work to protect critical infrastructure. We bring business, government, military, and academic leaders together to collaborate, troubleshoot, showcase, and celebrate solutions for today's cybersecurity challenges.

This year's theme is **Fearlessly Forward: Find IT. Fix IT. Fortify IT.**, and it's a call to courage that captures both the urgency and the optimism that define our cybersecurity community. It comes with steadfast superheroes whose strength is not defined by fear, but by the determination to meet vulnerabilities head-on, solve big problems, and build resilient systems and teams that will carry us into the future.

The work ahead will demand continued technical mastery and collective imagination, and our progress rests not in silos, but in shared discovery. We have rising students, mid-career practitioners, and seasoned leaders here at the Summit, where every perspective matters, and every contribution strengthens the whole.

This field offers so many excellent conferences and we can't possibly attend them all. What makes this Summit stand apart is the candor and the caliber of dialogue. The agenda is built not for sales, but for substance. We gather executives, policymakers, practitioners, and academics in the same room, and something rare happens. People speak openly about the challenges they face, and they listen just as openly to solutions from others. That kind of exchange doesn't happen everywhere. It happens here.

We challenge each of you to use your time here intentionally. The agenda is packed with stellar speakers and powerful panels, but the best banter often comes when you seek out voices that are not your own. Ask hard questions. Share both your successes and your scars. It's the conversations we have in the hall and over coffee that matter most. Those are the moments when connections are built and where change begins.

Last year a state government leader, a Fortune 100 exec, and a university researcher were seen sitting at a table sketching an idea on the back of a Summit guide. Three people with three unique perspectives working to solve a real problem, real-time. That is the spirit of this Summit: collaboration without boundaries, united by purpose.

Welcome to the fifteenth annual Cyber Security Summit! May you leave not only informed but transformed – to move Fearlessly Forward.

- Shawn and Shayla

Join the Community!

Fifteen years grew to become 25K+ LinkedIn followers whose feeds include event reminders, Cyber Pro Posts, timely joint advisory intelligence, member accolades and awards, pics & poses, discount savings and more!

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What's Back, What's New, What's Improved!



- Cyber Sports Regional CTF Competition
- Decompression Den: Calming Corner, Sensory Space, and K9 Comfort Dogs Gideon & Hagar



- Public Sector Village with Minnesota National Guard and CrowdStrike
- Souk Jai chair massaaaaaaahges!
- Forward Quest Summit APP game & prizes!



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Welcome! Check in at the registration desk with the same email address you used to register, then don your badge and grab a ribbon or two to show your colors. Download the Summit APP for your session lineup, a floor map, and head on in to find your favorite sponsors or queue at the Cyber Coffee Café. The registration desk is staffed throughout the Summit to address any questions or concerns.



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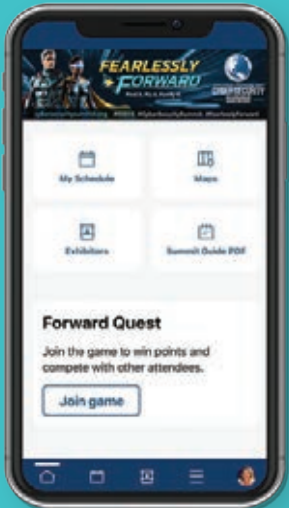
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Forward Quest

Superheroes, show your stuff! Be the best and soar above the competition. Download the Summit APP, join the **Forward Quest** fun, and go get points! Be in the top three leaderboard slots at the 4:30 finish line on Wednesday, and go home with sweet prizes including premier SWAG, a **Fearlessly Forward** puzzle, and complimentary CSS16 VIP All Access Passes to defend their skills next year.



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- ☐ **Snuggle the Pups:** K9 Gideon & Hagar Comfort Dogs (QRC)
- ☐ Visit Tuesday's **Cyber Sports CTF** (QRC)
- ☐ Participate in a **Networking Lunch Discussion**
- ☐ Take in Tuesday's closing Keynote with **Tissa Richards** (QRC)
- ☐ Stop by Wednesday's **Public Sector Village** (QRC)
- ☐ Attend **Tim Crothers'** closing keynote on Wednesday (QRC)
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Jerrod Montoya with Eileen Manning



Building Community – From Learners to Leaders

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 15th anniversary of the Cyber Security Summit! We set out with a bold mission to create a space where industry, government, academia, and innovators could collaborate to protect our digital world. What began as a half-day gathering has grown into a nationally recognized event, drawing leaders from across the country and more than thirty nations. And yet, our purpose remains the same—to learn, to collaborate, and to build a stronger community.

You might ask, with so many cybersecurity conferences on the calendar, why is this Summit special? The answer lies in you. Most events are one-day tours, focused on executives, solely to serve sponsors. They don't stay to invest in the community. This Summit is built with you, by you, throughout the year. Every month, practitioners meet to identify the threats ahead. Every week, committees gather to design sessions, share expertise, and grow relationships. This Summit is not just an event—it is a year-round movement.

Together, we've also built a legacy of developing the next generation of cyber professionals. While many conferences exclude students or those between roles, we've opened doors. Through the intern program, mentoring, and scholarships, hundreds of students have gained hands-on experience and a pathway into this vital field. The commitment to talent growth is now a hallmark of who we are. Jerrod Montoya is among the students who attended that first Summit and became one of today's cybersecurity leaders and Think Tank members.

Just as the industry has evolved, so has the Summit. You've helped us shape its growth:

- A 50-member **Think Tank** with representation from all sixteen critical infrastructure sectors
- **Visionary Leadership Awards** honor contributions from students to global leaders



- **MedTech** and **Public Sector Seminars** focus on unique strengths and needs
- **Think Tank Time** career development sessions for rising and transitioning professionals
- **Decompression Den** with comfort dogs and chair massages to prioritize the human resilience that powers vital technology

This Summit looks more mature after 15 years—but at its core, it continues to bring world-class expertise, critical insights, and a commitment to strengthening our defenses together. As we celebrate this milestone, I want you to feel the pride in what we have built. This Summit is not just a conference, it is a community, a catalyst, and a testament to what happens when people come together with vision and purpose.

I thank each of you—attendees, speakers, sponsors, and partners—for your role in making this Summit what it is today. Your expertise, your curiosity, and your commitment to cybersecurity are the foundation of our success. Now let's go **Fearlessly Forward** with this journey to shape the next 15 years of cybersecurity leadership!

With appreciation and excitement,

Eileen Manning

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From Zero to Fifty in Fifteen Years: Three Think Tank Emeritus

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It had just one **Mike Kearn**. Taking information security literally, Kearn shared his expertise as a panelist but withheld the name of his employer that first year. He came back in 2012 as one of the eight inaugural advisory board members, with enough trust to share U.S. Bank as his employer. Over time, we came to know Mike for his threat hunting prowess, unmitigated opinions, and sage security observations. He showed up, shared much, and stood as co-chair for the 2017 *Meet the Threat Beat the Threat* Summit. A fitting farewell is in store, as Kearn is the 2025 CSS Founder's Award honoree.



Steen Fjalstad lit up the 2014 advisory board with new energy and community connections. As ISACA President Elect and a contributor to the InfraGard intel committee, Steen leveraged relationships and added quality as a speaker, writer and champion for critical infrastructure protection. His deep knowledge, strategic program mastery and an uncanny ability to translate complex concepts to broad and diverse audiences make him a top-tier voice for the energy sector. Steen's inner professor penned four pages as a co-author for the first Cyber Security Summit Glossary of Terms in 2017, and he was the 2018 CSS Visionary IT Audit Leader award honoree. Puns aplenty, we heartily clap on and clap off our appreciation.



Tony Sager retired from 34 years as a National Security Agency information assurance professional to become Senior Vice President and Chief Evangelist at the Center for Internet Security, a role that brought him to the Summit stage in 2016. He joined the Advisory Board in 2018 where he has consistently infused the CIS mission to create confidence in the connected world with the wisdom of a warrior and a storyteller's skill. We fear his years of generosity, passion and advocacy have infected the Think Tank for good.



Thank you, Mike, Steen and Tony. You asked good questions. Challenged when warranted. And you each gave solid advice and well-reasoned guidance that shaped the Summit in so many ways to move *Fearlessly Forward*.

2025 Think Tank

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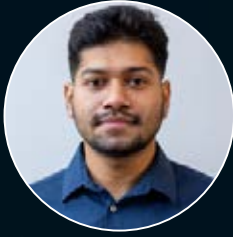
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Special Events



International Reception
Mon, Oct 20 | 5:00-7:00 PM
Fireside



**Breakfast with Doug Dvorak,
Liz Lehrkamp & John Bonhage**
Tues, Oct 21 | 7:00 AM
Arbor Lakes



MNIT Careers Breakfast
Tues, Oct 21 | 7:00 AM
Fireside



**Souk Jai Spaaaah!
Chair Massage**
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**EXPO Reception & Tissa Richards
Book Signing**
Tues, Oct 21 | 5:00-6:00 PM



CISO Luncheon
Registration Required
Tues, Oct 21 | 11:45 AM
Fireside



Cyber Coffee Café
Tues, Oct 21 | 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Wed, Oct 22 | 8:00 AM-3:00 PM



Comfort K9 Gideon & Hagar
Tues & Wed
9:00-11:00 AM & 12:00-3:00 PM
Decompression Den



VIP Dinner
Tues, Oct 21 | 6:15-8:00 PM
Fireside



The **Cyber Sports CTF Regional Competition** brings back the excitement of last year with another full day of high-stakes cyber challenges for students and pro teams!

