

## **Cybersecurity Collaborative Appoints Chuck Brooks as a Brand Ambassador**

**Portland, Ore., January 28th, 2020** – The Cybersecurity Collaborative a platform for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and information security executives to share critical intelligence and leadership insights on a peer-to-peer basis, announced the appointment of cybersecurity leader and evangelist Chuck Brooks as a Brand Ambassador.

Brooks is a globally recognized thought leader and evangelist for Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies. LinkedIn named Chuck as one of “The Top 5 Tech People to Follow on LinkedIn”. He was named by Thompson Reuters as a “Top 50 Global Influencer in Risk, Compliance,” and by IFSEC as the “#2 Global Cybersecurity Influencer” in 2018. He is also a Cybersecurity Expert for “The Network” at the Washington Post, Visiting Editor at Homeland Security Today, and a Contributor to FORBES.

A tenured speaker, evangelist and accomplished leader, Brooks is a well-respected for his work in government where he has received two senior Presidential appointments as well as top Advisor to the late Senator Arlen Specter. In Industry, Chuck has served in several senior executive roles to include Principle Growth Strategist for Cyber Systems for General Dynamics and Vice President & Client Executive for Homeland Security at Xerox.

Chuck is also an Adjunct Faculty member at Georgetown University’s Applied Intelligence Program and graduate Cybersecurity Programs where he teaches courses on risk management, homeland security, and cybersecurity. Brooks has also appeared in Forbes and Huffington Post and has published more than 180 articles and blogs on cybersecurity, homeland security and technology issues and is the Featured Homeland Security contributor for Federal Times, featured cybersecurity contributor for High Performance Counsel on cybersecurity, and an advisor and contributor to Cognitive World, a leading publication on artificial intelligence.

“Brooks brings a vast experience of executive leadership from his roles at General Dynamics, Xerox, Rapisan, and Sutherland, and has held numerous security leadership advisory positions across the cybersecurity and technology industries. He’s one of the most trusted and respected cybersecurity thought leaders in the world” said Bob Dethlefs, Chairman of the Cybersecurity Collaborative, CyberRisk Alliance (“CRA”) -- and Founder & Former CEO of Evanta.

“I am honored to join the Cybersecurity Collaborative as a Brand Ambassador and Thought Leader. The mission of the organization is vital as we strive to meet the challenges securing the evolving cyber ecosystem. Cybersecurity Collaborative’s working structure provides for peer to peer real-time collaboration on threats, policies, best practices, with a living library of resources that is invaluable for CISO’s security practitioners. Having worked in cybersecurity in the public, private, academic sectors, I am looking forward sharing Cybersecurity Collaboratives knowledge and offerings to these networks and others dedicated to keeping us digitally safe” said Chuck Brooks.

**About The Cybersecurity Collaborative**

The Cybersecurity Collaborative is a member-based community where Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) have access to a private, confidential ecosystem where leaders can safely share their cyber defense knowledge and expertise. A watering hole where peers can gather to ask their peers questions and work together to solve complex enterprise security challenges. Where members can access a library of proven cyber security leadership outcomes, best practices tools, case studies, real time issues, lesson learned, Q&A from peers and subject matter experts which address the most complex issues that enterprise CISOs are confronting. An inner circle of top CISOs that are singularly focused on one thing: the facilitation of peer to peer collaboration that allows like-minded individuals to openly and safely share information.

For more information, visit [CyberLeadersUnite.com](http://CyberLeadersUnite.com).

**About CyberRisk Alliance**

CyberRisk Alliance is a business intelligence company founded through a partnership between Doug Manoni and Growth Catalyst Partners in November 2018. Created to serve the high-growth, rapidly evolving cybersecurity and information risk management marketplace, the company is comprised of a diversified portfolio of business information products and services with a shared mission of informing, educating and training business professionals, while building community and facilitating industry commerce. CRA has made rapid moves in the last several months to organically build and acquire leading businesses to accelerate its influence and impact on the cyber security industry. CRA's current portfolio includes SC Media, InfoSec World Conference and Expo, the Security Leadership Exchanges, Cybersecurity Collaboration Forum and Cybersecurity Collaborative.

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