

## Who is Frank Abella?



First and foremost, he is a cybersecurity expert with vast experience of protecting his employers from cyberattacks.

Frank has been a popular presenter at the Carson City Leadership Institute classes by providing insight on how to better protect against cybercrime. He presents the material in such a way that you can understand the severity of what could happen if you were attacked.

While the material is thought provoking and scary, he is an engaging presenter and his presentation is touched with humor thus scaring a bit less. Some of his suggestions are so basic and so sensible, you understand you can protect yourself, your family, and your business if carrying out his suggestions to make it harder for cybercriminals to stalk you.

His background is varied and interesting. He currently serves as Carson City's Chief Information Officer protecting the city from the fate just experienced by the State of Nevada. He also is a member of the Nevada Cybersecurity Task Force,

He owns and is a director/producer and filmmaker creating global award winning documentaries. He is a photographer and writer. And, he is a patented inventor.

Frank has been employed in a number of IT positions at major companies including Renown Health, Aeron Supersonic,

He is uber educated earning his PhD in management, organization and sociology from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. He has a master's degree from Texas A&M in legal studies focusing on cybersecurity law and policy. He earned an MBA in business administration and management from UCLA Anderson School of Management and a Master of Science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology focusing on digital transformation/AI/Blockchain and more.

Frank has earned many certifications in his field from the FBI, Defense counterintelligence and security agencies.

Carson City government is fortunate to have Frank Abella doing the behind the scenes stuff that cybersecurity professionals do and the Carson City Chamber is pleased to present this engaging speaker to the community.