

## Establishment of SA Cyber Response Committee reflects positive attitude towards tackling cyber crime

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JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, November 14, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The South African Government has established a Cyber Response Committee (CRC) to combat the cyber threats faced by state departments and institutions. Minister of Police Nkosinathi Nhleko said that the committee has already submitted several policies to strengthen the government's response to cyber crime, including a proposal for a cyber security policy in South Africa.

Alan Calder, founder and executive chairman of <u>IT Governance</u>, says, "The establishment of the CRC shows that the government recognises that cyber crime is a real issue in South Africa and local organisations must do the same. The international cyber threat landscape is increasing in complexity and severity on a daily basis, and high-profile data breaches are costing companies millions in damages and penalties. The threat of a data security incident – and its associated costs – is something all organisations will want to avoid."

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