

## Maryland Department of Information Technology Gains an Anne Arundel County Government Trailblazer

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**CROWNSVILLE, Md.** - The Maryland Department of Information Technology is proud to announce the hiring of Donnie Green as Director of Cybersecurity Operations. The Director of Cybersecurity Operations provides the Office of Security Management with cybersecurity, compliance, regulatory management, leadership, and oversight regarding the State's Security Operations Center, managed security services, system security administration, and vendor contracts. The position is critical in helping to achieve the State's goal of securing the State's systems and protecting the data of its citizens.

"My interest [in cybersecurity] started a long time ago when I was with the



Network Team at the Pentagon as a network engineer," said Green. "I used to be on the helpdesk initially, and I was like, 'Hey, what are those guys doing down there in the back?' And I learned about routing and switching and said, 'Oh, that sounds pretty cool.'"

Before joining DoIT, Green was a cybersecurity engineer with the Anne Arundel County Government, where he established a foundation for many of the security standard operating procedures they have in place today.

"In our environment, we did not have any security presence beforehand," said Steven Bass,



office of information technology-server team manager with the Anne Arundel County Government. “So, when Donnie came around, he helped formalize a lot of the patch management policies.”

Regarding his leadership style, Green said he plans to stay the course in his role at DoIT.

“When you look at the industry and the coined terms, I’m more of a servant-leader,” said Green. “Yes, I’m leading a [team] and want to keep us marching forward, but I look at it as I’m working for you guys. So, I ask, ‘What do I need to provide to you to make your job better, to make you more efficient, and to make you better at your job?’”

While at DoIT, Green said one of his top priorities is to strive for efficiency and build upon the agency’s relationships with other agencies and municipalities in Maryland.

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