Tues, Oct 21 | 8:15 AM-3:00 PM | Elm Creek

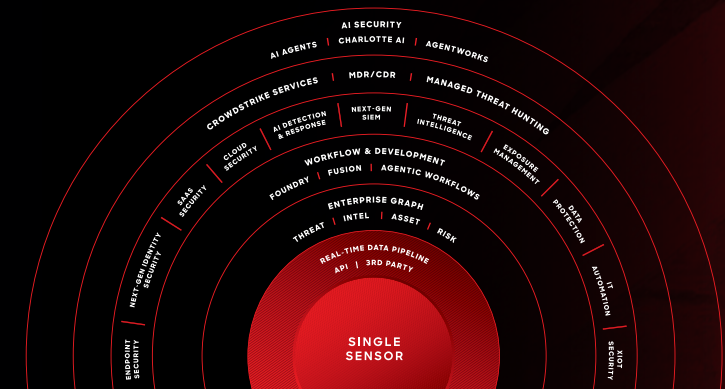
Public Sector Village: Shared Cybersecurity Tools and Resources

Step into the Public Sector Village to explore hands-on cybersecurity tools and shared services available to Minnesota's public entities. See how local governments, schools, and utilities can leverage no-cost and discounted resources for system hardening, detection and response, and incident support. Hosted by National Guard C3 and MNIT, the Village offers demos, walk-throughs, and real tools in use across the state.

Wednesday, October 22 – 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Hennepin Salon Two



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Explore today's most pressing cybersecurity challenges at the full-day Public Sector Seminar, with multiple perspectives, courtesy of MNIT, MNARNG, CISA, DPS and other SLTT representatives. Designed for township, city, county, tribal, state, and federal professionals, you'll learn about identity protection, CJIS compliance, cyber insurance, AI impacts, and social media risks from top experts. Engage directly with security providers, military and law enforcement defenders, and explore demos for the many FREE tools and resources you never knew you had access to in the Public Sector Village.

What You'll Walk Away With

- Threat updates applicable to your organization
- Resources for when a breach occurs
- Hands-on demonstration with software tools available

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8:00 AM — Public Sector Seminar Welcome

The Public Sector Seminar brings focus to the broad range of persistent cyber threats that challenge government in Minnesota and beyond. We'll look at the many critical infrastructure efforts that reduce risk. We'll talk about the programs, processes and projects that support continuous improvement, and we'll find new ways to work together and bolster our collective security posture.

Jen VanDemmeltraadt, MNIT

8:15 AM — Rebuilding Digital Trust: When and How to Use IAL2

As digital interactions become the default, establishing and maintaining trust has never been more critical. This session explores the role of NIST Identity Assurance Level 2 (IAL2) in combating fraud, meeting regulatory requirements, and protecting sensitive transactions. We'll discuss where IAL2 is the right fit, where it may create unnecessary friction, and how alternatives like componentized services or IAL1+ can provide the right balance of security and user experience. Attendees will walk away with practical insights on aligning assurance levels with business risk, reducing onboarding drop-off, and building adaptive trust frameworks that scale across industries.

Spencer Crane, ID Dataweb

8:45 AM — Cyber Risk Insurance - Policy to Preparedness

Delve into cyber risk insurance and discover its role within a holistic cybersecurity strategy. This session includes a review of policy components and cyber risk factors to consider when renewing an existing or reviewing a new policy. Leave with the knowledge to make informed policy decisions and enhance your strategic response preparedness.

Christian Torkelson, League of Minnesota Cities

9:30 AM — Local Threat Landscape: Modernizing Security with NGSIM

This is the essential threat briefing for State and Local Government organizations. Learn how sophisticated adversaries are targeting public sector entities and discover how Next-Generation SIEM capabilities can transform security operations. Includes a live demonstration of CrowdStrike's innovative NGSIM solution, showcasing real-time threat detection, automated response capabilities, and operational efficiency gains.

Presented by CrowdStrike

10:00 AM — CJIS & CJDN Compliance: Adapting to Policy and Technology Changes

Minnesota agencies must comply with FBI CJIS Security and BCA CJDN Policies to access certain criminal justice information. Recent policy updates and rapid shifts in technology including cloud adoption and AI have created compliance challenges. Get an overview of both policies' key changes, and explore implementation strategies that address common obstacles and align practices to current security and regulatory expectations.

Tom Miller & Jodie Monette, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

AM Keynote — Shawn Riley

11:00 AM — Super Glue Strength and Special Powers: The Magic of a Multi-Government Defense

Escalating cyber threats, shrinking budgets, and rising expectations for secure digital services make isolated defense a losing strategy. This conversation explores the urgent need for governments at all levels—state, local, tribal, territorial, and educational—to come together through shared cybersecurity resources, infrastructure, and intelligence. This presentation will highlight the strategic value, cost-efficiency, and resilience that comes with collaboration.

12:30 PM — The Impact of Synthetic Intelligence on Government and SLED

Explore the power of synthetic intelligence with real-world insights. Learn to manage AI risks and implement its efficiencies safely, regardless of your organization's size or budget. We'll introduce the 'Organizational Mind' model that promises ambient intelligence and workforce enhancement. You will leave ready to develop AI skills, with strategies to build clear goals, and confidence to lead others to a smarter public sector.

Scott Klososky, FPOV

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Public Sector Seminar includes

- Ten educational sessions
- AM General Session Keynote
- Attendance Certificate (CEU/CPE)
- Networking Lunch
- EXPO Hall Networking with Solution Providers

1:30 PM — LEO Led Crime Prevention: Social Media Safety Outreach

Cybercrime continues and people pay, with 2025 losses projected at 10.5 trillion. 2022 FBI stats had 800,944 complaints and 422 million victims. Bad actors use the internet, social media, and human behavior to make off with millions. Good news: law enforcement is leveraging social media awareness and outreach to prevent losses. This session covers high-value content: privacy and security settings, telltale signs of social engineering, scam stories, with the identity theft, doxxing and AI deepfake details that keep communities safe.

Jay Haapala, AARP Minnesota

2:30 PM — Behind the Screen: Cybercrime's Psychological Impact on Today's Youth

Cybercrime grows more sophisticated and the emotional and psychological toll to young people is a critical public safety and health concern. This session will explore how cyberbullying, sextortion, identity theft, and exposure to other harmful content affects our kids' mental health, self-esteem, and behavior. Learn the warning signs, how to report concerns, and how to collaborate in ways that support kids, parents, and communities with safer digital environments.

Tracy Habisch-Ahlin, Hudson School District

3:45 PM — Beyond the Badge: Supporting Cybercrime Victims and Sustaining Case Momentum

Digital crimes come with negative impacts that linger beyond the initial incident. Identity theft, nonstop ransomware calls, and romance scams create financial devastation, familial distrust, embarrassment, and other psychological damage. Today's law enforcement response adds victim support on top of investigation efforts, with best practices that include regular, transparent updates to maintain case visibility. From intake to resolution, cybercrime priorities are reinforcing public confidence.

Marit Peterson, Minnesota Elder Justice Center

CYBER101 WORKSHOP SLTT & K-12

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 22

HENNEPIN SALON 3

The Summit offers content for all. Our new Cyber101 Workshop takes “cybersecurity is everyone’s responsibility” to a practical level of learning. For a more advanced Public Sector Seminar and the full agenda: www.cybersecuritysummit.org.

Who Should Attend?

The Cyber101 Workshop is for all K-12 school employees and state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) public sector employees who are ready to take their cybersecurity knowledge to the next level. Front-line emergency managers, IT help desk operators, teachers, public information officers, city planners, PSAP calltakers, school counselors, HR data analysts — truly, this is for everyone.

What You’ll Walk Away With

- Strategic Frameworks: Learn how to align your cybersecurity program with industry standards and governance models.
- Practical Preparedness: Build confidence through live demonstrations and real-world crisis simulations.
- Incident Readiness: Develop a customized incident response plan that integrates with your organizational continuity plans.

Session 1: Building Blocks

Developing a Comprehensive Cybersecurity Program

Learn how to build a strong cybersecurity program through standards, governance, and strategic alignment. This session covers risk mitigation, accountability frameworks, and oversight processes to help organizations enhance resilience, protect assets, and align cybersecurity efforts with business goals in today’s evolving threat landscape.

Ron Olsen, MNIT; Catherine Scott, MNIT

Session 2: Cybersecurity Appetizers

Bite-Sized Challenges to Prepare for a Crisis

Engage in quick, real-world cyber scenarios to strengthen crisis response readiness. This session promotes critical thinking, communication, and collaboration through challenges focused on data breaches, ransomware, and incident planning—equipping participants with practical strategies to improve preparedness, resilience, and stakeholder trust during cyber incidents.

Christopher Gabbard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Lotze, IT Audit Labs

Session 3: Incident Response Planning

Templates, Best Practices & Key Considerations

This interactive workshop guides participants in creating effective incident response plans using state templates and CISA playbooks. Attendees will learn to define roles, assess readiness, ensure continuity, and align with emergency frameworks—gaining practical tools to strengthen cyber response and organizational resilience.

