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Cyber Security top priority for CIO Phil Frieder

Fayette County, Georgia, April 11, 2019 –At Fayette County, keeping citizens' data safe is paramount and top priority for Fayette County's Chief Information Officer Phil Frieder. Mr. Frieder started his government career in 1990 as an authorized contractor recommended by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) for providing access to the Criminal Justice Information Systems' (CJIS) for Georgia agencies.

His career led him to other positions in local government until landing in Fayette County as the Chief Information Officer in October 2013.

In the era of cybersecurity concerns and vulnerabilities, Fayette County is pleased to salute CIO Philip Frieder for being recognized as a Certified Computer Cyber Examiner by the renowned National White Collar Crime Training Center (NW3c), for graduating from UGA Carl Vinson's Certified Government Chief Information Officer program and also for receiving the Certified County Public Official certification from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).

County Manager, Steve Rapson, says "one of the best ways to prevent cybercrime is by properly training all employees in best cybersecurity practices and building those practices into our culture. We affectionately refer to Phil Frieder as our Cyber Evangelist and he does a great job with training and building that culture."

With the support of the Board of Commissioners and County Administrator, Phil diligently continues to educate and equip employees to defend against cyber attacks by providing cybersecurity tools at their fingertips.

County Chairman, Randy Ognio, says "Cybercriminals are finding local government agencies to be prime targets for cyberattacks and Phil does an excellent job at creating tiers of security to prevent such cyberattacks."

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