

Top Ten Cyber Questions for County Leadership

- 1** Does the County have a Board adopted Information Security Program in place to govern cyber risk management, that includes:
 - Cybersecurity policies and procedures
 - Proper cyber hygiene that covers patching, routine assessments, annual security risk analysis, cyber insurance, and incident response
 - Identification of cyber strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in terms of people, process, and technology
 - Level of current and desired maturity of the county
- 2** Does the county have Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) in place?
- 3** Does our county have a security incident plan in place and
 - is that plan part of the overall continuity of government plan
 - is the IT department aware of the security incident plan?
 - is the plan prioritized based on criteria that takes into account critical services and potential impact?
 - is the plan tested with county departments so that they know what to do if a cyber incident occurs, and
 - does the plan include what is an acceptable computer/communication systems outage timeframe?
- 4** What cyber-related issues have we experienced in the past year or key high-level findings that have been uncovered through an assessment, and what is our plan for addressing them?
- 5** Are there security initiatives which you believe are important to take on in the next several years? And does that involve new tools and funding? How can elected leadership support you in those?
- 6** Does our county have an employee security awareness training program in place? Tell me more.
- 7** Are our backups safe from a security threat and have we conducted exercises to test reinstalling data from backup?
- 8** How does our county ensure the cyber safety of county employees, contractors and others that connect to the network, especially in a remote environment?
- 9** Is our county using the cloud for hosting data and applications and how is that protected?
- 10** Why do we need cyber insurance and what are the current challenges?