Christopher Gabbard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Lotze, IT Audit Labs

11:00 AM Keynote — Shawn Riley

Northland Ballroom — Super Glue Strength and Special Powers: The Magic of a Multi-Government Defense

Escalating cyber threats, shrinking budgets, and rising expectations for secure digital services make isolated defense a losing strategy. This conversation explores the urgent need for governments at all levels—state, local, tribal, territorial, and educational—to come together through shared cybersecurity resources, infrastructure, and intelligence. From Joint Cyber Security Operations Centers (JCSOCs) to cross-agency incident response teams and multi-jurisdictional data-sharing agreements, this presentation will highlight the strategic value, cost-efficiency, and resilience that comes with collaboration. Attendees will learn how shared governance models can bridge resource gaps, reduce duplication, and create a united front against emerging threats—while building smarter, safer, and more sustainable public sector ecosystems.

Optional Lunch & Learn: Teaching beyond “Don’t Click the Link”

12:00 PM - Arbor Lakes — Join us for a lunchtime cybersecurity seminar: Teaching Beyond “Don’t Click the Link.” This session introduces educators to strategies for building engaging cybersecurity curriculum that goes deeper than basic warnings. Learn how to teach critical thinking, real-world threat modeling, and digital responsibility to prepare students for today’s evolving cyber landscape. Ideal for teachers at all levels.

Kate Granlund, Wayzata High School; Tabitha Senty, District 196 Career Development; Jennifer Lotze, IT Audit Labs

4:00 PM Keynote — Tim Crothers

Winning While Fearlessly Forward

The pace of cybersecurity change is relentless, with acceleration due in large part to the explosion of generative AI. For those working to secure systems and protect people, it can be overwhelming. Some are fighting furiously against the storm, others are fleeing the industry, and a few have just stopped still in time, having succumbed to the change storm’s mind-numbing freeze. Tim Crothers has lived at the intersection of IT and security for 40 years, and will take us *Fearlessly Forward* to embrace new technologies. He’ll break down a logical troubleshooting process that uses generative AI as a first step - to identify and apply existing, effective solutions that remain relevant. Step two has a narrowed scope for the truly unique security challenges that need our attention, leaving us with a practical and tactical approach to manage new technologies, securely.

Public Sector Village: Shared Cybersecurity Tools and Resources

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Hennepin Salon Two — Step into the Public Sector Village to explore hands-on cybersecurity tools and shared services available to Minnesota’s public entities. See how local governments, schools, and utilities can leverage no-cost and discounted resources for system hardening, detection and response, and incident support. Hosted by the Minnesota National Guard C3 and MNIT, the Village offers demos, walk-throughs, and real tools in use across the state.

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See the Summit APP for presentation descriptions, speaker bios and more!

The CSS15 Fearlessly Forward Glossary

AN UPDATED SAMPLER OF ACRONYMS, ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES, TITLES & CERTIFICATIONS

2FA	Two Factor Authentication
ABAC	Attribute-Based Access Control
ACL	Access Control List
ADP	Automated Data Processing
AEHIS	Association for Executives in Healthcare Information Security
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
AH	Authentication Header
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AIS	Automated Indicator Sharing
AO	Authorizing Official
BOD	Binding Operational Directive
CASB	Cloud Access Security Broker
CCDCOE	Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence
CCSK	Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge
CCSP	Certified Cloud Security Professional
CDPSE	Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer
CDR	Content Disarm and Reconstruction
CEH	Certified Ethical Hacker
CGEIT	Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT
CIAM	Customer Identity Access Management
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIPP	Certified Information Privacy Professional
CIRT	Cyber Incident Response Team
CISA	Certified Information Systems Auditor
CISA	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
CISM	Certified Information Security Manager
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer
CISSP	Certified Information Systems Security Professional
CJDN	Criminal Justice Data Communication Network
CJIS	Criminal Justice Information Services
CMMC	Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification
CNA	CVE Numbering Authority
CNA	Computer Network Attack
CND	Computer Network Defense
CNE	Computer Network Exploitation
CNMF	Cyber National Mission Force
CNO	Computer Network Operations
CRISC	Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control
CSA	Certified Systems Administrator
CSA	Certified SOC Analyst
CSA	Cloud Security Alliance
CSO	Chief Security Officer
CSRB	Cyber Safety Review Board
CSX-P	Cybersecurity Nexus Practitioner

CTA	Cyber Threat Alliance
CTF	Capture the Flag
CTI	Cyber Threat Intelligence
CWPP	Cloud Workload Protection Platform
CySA+	Cybersecurity Analyst Plus
DAC	Discretionary Access Control
DC3	DoD Cyber Crime Center
DCO	Defensive Cyberspace Operations
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency
DKIM	Domain Keys Identified Mail
DLP	Data Loss Prevention
DMARC	Domain-Based Message Authentication Conformance
DNS	Domain Name System
DRP	Disaster Recovery Plan
ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography
EDP	Electronic Data Processing
EDR	Endpoint Detection and Response
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
ENISA	European Union Agency for Cybersecurity
ESF	Enduring Security Framework
ESP	Encapsulating Security Payload
EW	Electronic Warfare
FFFIFIFI	Fearlessly Forward Find IT Fix It Fortify IT
FIRST	Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
FISMA	Federal Information Security Modernization Act
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FWaaS	Firewall as a Service
GCA	Global Cyber Alliance
GCA	Global Cybersecurity Association
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GIAC	Global Information Assurance Certification
GLIR	GIAC Linux Incident Responder
GPEN	GIAC Penetration Tester
GSEC	GIAC Security Essentials Certification
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
IAAS	Infrastructure as a Service
IACR	International Association for Cryptologic Research
IAL2	Identity Assurance Level Two
IAM	Identity and Access Management
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IAPP	International Association of Privacy Professionals
IASO	Information Assurance Security Officer
IAVM	Information Assurance Vulnerability Management

ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IEEE	IEEE Special Interest Group on Security,
SIGSAC	Audit and Control
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IG	Inspector General
IP	Internet Protocol
IPS	Intrusion Prevention System
IPSEC	Internet Protocol Security
IS	Information System
SACA	Information Systems Audit and Control Association
ISC2	International Information System Security Certification Consortium
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISSA	Information Systems Security Association
JCDC	Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative
JTF-CND	Joint Task Force Computer Network Defense
KRI	Key Risk Indicator
LAN	Local Area Network
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
MAC	Mandatory Access Control
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network
MCPA	Military Cyber Professionals Association
MDR	Managed Detection and Response
MFA	Multifactor Authentication
MNIT	Minnesota IT Services
NAT	Network Address Translation
NCA	National Cybersecurity Alliance
NCA	National Cryptocurrency Association
NCSA	National Cyber Security Alliance
NCSA	National Cyber Student Association
NETBIOS	Network Basic Input/Output System
NIAP	National Information Assurance Partnership
NIC	Network Interface Card
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NSA	National Security Agency
OCO	Offensive Cyberspace Operations
OIC-CERT	Organization of Islamic Cooperation Computer Emergency Response Team
OPSEC	Operational Security
OS	Operating System
OSCP	Offensive Security Certified Professional
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
OWASP	Open Web Application Security Project
OWASP	Open Worldwide Application Security Project
PAAS	Platform as a Service
PAM	Privileged Access Management
PIN	Personal Identification Number

PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
RA	Registration Authority
RAS	Remote Access Security
RBAC	Role Based Access Control
RMF	Risk Management Framework
RPO	Recovery Point Objective
RTO	Recovery Time Objective
S/MIME	Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
SAAS	Software as a Service
SANS	SysAdmin Audit Network and Security
SASE	Secure Access Service Edge
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SCIF	Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility
SDLC	Software Development Life Cycle
SDLC	Secure Development Life Cycle
SDO	Standards Development Organization
SECaaS	Security as a Service
SIA	Security Industry Association
SIEM	Security Information and Event Management
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
SOAR	Security Orchestration Automation and Response
SOC	Security Operations Center
SOD	Separation of Duties
SPX	Sequenced Packet Exchange
SSCP	Systems Security Certified Practitioner
SSH	Secure Shell
SSL	Secure Socket Layer
TCO	Total Cost of Ownership
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TLP	Traffic Light Protocol
TLS	Transport Layer Security
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UEBA	User and Entity Behavior Analytics
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USCYBERCOM	United States Cyber Command
VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network
VOIP	Voice Over Internet Protocol
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WAF	Web Application Firewall
WAN	Wide Area Network
WiCyS	Women in Cybersecurity
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WPA	WiFi Protected Access
XDR	Extended Detection and Response
XSS	Cross Site Scripting
ZTA	Zero Trust Architecture
ZTNA	Zero Trust Network Access

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LUNCHEONS

Fireside



CISO Luncheon

Security that Drives Growth and Velocity
Tuesday, 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM - Fireside

Explore how strong security foundations can accelerate delivery and business growth, rather than slow them down. Learn the steps to position your program in a positive light and elevate C-Suite perceptions. Leave with leverage and be seen as trusted enabler for innovation, customer confidence, and market expansion.

