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Missouri Bankers Association Technology Conference to Feature Cloud Safety and Cyber Threat Sessions by DefenseStorm Cybersecurity Expert

-- DefenseStorm Vice President Alex Hernandez to address bankers on February 28 and 29, 2018 --

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (February 21, 2018) – During a technology-focused conference hosted by The Missouri Bankers Association, [DefenseStorm](#) cybersecurity expert Alex Hernandez will offer attendees insights on the current state of the cyber threat landscape with respect to banking, as well as considerations for cloud computing in banking, in two separate sessions.

The conference begins at noon CST on Wednesday, February 28 and concludes at 12:30 p.m. CST on Friday, March 2 at [The Lodge of the Four Seasons](#) in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Hernandez's first session, "Cloud Computing – Is it Safe for Your Institution and Customers?," is at 3:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, February 28. Taking a specific look at cloud computing against the backdrop of banking cybersecurity concerns, the session explores how bank IT teams can assess scalability, reliability, price, innovation and security, as well as consider decisions against cybersecurity best practices as defined by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) and embodied in the FFIEC Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (CAT).

The FFIEC CAT provides a repeatable and measurable process for institutions to gauge their cybersecurity preparedness over time. It incorporates cybersecurity-related principles from the "FFIEC Information Technology (IT) Examination Handbook" and regulatory guidance used by federal agencies that audit banks and credit unions, along with concepts from other industry standards, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework. Forward-thinking banks and credit unions are adopting the tool to be at the forefront of combining cybersecurity and compliance practices.

In a different session at 11:00 a.m. CST Thursday, March 1, Hernandez will speak to the “State of the Cyber Threat Landscape.” The session will identify current IT threats, issues and trends that financial institutions face today, and offer insights on how to stay steps ahead of bad actors. By looking into the mind of a cybercriminal conducting a fictitious attack, attendees will learn the anatomy of a targeted Advanced Persistent Threat (APT), and will explore methods of reconnaissance, social engineering techniques, detection avoidance methods and common command and control communications.

In addition to formal sessions, the conference features opportunities for bankers to network and share ideas, solution demonstrations, and exhibit booths hosted on February 28 and March 1. Hernandez will be available at the DefenseStorm booth to meet with bankers regarding their specific cybersecurity and cybercompliance questions, as well as throughout the conference. Reserved times can be arranged by contacting Jon Morris at Jon.Morris@DefenseStorm.com or at 252-916-9181. Registration for the Missouri Bankers Association Technology Conference is available [online](#) now, as well as on-site beginning Wednesday, February 28.

About DefenseStorm

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