

# The Modern and Evolving Security Leader

## Succeeding as a CISO in 2020 and Beyond

The role of a security executive is not for the faint of heart. Once a purely technical role, the responsibilities of the security leader has grown, as have their importance to the business. Today you can find them developing an enterprise-wide IT security strategy and in the boardroom working towards reducing risks and empowering business outcomes.

### So, what does it mean to succeed as a CISO in 2020 and beyond?



**22%** of security professionals report directly to the CEO

**40%** still report to the CIO<sup>1</sup>

### Which of the following would help reduce stress at your company?



Increased security budget



Better cooperating from other IT teams



Supportive executive team

### Which of the following has had you consider leaving your job?



### What primary considerations drive spending on a limited budget?<sup>2</sup>



Organization security outcome objectives or metrics



Previous years' budgets



Cyber insurance



Percent of revenue

## Tips From CISOs

So, how do successful security leaders manage to walk the tightrope of strategic leadership and executive-buy in? Here are some of the key takeaways from the *Modern and Evolving Security Leader* executive panel from RhythmWorld 2020.



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**James Carder**  
Chief Security Officer & Vice President of Labs, LogRhythm



“If you don't have the time to explain things clearly [to the members of a board], you're not going to get the support that you need, or the funding you need.”

**Kip James**  
Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer at TTEC



“The role of the CISO has evolved dramatically. As a CISO, you definitely have to know your business and all the things that affect it, both internally and externally.”

**Dilip Singh**  
Vice President Cyber Operations, Sedara



“It's about becoming the storyteller and painting the picture. It's about saying, downstream, this is what things are going to look like. And this is where the risk is to our organization. It's about keeping that level head when telling the story.”

**Karen Holmes**  
Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer at True Blue INC



“A key part of being a successful CISO is finding a security champion within every organization, who can help be your advocate.”

**James Carder**  
Chief Security Officer & Vice President of Labs, LogRhythm



“We all talk about value and ROI [to boards]. But it's important to take that other step forward – beyond simply reporting on a metric and making every idea really tangible.”

**Christopher Mitchell**  
Chief Information Security Officer for the City of Houston

## CISOs Today Are Under Tremendous Pressure to Deliver

The right tools can make that easier. LogRhythm is a world leader in NextGen SIEM, empowering organizations on six continents to successfully reduce risk by rapidly detecting, responding to and neutralizing damaging cyberthreats.

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<sup>1</sup> Jody R. Westby, Governance of cybersecurity: 2015 report, Georgia Tech Information Security Center, October 2, 2015, https://www.paloaltonetworks.com/content/dam/pan/en\_US/assets/pdf/tech-briefs/governance-of-cybersecurity.pdf

<sup>2</sup> Cisco Cybersecurity Report Series 2020: CISO Benchmark Study