Quincy Castro, CISO Chainguard

 **Chainguard**



TINA MEEKER

Leadership Luncheon

Confident Leadership: Be the Calm in the Eye of the Cyberstorm
Wednesday, 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM - Fireside

Anomaly, breach, and C-level crisis are the top of the alphabet when cybersecurity goes upside down. The SEV-1 pings and a batphone rings, so you step into the phone booth and fasten that cape of courage! Even with a well-practiced playbook and process, layered stress comes from bosses and board executives, media inquiries and arguing attorneys. You've got technical skills and a top team but not core confidence. Shayla and Tina will share the TTPs that translate to critical incident command capabilities. You'll lead for the long haul when that career-defining bell rings, with strength that inspires trust and a voice that keeps the calm.

Tina Meeker, VP Information Security, Infrastructure and Enterprise Architecture, Sleep Number; Dr. Shayla Treadwell, Deputy Chief Security Officer, Lumen



DR. SHAYLA TREADWELL



The Decompression Den is Back!

Tues & Wed | 8:00 AM - 3:45 PM

What's a Decompression Den? It's a multi-faceted set of spaces created with a very specific purpose. It's a dose of unusual and an armful of wonderful, all converging in a place where people are the priority. Cybersecurity offers work that's often fast-paced, high stakes, threat-filled and robust with risk, which is perfect for the adrenaline junkies and superheroes among us. But without balance, it can break even the best.

Head downstairs to meet MFA (Magic Fur Animal) gatekeepers **Gideon and Hagar, LCC Comfort K9 golden retrievers**. Run your hands through soft fur to feel the stress melt away. They're here 9-11 and 12-3 both days, so get furry – the lint rollers are ready!



Piece the puzzle, color with crayons, or fidget for five minutes. Stim in the **Sensory Space** or chill out in the Calming Corner. We've even added a chair massage option to get the knots out! Book one of the thirty slots on the Summit APP with **Debbie Soukaseum, owner of Souk Jai Massage and Bodywork**.

Kelly Stahlberg is the force and founder of the Den. A few years ago, Kelly sensed something was missing for the team she worked with. With some initiative and creativity, she put together a portable stim station and brought it in to work as a potential solution. "Kelly turned fidget tools into a movement and created spaces for neurodivergent cyber pros to truly decompress." said CSS15 Program Director Kristy Livingston, who was Kelly's manager for a time when they both worked at Sleep Number. Fast forward - from stim stations to calming corners, today Kelly is an advocate and ambassador for better balance and inclusion in work environments.



Stop down to meet Kelly and learn more about neurodiversity and natural differences in the human brain. People think, learn, communicate, and process things differently, and the pattern recognition, hyperfocus and reasoning skills often associated with people "on the spectrum" are often the ideal strengths for cyber and tech jobs.



Kelly and Kristy at CSS13

Fearlessly Forward buzzes with the best of technology. But pull the plug and head downstairs for what might be your favorite part yet of the Summit!



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MEDTECH SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 22

Elm Creek

Wednesday's MedTech Seminar has a laser-focused lineup with one mission: to fortify healthcare and med device cyber resilience. Speakers from 3M, Hennepin Healthcare, Mayo Clinic and Medtronic promise a healthy recipe of expertise, innovation and curated content to support cybersecurity programs. Surgically delivered, in and out same day!

Takeaways

- Cybersecurity is patient safety
- Transformation starts with vulnerability
- Security must evolve with innovation
- Building resilience is a team sport

8:00 AM – MedTech Seminar Welcome

In today's hyper-connected world, cybersecurity is no longer just a technical priority; it's a matter of patient safety. Today's MedTech Seminar is laser-focused on one mission: fortifying cyber resilience in healthcare and medical devices.

Mary Diner, Optum; Michelle Greeley, Solera Health

8:30 AM – Real-World Lessons From a 15-Year Security Transformation

After the med device industry was publicly exposed at a hacker conference, global medical device manufacturer Medtronic turned a moment of vulnerability into a launchpad for sweeping change. *Overcoming Cyber-Defensiveness* gives a raw and honest look at what it means to evolve. Hear how hackers sparked the strategic partnerships, cultural change, and long-term commitment that built an enterprise-grade security program from the inside out.

Nancy Brainerd, Medtronic

9:00 AM – Tackle IoMT Security, Patching, and Device Diversity Challenges

Healthcare's digital core is growing fast—as is the risk. In *Future-Proofing Healthcare*, experts explore how to remediate health systems vulnerabilities when patching is not feasible. By deploying risk-based remediation, healthcare can shift from reactive to resilient through context-aware risk modeling. Walk away with scalable strategies to secure even the most fragmented device ecosystems.

Samuel Maeder, Hennepin Healthcare; William Scandrett, Allina Health; Joe Vanhoorik, M-Health Fairview; Christopher Warren, Asimily

10:00 AM – Navigate Risk Across the Healthcare Ecosystem

Today's healthcare organizations manage a vast ecosystem of Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) devices that span everything from outpatient clinics to high-stakes surgical suites. *Addressing Risk in Medical Technologies* explores how to vet, integrate, and govern this growing footprint across diverse care environments while balancing innovation and legacy systems. It's a session built for those who wrestle with complexity and are ready for clarity.

Michael DePorter, Optum

10:30 AM – Confronting the AI Frontier in Healthcare

Large Language Models (LLMs) are revolutionizing everything from documentation to clinical decision-making—but they're not without risk. If you're curious or cautious about how these models fit into healthcare, *Large Language Models in Healthcare: Balancing Innovation, Privacy, and Security Risks* delivers a sobering yet empowering look at governance frameworks, model poisoning, and data protection. The AI genie is out of the bottle—this session helps you wield it wisely.

Dr. Vitaly Herasevich, Mayo Clinic

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12:45 PM – Global Compliance Journey: Pitfalls and Successes

Navigating global compliance requirements is a journey that requires some planning. Solventum shares a story that includes some of the pitfalls along their path as they worked hard to map out and meet the needs for more than one master. Hear how they successfully found a way to optimize controls and fit frameworks while simultaneously aligning customer needs and minimizing negative operational impacts.

Amy Brown, Solventum

1:15 PM – From Dojo to Defense Desk: Cybersecurity as a Discipline

Your charge: create a core security culture. But how? *Blue Team Budo* draws parallels between martial arts and early-career cybersecurity training. Whether you're new to InfoSec or mentoring the next wave, this energetic talk dives into skill-building, judgment development, and purposeful leadership. This inspirational "train smarter" blueprint is equal parts philosophy and practicality for the win.

Abraham Judisch, Hennepin Healthcare

2:15 PM – What is a Red Team, Anyway?

Red team operations aren't about flashy hacks or checking a box, they're a strategic asset and can be crucial to securing your enterprise - but only if the timing is right! This session will unpack real-world case studies to explain how red teams can reveal blind spots—if the organization is ready for them. You'll walk away ready to build or refine your offensive security program.

David Dobrotka, 3M

2:45 PM – Make Segmentation Actionable

This technical talk addresses the nuts and bolts of security execution. *Healthcare Network Segmentation* for a Safer Tomorrow brings tactical clarity to two big challenges. First, how to address sprawling hospital networks without creating chaos. Second, how to build a unified framework across a global organization. You'll leave with concepts you can bring back to your team and drop in your playbooks.

Tim Walsh, Mayo Clinic

3:15 PM – Innovating Safely in a World of Embedded Devices

The closing panel, *Smart Security: Protecting Embedded Medical Devices* talks to challenge of securing devices that are often invisible yet mission critical. Expect discussion on lightweight encryption, secure boot, and lifecycle resilience—tools that form the future-proof foundation of trustworthy care.

Facilitator: Phil Englert, Health-ISAC

Panelists: Odutola "Tola" Amusan, Mayo Clinic; Kyle Erickson, Solventum; John Kelcher, Medtronic; Shayana Vasichek, Abbott

4:00 PM Keynote — Tim Crothers

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MedTech Seminar includes

- Ten MedTech Focused Sessions
- AM and PM General Session Keynotes
- Attendance Certificate (CEU/CPE)
- Networking Lunch
- EXPO Hall Networking with Solution Providers

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*CISO / Adjunct Professor,
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Visionary Application
Security Leader

APARNA ACHANTA

Principal Security Lead, IBM



Visionary Community
Leader

NICOLE PRUDEN

*Network and Security
Administrator, ECMECC*

The 15th Annual Cyber Security Summit proudly presents the 2025 Visionary Leadership Awards to thirteen outstanding people. Nominated by peers and practitioners, these are the men and women who are bridging the gaps and leading progress.

The Visionary Leadership Awards shine a light on the hard work and accomplishments for a select few cybersecurity professionals who fly higher and leap taller than the rest. This year's honorees include a veteran who has been with the Summit for fifteen full years, three recently retired FBI agents who defined "Partnership for Protection", and a CISO who protects SPAM (not against SPAM). Join VLA ceremony emcees Chris Buse and David Notch as we welcome the 2025 VLA honorees to the stage and meet them immediately following at the Fearlessly Forward EXPO reception.



