



# Ontario Government Cybersecurity Showcase

Securing Tomorrow, Today:  
Ontario's Vision for Cyber Resilience

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

Toronto, Ontario

## Agenda at a Glance

In partnership with the Government of Ontario, the Public Sector Cyber Showcase 2024, Ontario sets the stage for an unparalleled convergence of insights, innovations, and initiatives in the realm of cybersecurity. In an era where cyber threats are a pervasive concern for the public sector, the showcase emphasizes the collective responsibility of all team members to contribute to cyber defense, moving beyond the conventional view that cybersecurity is solely the domain of technologists.

This event is designed as a dynamic platform for fostering collaboration and facilitating the exchange of innovative strategies to strengthen cyber resilience. Attendees will gain valuable perspectives on leadership in cybersecurity, discover innovative solutions, and learn about effective management practices that can be scaled across organizations. The showcase will offer public sector leaders a critical opportunity to learn from successes and challenges, share best practices, and explore new approaches to tackling the cybersecurity challenges that public servants face. The Public Sector Cyber Showcase 2024 is not just an event; it's a milestone in our collective journey towards a more secure digital future for the public sector.

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## Who You'll Meet

This series is designed for Chiefs/Directors/  
Heads/Managers of:

- Information Security
- Cyber Security
- Cyber Security Operations
- Cyber Defence Capabilities
- Security Advisor
- Information Officer
- Information Security Officer
- Security & Emergency Management
- Security
- Technology, Research & Development
- Enterprise Solutions



Gather insight from public sector thought leaders on current cybersecurity areas of interest including Zero Trust, Quantum, best practice creation and lessons learned, the integration of AI, and more



Gain actionable guidance and necessary insights to augment cybersecurity strategies and align it with your organization's priorities



Network with provincial and local cybersecurity leaders and deepen relationships

## Key Themes for 2024

- Cyber Integration: Merging advanced practices for evolving threat defense
- Proactive Defense: Shifting towards anticipatory security strategies
- Ethical Cybersecurity: Balancing security measures with human values
- Collaborative Resilience: Enhancing security through cross-sector partnerships



# Your Inspiring Speakers



**DAN WILKINS**

Chief Information  
Security Officer  
Arizona Department of  
Economic Security



**DETECTIVE INSP  
MELANIE POWER**

Manager, Cyber  
Operations Section  
Ontario Provincial  
Police



**FERRIS ADI**

Director of Cyber  
Security  
City of Toronto



**ALI ABBAS HIRII**

Professor - IT &  
Cybersecurity  
Seneca College



**SUMON ACHARJEE**

Chief Information  
Officer  
City of Markham

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**8:00am** Registration and Networking Breakfast

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**8:50am** Welcome from the Public Sector Network

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**9:00am** Welcome from the Chair

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**9:20am** Government Keynote: **Strengthening Cybersecurity in the Digital Age: Innovative Strategies for Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Data Assets**

- Cutting-edge technologies for securing infrastructure and data
- Overcoming cybersecurity implementation challenges
- The role of collaboration in enhancing cybersecurity

**Dan Wilkins**, *Chief Information Security Officer, Arizona Department of Economic Security*

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**9:40am** Platinum Partner Session: **AI and Machine Learning for Security Threat Identification**

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**10:00am** Panel Discussion: **Navigating the Shadows: The Rise of Deep Fakes and Invisible Cyber Threats**

- How does deep fake technology function, and what are its implications for distinguishing reality in the digital age?
  - What ethical concerns do deep fakes raise in terms of privacy, misinformation, and societal trust?
  - What strategies and technologies are being developed to counteract the spread and impact of deep fakes online?
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**10:40am** Networking Break

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**11:10am** Government Keynote: **Cyber Empathy: Integrating AI, Security, and Human Values in the Digital Workplace**

- What are the barriers to AI implementation at a human level?
- What happens when the tool is more advanced than the staff?
- How do we encourage the right kind of professional development to align with enhanced replacement of people through AI?

**Ali Abbas Hirii**, *Professor - IT & Cybersecurity, Senca College*

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**11:30am** Gold Partner Session: **Unraveling the Realm of Cyber Crime: Confronting Advanced Cyber Threats**

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**11:50am** Government Keynote: **Paving the Way for Zero Trust: Elevating Security Proactively in the Public Sector**

- Transitioning to Zero Trust to foster a forward-thinking security posture
- Understanding and safeguarding critical assets and workflows with precision
- Ensuring the agility of public sector operations without compromising on security

**Detective Insp Melanie Power**, *Manager, Cyber Operations Section, Ontario Provincial Police*

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**12:10pm** Gold Partner Session: **Optimizing Cybersecurity throughout Your Cloud Journey**

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**12:30pm** Government Keynote: **The Symbiosis of Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies: Blockchain, IoT, and Beyond**

- Blockchain and cybersecurity: Building trust and transparency in digital transactions
  - Securing the IoT ecosystem: Strategies to protect interconnected devices and networks
  - Quantum computing and the future of encryption: Preparing for the next frontier in cybersecurity
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**12:50pm** **Networking Lunch Break**

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**1:50pm** **Interactive Roundtable Discussion**

1. The Future of Zero Trust Security
  2. Cyber Threat Assessments: Improving Identification Capability
  3. Advancing Cyber Incident Preparedness and Response
  4. Ransomware Planning: Response, Mitigation, and Recovery
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**2:50pm** Government Keynote: **Beyond the Firewall: The Human Element in Cybersecurity**

- Empowering employees as the first line of defense against cyber attacks
- Strategies for building a culture of cybersecurity awareness across all organizational levels
- Lessons from the field: How human vigilance and response have thwarted potential security breaches

**Sumon Acharjee**, *Chief Information Officer*, City of Markham

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**3:10pm** Panel Discussion: **Cyber Optimism: Embracing the Benefits of AI and Overcoming Fear**

- How can AI advancements contribute to cybersecurity and foster trust in digital ecosystems?
- What strategies can be implemented to demystify AI and promote its positive aspects in cyber environments?
- How do we balance the rapid development of AI with ensuring cyber safety and privacy for all users?

**Ferris Adi**, *Director of Cyber Security*, City of Toronto

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**3:50pm** **Closing Remarks from the Chair**

# Testimonials

**“The breakout session topics were well structured with current hot- topics challenging Ontario.”**

Ontario Public Service

**“Good timing, good range of speakers and topics.”**

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**“Very well organized, great selection of panelists, as the level and diversity of discussion were meaningful and provided valuable insights. Perfect mix of subjects, people, and time.”**

Canada Revenue Agency

**“Excellent opportunity to learn and connect.”**

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# Event Schedule

## SEPTEMBER

Artificial Intelligence Roadshow ON

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Healthcare Infrastructure Showcase & Public Sector Health Facilities Showcase ON

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## OCTOBER

Public Sector Innovation Show - Alberta AB

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Alberta Government Cybersecurity Showcase AB

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Digital Government & CX Roadshow AB | BC | NS | ON

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## NOVEMBER

EduTech Showcase ON

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## DECEMBER

Public Sector Innovation Show - British Columbia BC

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British Columbia Government Cybersecurity Showcase BC

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Canadian Security Showcase ON

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