

Top 5 Cybersecurity Concerns for City Managers – Panelists and Moderator Bios

Drew Corn – Town Manager at Town of Northlake

Drew Corn is a native of North Texas, born in Denton. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University, Class of '87. Mr. Corn received his Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Texas in 1995 and was inducted into the Public Administration Honor Society, Pi Alpha Alpha. Prior to his career in public administration, Drew has served the public as a legislative assistant, campaign volunteer coordinator and classroom teacher.

Drew has worked with municipal governments for over 28 years with experience in process improvement, customer service, management analysis, fiscal accountability, strategic planning, economic development, and human resources. Drew is the Town Manager for Northlake; the third municipality he has served. Drew was previously Budget Director for the City of North Richland Hills and held numerous managerial positions with the City of Dallas.



Mr. Corn is committed to the vision the Council and residents have for the Town of Northlake: to take advantage of the amenities and the services of a larger city while maintaining the atmosphere and openness of the current rural setting. He understands that first and foremost the Town of Northlake is a customer service organization providing quality customer service to all residents, visitors and businesses.

Sgt. Michael Groettum – City of Melissa - Administrative Sergeant with the Melissa Police Department

I have been tasked with the City's IT duties with the assistance of the Fulcrum Group. Prior to becoming a police officer in the summer of 2007, I worked as an IT Operations Services Technician for Blockbuster Corporate but decided to venture into public service. As I progressed in my career as a police officer, it became apparent that the department was in need of someone with my particular skillset for investigations that had a larger technical side to it. When I was promoted to Corporal, I progressed my technical study and got involved in training put on by the Secret Service Electronic Crimes Taskforce. There I was guided by Chuck Easttom in the principals of Digital Forensics, Ethical Hacking, and Hardware Acquisition (JTAG, Chip off, Logical & Physical imaging and file carving). I also got involved in Cellular Mapping under the guidance of PATCTech and their instructor Glenn Bard. I am currently my Agency's CJIS Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) and Sub Agency Coordinator.



Ryan Young- Fractional CIO, the Fulcrum Group

I have 10 years of Sales and Consulting experience in the Public Sector at the State, Local, and K-12 levels, and have a passion for helping people and making their lives better. As a Fractional CIO, it's my responsibility to treat each of my clients as though I am part of their staff, to be their advocate, and always look out for their best interests. Manage our client's Continuous Improvement processes and point person for developing their long range technology plans.



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William Birchett – Founder of The vCISO Network and President of Logos Systems

Founder of The vCISO Network, an online community where knowledge sharing, education, and open discussion bring together security professionals into a collaborative group. An industry veteran with over 20 years of experience in IT, he is a trusted partner in the industry and in the community. His career has moved him through the Telecommunication, Banking, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Education, and Government industries. He has served on the advisory boards of several industry groups, community groups, and non-profits. William currently serves as Vice President for the Fort Worth (ISC)2 Chapter, and is an active member of the local ISSA, IIA, and Infragard chapters.



William holds a Masters of Science in Information Security & Assurance, a Bachelors of Information Technology, a Certificate in Cybersecurity Technology Application and Policy from MIT, and numerous industry certifications.

Steve Meek, CISSP- President Fulcrum Group

A 25+ year IT veteran, Mr. Meek earned certifications in various network, software and security technologies and has success as a project manager and subject matter expert with cities, school districts, non-profits and organizations of all sizes. His accomplishments included project managing the network infrastructures/upgrades for a 120+ WAN connections school district, conducted HIPAA risk assessment at large EMS provider and even conducted gap assessments at two different billion-dollar organizations. He also holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration.



Starting Fulcrum in 2002, as President, Steve is now responsible for organizational strategy and leadership of the management team. The company was recognized locally as the Fort Worth Chamber's 2017 Small Business of the Year award for firms in the 10-50 employee range. Fulcrum has also earned Top 500 provider status in North America from both CRN Media and Channel Futures this year. We also earned a spot in the Trust X Alliance, a network of 300 of the best technology providers in the US.

Steve jokes he earned his CISSP back in 2004 (mainly cause there was only one virus back then 😊).