Visionary Global
Security Leader

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*Professor of the Practice,
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Visionary Governance Risk
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BRIAN MORGAN

*Cyber Coordination Director,
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Visionary Student

MICHAEL NURMELA

*Graduate Student,
Metro State University*

2026 VLA nominations are open and will be accepted through March 31, 2026. Better than a LinkedIn recommendation or skill endorsement, by submitting a nomination you are recognizing the sum and substance of someone's hard work in a meaningful way. The VLA selection committee appreciates the time invested in this important annual event, and encourages re-submissions for candidates not previously selected as well as nominations for a team, a task force or a department!

Join Us

Third Annual End-of-Year Holiday Cheer!

It's that time to get together, catch up and connect with industry peers.

Date:
November 04, 2025

Time:
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Location:
Metropolitan Ballroom & Clubroom
5418 Wayzata Blvd.
Golden Valley, MN 55416



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State of Minnesota Department of Military Affairs Awards

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | Northland Ballroom 17:00

Major General Stefanie Horvath will present mission-focused awards to recognize the exemplary service provided by soldiers and airmen during the response to the 2025 City of St. Paul cybersecurity incident.



Minnesota Achievement Ribbon (MNAR)



Established to recognize excellence in the performance of duty while serving in a state role or on State Active Duty.

Liam Bouwman
Andy Chang
Garrett Clark

Jaden Dallenbach
Blake Forcier
William Ische

Kai Pederson
Andrew Reed
Alex Reilly

Nicholas Schweiger
Kaden Wells
Rock Zgutowicz

Minnesota Commendation Medal with Pendant (MNCR)



Awarded to any member of the Minnesota National Guard who distinguishes themselves by unusually meritorious achievement or service accomplished while serving the state or nation.

Eric Athman
Samuel Draeger
Frank Fleming
Eugene Harrigan
Charles Hughes
Taylor James
Derrick Kraft

Kristopher Langham
Yonathan Maruani
Liam Olson
Curlvin Owusu
Joshua Rice
Marco Riley
Anthony Ruppert

Justin Smith
Darrin Stowe
Luke Verlooy
Nicolette Weis
Jared Zachman



Minnesota Medal for Merit (MNMM)



The Minnesota Medal for Merit may be awarded to any member of the Minnesota National Guard who, while serving as a member of the military forces of the State of Minnesota or as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States shall have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service/achievement.

Brian Morgan
Scott Pomerleau

Caleb Seelhoff
Luke Voeller



Upcoming Industry Partner Events

In 2012, the Minnesota ISSA chapter was the first professional association to participate in the Cyber Security Summit. Industry Partners to the Summit include a variety of not-for-profit organizations dedicated to cybersecurity, critical infrastructure protection, STEM education and security awareness.

A big well-come! to the Health-ISAC as the newest partner to the CSS 25K+ community.

Visit partner booths or connect at an upcoming member event:

Third Annual End of Year Holiday Cheer!
Tuesday, November 4 – 4:30 - 7:30 PM CT
Metropolitan Clubroom and Ballroom
Register via QR code above.

Health-ISAC Ambassador Program: Cyber Threats to Operational Technology
Wednesday, November 12 – 3:00 PM ET
Webinar by Google Cloud
See website for other workshops & webinars.
<https://h-isac.org>

WeNetworkNow Black-Tie Gala
Friday, November 14 – 5:00 - 11:30 PM CT
LaFontaine Event Center
<https://wenetworknow.org>



Summit Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20	
5:00 PM FIRESIDE	International Reception Join us at the International Reception to welcome our international delegates, visitors to the United States, and invited guests. The global cyber threat environment is being shaped by a series of significant state-sponsored cyberattacks. <i>Sean Costigan, Operating Partner Bluedge Ventures; Dr. David Mussington, Professor University of Maryland School of Public Policy</i>
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21	
7:00 AM ARBOR LAKES	InfraGard Breakfast Fuel up and find out why the FBI InfraGard is the nation's strongest information-sharing network for security professionals and critical infrastructure protection. Since 2006, the North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota InfraGard Chapters were led by three recently retired Special Agents from the FBI Minneapolis field office. Come for some rear-view mirror candor from this year's Visionary Security Awareness Program Leader honorees. <i>Retired FBI Special Agents John Bonhage, Douglas Dvorak and Lizabeth Lehrkamp with InfraGard Minnesota Members Alliance past president Elizabeth Stevens</i>
7:00 AM FIRESIDE	MNIT Careers Breakfast: For Students & Seasoned Cyber Pros Hosted by MNIT, home to the State of Minnesota IT Services team, this is the breakfast where students can get career insights and learn about the cyber role options in government. Not a student? Not to worry!! Register now as we'll have food for all who are Fearlessly Forward! <i>John Israel, Assistant Commissioner and CISO MNIT; Chris Luhman, Dir of Agency Strategic Security MNIT; Jen VanDommeltraadt, Deputy CISO Enterprise Security Dir MNIT</i>
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM NORTHLAND FOYER	EXPO Hall 8-6 to get a leg up on the Summit APP Forward Quest competition - visit more sponsors, rise up the leaderboard!
8:00 AM - 3:45 PM LAKE ERIE AND LAKE HURON	Decompression Den The Calming Corner and Sensory Space are places to create, learn, relax, color, fidget and exhale! Learn more about its origin story and Kelly's forward-leaning mission on page 19.
8:00 AM - 3:15 PM ELM CREEK	Cyber Security Summit Cyber Sports Regional CTF Competition Cyber Sports brings high-stakes cyber challenges and high-speed gamification to the Summit! Stop by between 8:15 - 3:00 to see high school, college and pro teams redefine hyper-focus from log in to flag found. Today's teens are tomorrow's workforce, and Cyber Sports requires technical tactics, strategic smarts and teamwork to get to the finish line. <i>Darla Lewandowski, Cyber Sports Operations Leader Cyber Sports; Lise Rediske, Executive Dir Outreach and Engagement Cyber Sports</i>
8:00 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Welcome to the Cyber Security Summit Thanks to title sponsor Google Cloud Security and the strength of a community 25K strong, we kick off the fifteenth annual Cyber Security Summit! Summit producer Eileen Manning gives a retrospective lookback, and CSS15 Co-Chairs Shawn Riley and Shayla Treadwell start off two days of cybersecurity excellence by defining the Fearlessly Forward theme, including the "IT" in FIND IT. FIX IT. FORTIFY IT. Capes optional. <i>Eileen Manning, Founding Partner Cyber Security Summit; Shawn Riley, Co-founder & CEO BisBlox; Shayla Treadwell, Deputy Chief Security Officer Lumen</i>
8:15 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Chart New Frontiers and Transform Business with AI, Cyber and Cloud Paint a picture of your work, using a palette of new frontiers for a horizon that's harmonized. See the transformative impact that results when organizations integrate artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and cloud technologies across business operations. AI-driven security has brought a sea change for cybersecurity methods, with increased automation and orchestration in cyber defense, and the cloud serves as a canvas for AI to enhance business practices. These developments result in improved operational resilience and more effective management, with real-time anomaly detection, automated threat response, and improved critical system resilience against increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks. This is the picture of enhanced automation across security operations that allows organizations to autonomously investigate alerts, correlate diverse data sources, and initiate response actions – all in a Fearlessly Forward frame. <i>Shayla Treadwell, Deputy Chief Security Officer Lumen</i>

9:00 - 11:00 AM and 12:00 - 3:00 PM DECOMPRESSION DEN	Gideon and Hagar Head downstairs to see Gideon and Hagar, who won our hearts last year. The LCC Comfort Dog program places the softest, sweetest golden retrievers where they are called, around the country, through the ministry work of more than 125 Lutheran Churches nationwide. Hagar hails from Appleton, Wisconsin, and Gideon lives down the road in Bloomington. We are grateful for their golden goodness and the teams who devote time and energy at schools, hospitals, memory care homes, 911 dispatch centers, military bases, and beyond!
9:00 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	State of the Hack With the barrage of cyber-attacks from criminals, insiders, hactivists and nation-state threat actors, it's important to stay on top of the latest tradecraft to be able to defend and respond to incidents. Jibran Ilyas will walk through the perpetrators' tactics, techniques, and procedures and today's threat landscape to help prioritize cyber defense security program and project expense allocations. Brought to you by CSS15 Title Sponsor Google Cloud Security. <i>Jibran Ilyas, Director Google Cloud Security</i>
9:30 AM NORTHLAND FOYER	EXPO Break Solutions sponsors and professional association partners are looking forward to meeting you! Grab a cup of cyber coffee at one of two café stations.
10:00 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	All "Other Identities" Are Here, Whether They're Welcome or Not Let's talk identity. Today we obsess over workforce IAM and lock down employee access like Fort Knox. But what about the others? Non-human identities, external partners, and customer identities run wild. If you don't pay attention, they'll introduce massive security gaps. This session breaks down the identity landscape beyond human users to include the service accounts, bots, and workloads that outnumber employees and beg for managed security. We'll touch on vendors, partners, and contractors that need access that's both speedy and controlled. Plus our top customer identity (CIAM) challenge: how to lock things down without driving customers straight into the arms of the competition? In sum, this is the "one ecosystem deserves a common strategic solution" session. <i>David Lee Field, CTO Saviynt</i>
10:30 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Resilience Refreshed: Break It Down to Build It Up Cybersecurity work is often about disruption (ideally, preventing, but often, responding) and resilience is that word that permeates conversations like the 'win-win' of yesteryear. It's a business imperative, but what exactly is it, and what does it take to build and sustain it? Learn from candid discussion with industry leaders who have navigated through uncertainty, adapted to rapid change, and emerged stronger. We'll break it down to see what resiliency actually looks like across people, processes, and technology. Get strategies that strengthen organizational and technical resilience. Get insights on leading through change and fostering a collective culture of adaptability. <i>Dan Cunningham, Information Technology Security Manager Prime Therapeutics; Noam Perel Field, CTO - Security RX Rubrik; Corey West, CTO Piper Sandler</i>
11:15 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Embracing the Cloud(s) Doesn't Have to Stop the Sun from Shining Follow Castllake's global technology and security transformation journey to a cloud-only environment. From the offices to the data centers to a portfolio of SaaS/PaaS/IaaS solutions and the build-out of a 24x7 support desk and security operations center, very little was left untouched, including re-working most of an existing Azure tenant and deploying a new cloud-centric security architecture. We'll discuss how and why the Castllake/Avanade team designed and deployed the various elements of the solution and the many issues dealt with along the way. Finally, we'll touch on the pros and cons, lessons learned and how the firm is now positioned for growth, resilience, and flexibility now and into the future. <i>David Notch, CISO Castllake; John Orleans, Secure Cloud & Network Solutions and MSS Lead – North America Avanade; Lynette Seminara, Client Account Lead Avanade</i>
11:45 AM GREAT HALL	Networking Lunch Head to the Northland Foyer for a Networking Lunch and New Connections - Participate in one or more Cyber Conversations.
11:45 AM FIRESIDE	CISO Luncheon - Security that Drives Growth and Velocity Explore how strong security foundations can accelerate delivery and business growth, rather than slow them down. Learn the steps to position your program in a positive light and elevate C-Suite perceptions. Leave with leverage and be seen as trusted enabler for innovation, customer confidence, and market expansion. The CISO Luncheon is sponsored by Chainguard. <i>Quincy Castro, CISO Chainguard</i>

1:00 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Safeguarding the Bioeconomy: Biotechnology Needs a Security Patch...Badly The bioeconomy promises profound, beneficial impacts in the areas of health, agriculture, renewable energy, and additive manufacturing. However, when it comes to security, biological threats have historically focused on emerging infectious diseases or the possibility of engineering a virus to start a zombie apocalypse. As biotech converges with the cyber, AI, quantum, and telecom realms, new security challenges will arise. This presentation will highlight the need to radically redefine what we consider biological and cyber threats for the US and internationally. <i>Edward You, Supervisory Special Agent (ret.) FBI</i>
1:40 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Ransomware Attack - The City's Detection and Response to Interlock Join the City of St. Paul security team for a review of the recent ransomware attack initial access and detection phases. The brief will focus on the "drive-by download" technique used for initial access, and the endpoint detection and response (EDR) that signaled the City to take immediate response actions. Using the July 22, 2025 joint FBI CISA HHS MS-ISAC Cybersecurity Advisory - #StopRansomware: Interlock we will highlight access techniques and methods, as well as critical identity and device protection and monitoring program elements. <i>Sherina Gant, City Lead Security Analyst City of St. Paul; Stefanie Horvath, CISO City of St. Paul</i>
2:30 PM NORTHLAND FOYER	EXPO Break Solutions sponsors and professional association partners are looking forward to meeting you! Stop down at the Decompression Den and meet the Golden Retrievers.
2:45 PM ELM CREEK	Cyber Sports CTF Awards Stop by the Cyber Sports CTF Competition awards ceremony and cheer on tomorrow's defenders!.
3:00 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Tackle Threats with New Teams and Non-Technical Tools This interactive facilitated session, led by noted intelligence expert Chris Tatarka (35+ years with the FBI and U.S. Army), highlights the non-technical factors that often make or break security efforts. We'll examine how cognitive biases and underlying human-centric tendencies can quietly derail cyber security practices and responses. Through case studies and discussion we'll examine practical, non-technical tools to sharpen your ability to spot pitfalls, strengthen your practices and decision-making, and walk away with research-based ideas to move forward in enhancing security. <i>Christopher Tatarka, Organizational Consultant MRA - The Management Association</i>
3:30 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Rethinking Resilience: Don't Bounce Back, Forge Forward What does it take to lean Fearlessly Forward and face the risk, speed, and daily disruption of the cyber sphere? And when things go really wrong, how do you forge ahead to lead others through turbulence? We've heard "Be resilient - bounce back!" – but what if it's too late when you get back? Author, TedX speaker and former cybersecurity CEO Tissa Richards has found a dangerously incomplete definition and a fatal flaw in our traditional views on resilience. She'll share that gaping hole and – more importantly – how to build a better model that fills in the holes. Shifting resilience from a crisis "comeback skill" to a carefully constructed capability, she shares the secret sauce that supports adaptability, growth, and innovation. You'll lead through change rather than merely react to it, and respond faster and smarter in high-stakes environments. Most powerfully, you'll have the transformational confidence boost, clarity, and competitive edge that come from Rethinking Resilience. <i>Tissa Richards, Author, TedX Speaker Rethinking Resilience; Rob Slaughter, Strategic Account Executive Ping Identity</i>
4:15 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Visionary Leadership Awards The 2025 Cyber Security Summit Visionary Leadership Awards recognize thirteen people behind the outstanding work that improves security and makes a difference. Nominated by peers and colleagues, the Visionary Leadership Award honorees highlighted on pages 24-25 will take the stage as we recognize and celebrate their contributions. <i>Christopher Buse, SVP, CISO Old Republic International; David Notch, CISO Castlelake</i>
5:00 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	State of Minnesota Department of Military Affairs Awards Major General Stefanie Horvath will present the 2025 Minnesota Achievement Ribbon, Minnesota Commendation Medal, and Minnesota Medal for Merit awards. These mission-focused awards recognize the exemplary service provided by soldiers and airmen during the response to the 2025 City of St. Paul cybersecurity incident. See page 27 for awards detail.
5:15 PM NORTHLAND FOYER	EXPO Reception & Rethinking Resilience Book Signing with Tissa Richards Toast the 2025 Visionary Leadership Award honorees and visit our sponsors at the Fearlessly Forward EXPO reception. Get in queue to meet author and keynote speaker Tissa Richards for a signed copy of Rethinking Resilience: Fueling Your Competitive Advantage (released in October, this will be hot off the presses)! Sponsored by Ping Identity. <i>Tissa Richards, Author, TedX Speaker Rethinking Resilience</i>

6:15 PM FIRESIDE	VIP Dinner Join leaders from business, government, and academia at the VIP Dinner, sponsored by Foresite Cybersecurity. <i>Jeremy Hehl, VP, Business Development Foresite Cybersecurity</i>
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7:00 AM LL CONFERENCE ROOM A	Avanade Private Event: Ally or Adversary? Rethinking AI in Cyber Defense AI is rewriting the rules of cybersecurity—are you ahead or already behind? From architecture to automation, it's time to rethink how we govern, detect, and defend. Join Avanade for a fast-paced, high-impact Breakfast Think Tank and dive into the strategies that matter most when resilience is non-negotiable. Contact Michelle.Ellington@accenture.com to schedule time with Avanade while you're at the Summit.
7:00 AM FIRESIDE	Fuel Up & Stay Secure: Breakfast Bytes Start your conference day right with a delicious breakfast featuring flaky croissant sandwiches, hearty whole wheat wraps, and your favorite Caribou Coffee. Network with peers and recharge before sessions kick off. Great food, great company, and smart security talk await!
7:00 AM ARBOR LAKES	Brew & Bytes Grab your Caribou Coffee and join us in the second breakfast room for a relaxed start to your cyber day. Enjoy warm croissant sandwiches and wholesome wraps while connecting with fellow attendees. It's the perfect blend of caffeine, conversation, and cybersecurity inspiration before the sessions begin!
8:00 AM - 3:45 PM LL - LAKE HURON & LAKE ERIE	Decompression Den: Sensory Space (Huron) and Calming Corner (Erie) Head down to the Decompression Den (no Dungeon, no Dragons). The Sensory Space is a fun break where you can learn about neuro diverse needs. The Calming Corner allows you to disconnect from all stimuli - as a quiet room to breathe, relax, and recharge. Take five, snooze for seven, or stay all day! See page 19 for more!
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ELM CREEK	MedTech Seminar See pages 22-23
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM HENNEPIN SALON 1	Public Sector Seminar See pages 12-13
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM HENNEPIN SALON 2	Public Sector Village: Hands-on Learning and Demos The Public Sector Village lets you explore the cybersecurity tools and shared services available to Minnesota's public entities. See how local governments, schools, and utilities can leverage no-cost and discounted resources for system hardening, detection and response, and incident support. Hosted by National Guard C3 and MNIT, and sponsored by Crowdstrike, the Village offers demos, walkthroughs, and real experts (no sales here!). See page 11 for more.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM HENNEPIN SALON 3	Cyber101 AM & PM Workshops See pages 14-15 for more.
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM NORTHLAND FOYER	EXPO Hall Solutions sponsors and professional association partners are looking forward to meeting you! Grab a cup of cyber coffee at one of two café stations, and be sure to get your #POINTS!
9:00 - 11:00 AM and 12:00 - 3:00PM DECOMPRESSION DEN	Gideon and Hagar Fun fact: just look at a picture of a golden retriever for 30 seconds to reduce your heart rate and de-stress your body and brain. The LCC Comfort Dog program puts the beauty of K9 comfort where its needed most. Hagar hails from Appleton, Wisconsin, Gideon lives in Bloomington, and these two are close, having worked together for days on end to support the Minneapolis Annunciation Catholic Church community after the horrific August shooting. Go thank these gorgeous goldens downstairs in the Den!

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8:00 AM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 1	TS 1A -Death by PowerPoint: Resurrecting Cybersecurity Training from the Grave Let’s face it—cybersecurity training has long suffered from the curse of monotony: endless slides, robotic voiceovers, and quizzes that feel like they were written by ghosts of compliance past. In this spirited session, we'll explore how to breathe life back into global cybersecurity education programs using creative, culturally resonant, and interactive approaches that actually engage employees. From gamified learning and storytelling to regionally tailored content and spooky seasonal campaigns (yes, even Halloween-themed phishing simulations), we'll share tricks and treats to make training not just effective—but unforgettable. Come for the laughs, stay for the lessons, and leave with ideas that won't haunt your workforce. <i>Lev Frayman, Dir of Cybersecurity Abbott</i>
8:00 AM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 2	TS 1B - From Actors to Action: Cyber Threats and How to Defend Against Them in the Food and IT Sectors The Food and Ag-ISAC and IT-ISAC jointly maintain playbooks on over 300 adversaries and have collected information on over 12,000 ransomware incidents – and counting. Using analysis from these data sets and blending it with intelligence from their members and strategic partners, the ISACs have built individual sector-specific threat reports that provide a clear picture of their risk environment. This session will unpack the findings of these reports, delivering an overview into the threat landscape for the food and IT sectors. We'll connect the dots between adversary campaigns, evolving TTPs, and ransomware trends, while exploring the actors behind the attacks including their operations and motivations. Attendees will gain insight into best practices and actionable defenses that can be used to strengthen resilience and stay ahead of the adversaries. <i>Jonathan Braley, Dir of Threat Intelligence IT-ISAC</i>
9:00 AM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 1	TS 2A - Hack My Brain: How Threat Actors Exploit Human Nature Cybercriminals aren't just targeting your systems – they're targeting your mind. In this eye-opening session, Proofpoint shares the latest threat research and uncovers the psychological tactics attackers use to manipulate, deceive, and exploit human behavior. While threat actors take advantage of technology that's advancing at the speed of light, social engineering remains a major factor in their attacks. Join us as we explore real-world attack scenarios, dissect the cognitive biases and emotional triggers that make users vulnerable, and reveal how threat actors evolve their methods to stay ahead. <i>Molly McLain, Sterling Sr Dir - Global Cybersecurity Strategy Proofpoint; Katlyn Ostrom, Sr Program Manager, Global Cyber Security Strategist Proofpoint</i>
9:00 AM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 2	TS 2B - "Man the (Fire)walls!" Strategies, Pitfalls, and Lessons Learned in Expanding our Exposure Management Practice Beazley Security Labs was presented with a unique opportunity when tasked with expanding our exposure management product. The process of adding timely and targeted vulnerability advisories, client network inventory discovery, and sensible but concise risk assessment to our existing attack surface management product has come with all kinds of unexpected struggles. This talk will discuss the various strategies and pitfalls we encountered, and some of the lessons learned along the way. <i>Bobby Venal, Principal Security Researcher Beazley Security</i>
10:00 AM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 1	TS 3A - The New Privileged User: Agentic AI and Machine Identity Risks As Agentic AI systems gain autonomy in enterprise environments, they introduce new identity and access risks. This session explores how to secure AI agents from both the builder and buyer perspectives, covering machine identity governance, least-privilege enforcement, and real-world strategies to manage and mitigate AI-driven identity threats. <i>Shurouq Hijazi, Managing Dir KeyData Cyber</i>
10:00 AM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 2	TS 3B - The New Attack Surface: Protecting AI Systems from Exploitation Accelerating AI adoption brings both opportunity and risk. Explore how a platform approach to security empowers organizations to secure their AI environments with confidence. <i>Andy Brogan, Sr Solutions Engineer Trend Micro</i>

11:00 AM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Super Glue Strength and Special Powers: The Magic of a Multi-Government Defense Strategy Escalating cyber threats, shrinking budgets, and rising expectations for secure digital services make isolated defense a losing strategy. This conversation explores the urgent need for governments at all levels—state, local, tribal, territorial, and educational—to come together through shared cybersecurity resources, infrastructure, and intelligence. From Joint Cyber Security Operations Centers (JCSOCs) to cross-agency incident response teams and multi-jurisdictional data-sharing agreements, this presentation will highlight the strategic value, cost-efficiency, and resilience that comes with collaboration. Attendees will learn how shared governance models can bridge resource gaps, reduce duplication, and create a united front against emerging threats—while building smarter, safer, and more sustainable public sector ecosystems. <i>Shawn Riley, Co-founder & CEO BisBlox</i>
11:45 AM GREAT HALL	Networking Lunch Time for some table topics - get in on the conversation.
11:45 AM FIRESIDE	LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON - Confident Leadership: Be the Calm in the Eye of the Cyberstorm Anomaly, breach, and C-level crisis are the top of the alphabet when cybersecurity goes upside down. The SEV-1 pings and a batphone rings, so you step into the phone booth and fasten that cape of courage! Even with a well-practiced playbook and process, layered stress comes from bosses and board executives, media inquiries and arguing attorneys. You’ve got technical skills and a top team but not core confidence. Shayla and Tina will share the TTPs that translate to critical incident command capabilities. You'll lead for the long haul when that career-defining bell rings, with strength that inspires trust and a voice that keeps the calm. Registration required. <i>Tina Meeker, VP of Info Sec, Infrastructure and Enterprise Architecture Sleep Number; Shayla Treadwell, Deputy Chief Security Officer Lumen</i>
1:00 PM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 1	TS 4A - Rapid AI Prototyping The age-old complaint in security engineering is that "big ideas die in the backlog." Lengthy discovery, design, and coding cycles smother urgency—especially when threats are evolving faster than releases. Enter AI-first development, where language models collapse friction at every step of the SDLC and let small teams translate concept into running code in hours, not quarters. This talk tells the inside story of how we built a working AI Assisted Alert Agent & an Insider Threat & Fraud Detection module in a couple afternoons—then generalized the method into a repeatable playbook any security team can copy. <i>Beth Glowacki, Architect Solutions Engineer Sumo Logic</i>
1:00 PM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 2	TS 4B - Don't Fall Victim to the Third Party Sucker Punch Third-party breaches account for 63% of security incidents, often striking as an unexpected “sucker punch.” This session exposes how hidden vulnerabilities across vendors—and even their vendors—create a “sucker punch” effect that can catch organizations off guard, leading to operational disruption, regulatory consequences, financial loss, and reputational damage. We'll highlight common failures and share practical strategies that help CISOs build resilience and stay ahead of the next hit. <i>Josh Fazio, VP Solutions Architects Safe Security</i>
2:00 PM NORTHLAND FOYER	Tech Reset Break Explore cutting-edge tools with Solution Providers in the EXPO Hall, unwind with Sensory Space activities in the Decompression Den, or take a quiet moment in the Calming Corner. If you work in the Public Sector, discover resources in The Village.
3:00 PM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 1	TS 5A - Thinking Like a Hacker in the Age of AI Coming soon...The advent of robust AI is a genuine inflection point for our society. The impact is like the internet squared except the pace of adoption is much higher. We don't have decades to figure this out. We need to understand AI, what's here and what's coming, at a deep level. "Thinking Like a Hacker in the Age of AI" is not about how AI works. The focus is on the approaches we need to adopt to work with AIs with a fuller understanding of the symbiotic relationship between human and machine intelligence. It's about thinking differently. It's about expanding our consciousness. It's about thinking like hackers. <i>Richard Thieme, Author ThiemeWorks</i>
3:00 PM MINNESOTA BALLROOM 2	TS 5B - Securing AI Agents and MCP Servers for the Enterprise The rise of Shadow AI has introduced a new wave of opportunity and risk within enterprises. Without robust authorization mechanisms for AI agents and MCP servers, organizations face a trade-off: enable innovation at the expense of security, or enforce controls that stifle agility. This session explores the emerging field of Agentic Identity, touching on how to secure access to business resources for your agents and sharing best practices for secure and scalable MCP deployments. <i>Rohit Ganguly, AI Product Manager Descope</i>

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4:00 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Winning While Fearlessly Forward The pace of cyber change is relentless, and the work required to secure systems and protect people can be overwhelming. Some workers fight on against the storm, others flee the industry, and a few have just stopped still, having succumbed to the changestorm's mind-numbing freeze. Learn from 40 years' experience at the intersection of IT and security to go Fearlessly Forward and embrace new technologies. We'll break down a logical troubleshooting process that uses generative AI as a first step - to identify and apply existing, effective solutions that remain relevant. Having narrowed the scope, step two lets us focus on the unique security challenges that need our attention with a practical, tactical approach to secure new technologies. <i>Tim Crothers, Board Advisor Acalvio</i>
4:30 PM NORTHLAND BALLROOM	Fearlessly Forward and Beyond: CSSI5 Finale Enjoy a recap as Shawn and Shayla wrap up the 15th Annual Cyber Security Summit. Prizes will be awarded for the top three Forward Quest superheroes! <i>Shawn Riley, Co-founder & CEO BisBlox; Shayla Treadwell, Deputy Chief Security Officer Lumen</i>
5:15 PM SUPERIOR	CXO Dinner: War Stories and Future Wins Small tables make for the honest and open discourse that matters. SentinelOne will facilitate a discussion that weaves executive SOC experiences with today's improved options, including the AI, ML and Automation Curated Networking needed for the future. <i>Dave Gold, VP, Solutions Engineering & Americas Field CTO SentinelOne</i>



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Shawn Riley is co-founder and CEO of BisBlox, a venture studio that helps companies around the world to be bold, disrupt boring and strengthen growth. A lifelong technologist and entrepreneur, Shawn started his first company at the age of 16, and over time became a thought leader for big-brand companies including IBM and Mayo Clinic. His career story includes transformational change chapters that span multi-billion-dollar organizations, through a variety of C-level roles, including Chief Executive Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Technology Officer, and Information Management Officer. In 2017 Shawn was appointed by North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum to serve the state as Chief Information Officer and cabinet member. Today, Shawn travels the globe with the BisBlox mission at the fore, asking “How might we help others succeed?”

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Dr. Shayla Treadwell is Deputy Chief Security Officer at Lumen Technologies. In this role, Dr. Treadwell oversees the company's information security programs and helps drive stakeholder collaboration on issues related to information technology governance, risk, compliance, and assurance. Previously, Dr. Treadwell was Vice President of Governance, Risk, and Compliance at ECS and led the cybersecurity risk management program to ensure alignment to security regulations, frameworks, and certifications. Dr. Treadwell is a dynamic international speaker, an organizational psychologist an inspirational corporate responsibility champion.

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JEREMY HEHL
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MIKE KEARN
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CHRIS LUHMAN
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MNIT Careers Breakfast



BRIAN MORGAN
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JOHN KELCHER
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JOSH FAZIO
VP Solutions Architects
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Managing Dir
KeyData Cyber
WED 10:00 AM
Tech Session



SCOTT KLOSOSKY
Founding Partner
FPOV
WED 12:30 PM
Public Sector



EILEEN MANNING
Founding Partner
Cyber Security Summit
TUE 8:00 AM
General Session



DAVID NOTCH
CISO
Castlelake
TUE 11:15 AM
General Session
TUE 4:15 PM
VLA



LEV FRAYMAN
Dir of Cybersecurity
Abbott
WED 8:00 AM
Tech Session



MICHELLE GREELEY
Sr Dir of Compliance
Solera Health
WED 8:00 AM
MedTech



STEFANIE HORVATH
CISO
City of St. Paul
TUE 1:40 PM
General Session
TUE 5:00 PM
Military Awards



DAVID LEE
Field CTO
Saviynt
TUE 10:00 AM
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MOLLY MCLAIN STERLING
Sr Dir - Global
Cybersecurity Strategy
Proofpoint
WED 9:00 AM
Tech Session



MICHAEL NURMELA
Student
VLA Honoree
TUE 4:15 PM
VLA



CHRISTOPHER GABBARD
Cybersecurity Advisor
U.S. DHS
WED Cyber101
Workshop AM & PM



JAY HAAPALA
Associate State
Dir of Community
Engagement
AARP Minnesota
WED 1:30 PM
Public Sector



JIBRAN ILYAS
Director
Google Cloud Security
TUE 9:00 AM
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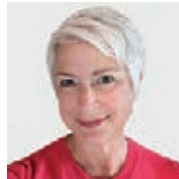
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VP InfoSec
Infrastructure and
Enterprise Architecture
Sleep Number
WED 11:45 AM
Leadership Luncheon



RON OLSEN
GRC Policy Lead
MNIT
WED 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Cyber101 Workshop



ROHIT GANGULY
AI Product Manager
Descope
WED 3:00 PM
Tech Session



TRACY HABISCH-AHLIN
Dir Comm. Relations
and Communications
Hudson School District
WED 2:30 PM
Public Sector



JOHN ISRAEL
Assistant Commissioner
and CISO
MNIT
TUE 7:00 AM
MNIT Careers Breakfast



DARLA LEWANDOWSKI
Cyber Sports Operations
Leader
Cyber Sports
TUE 8:15 AM
Special Events



TOM MILLER
Information Security
Office Manager
Bureau of Criminal
Apprehension
WED 10:00 AM
Public Sector



JOHN ORLEANS
Secure Cloud & Network
Solutions Principal
Avanade
TUE 11:15 AM
General Session



SHERINA GANT
City Lead Security Analyst
City of St. Paul
TUE 1:40 PM
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MATTHEW HARBERTS
C3 Technical Lead
Minnesota National
Guard
WED 8:00 AM
Public Sector Village



ABRAHAM JUDISCH
Information Security
Engineer
Hennepin Healthcare
WED 1:15 PM
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IT Audit Labs
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Cyber101 Workshop
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JODIE MONETTE
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Strategist
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Massage Therapist
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Bodywork
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SHAYANA VASICHEK
Dir, Product & Enterprise
Security - MedDev
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WED 3:15 PM
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Enterprise Account
Executive
Asimily
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EDWARD YOU
Supervisory Special Agent
(ret.)
FBI
TUE 1:00 PM
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MARIT PETERSON
Program Dir
Minnesota Elder Justice
Center
WED 3:45 PM
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CISO
Allina Health
WED 9:00 AM
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ELIZABETH STEVENS
Dir of Communications
PR & Outreach
The Event Group
TUE 7:00 AM
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BOBBY VENAL
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Cyber Coordination Cell
Minnesota National Guard
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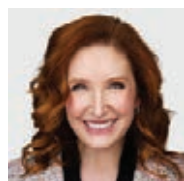
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Cybersecurity Loss Control
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WED 8:45 AM
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Strategic Account
Executive
Ping Identity
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The fact is, organizations can't protect what they can't see and what's clear from all this is that identity security needs help. But simply throwing more humans and resources at the problem only goes so far. Humans make mistakes, especially when overwhelmed. As it's often said, "to err is human."

Enterprises need something new. Attempting to solve the same problems in the same ways won't get them where they need to be. They need something more scalable, smarter and programmable.

The power of AI

Enter AI. No matter how mature an identity security program is, an intelligent identity security platform can help organizations become far more efficient. Make more intelligent decisions faster. Surface information that would have likely never been found otherwise. Reverse a stagnating or declining identity security program. Secure and govern AI agents and models used by the organization.

Starting smartly

When enterprises incorporate intelligence from the very inception of their identity security program, they put themselves on a path to success few can rival. Agentic AI can automatically (and accurately) match fields and generate entitlement descriptions. Immediately, IT and identity teams' time is freed, letting them spend more time on higher-value tasks.

The most crucial step is setting up full visibility from the very beginning. With intelligent identity, enterprises can see and govern all identities by integrating the identity security platform with identity sources that feed internal and external, human and non-human identity data. Similarly, organizations can discover all apps and systems, so all hardware, software, servers and other devices in the organization's tech stack are identified and governed.

As the business grows, AI discovers more, as identities, apps and systems are added. This helps prevent the identity security program from falling behind, since it will always scale and adapt to additional infrastructure and the number of identities within the enterprise.

Combating stagnation and reversing degradation

For organizations past their initial ramp phase, all hope is not lost. Intelligent identity has a place in every identity security program, helping to avoid simply "keeping the status quo" or worse, degrading. Like those ramping their identity program, organizations can deploy AI processes and models to proactively identify applications — even the ones that are homegrown and undetectable through most normal means.

By using comprehensive data signals from peer groups, activity, SoD conflicts, regulation compliance (e.g., SOX criticality), and more, approvers and reviewers understand whether an identity should have access. Represented through a custom "trust score" and based on the weights each organization sets, users now have pertinent, AI-powered data to onboard more apps more quickly than before, while making access reviews and recertifications easier. As a result, the business reduces rubberstamping, increases revocations and lowers organizational risk in one fell swoop.

With all applications integrated into the identity security program, user access reviews for even the most "off-the-grid" apps are automated. Ultimately, users — the whole organization, really — are also much more productive, saving time and money, and driving business growth.

How to catalyze real change

AI has limitless possibilities. When properly implemented, it helps organizations see what they never could before — and at a much quicker pace. Intelligent identity security must be considered for any organization currently planning its next strategic investment.

Saviynt's intelligent identity security platform delivers much-needed clarity to organizations, helping them reduce risk, increase their security posture, boost productivity and more.



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Outcomes

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- Increased battery life for mobile devices from 1.5 to 5 hours
- Simplified office network infrastructure management
- Strengthened security posture and business continuity capabilities
- Foundation laid for future AI experimentation

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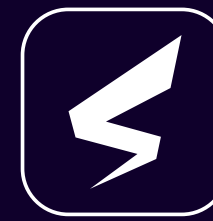


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