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New CIO role underscores Alpine Bank's investment in innovation

DENVER — Alpine Bank has named Brenden Smith as its first chief information officer (CIO). This new leadership position reflects the growing importance of technology in driving operational excellence and supporting the bank's long-term strategic goals.

Smith joined the Alpine Bank team on August 3 and has nearly 20 years of experience in banking technology, cybersecurity and risk management. Most recently, he served as chief information security officer (CISO) at FirstBank.

"What really stood out to me is how well Brenden lines up with how we operate," said Alpine Bank President & CEO Glen Jammaron. "He's worked his way up in the banking industry, understands both the opportunities and the growing pains that come with scale, and knows how to balance progress with discipline."

The creation of the CIO role marks an important step in Alpine Bank's strategic growth. It demonstrates a commitment to keeping technology infrastructure and data capabilities aligned with evolving customer and business needs.

Alpine Bank Chief Operations Officer Andrew Karow added that Smith understands "our Colorado communities and brings a practical mindset to the challenge of aligning technology with the people and customers we serve."

Over his career, Smith has built and led high-performing teams while helping guide infrastructure modernization and cybersecurity efforts.

In his new role, Smith will oversee Alpine Bank's information technology strategy and operations. He will focus on strengthening technology governance, supporting business growth, and ensuring the bank's systems and capabilities remain scalable, secure and customer focused.

"I'm excited to join Alpine Bank and be part of an organization with such a strong reputation," noted Smith. "The team has already built an impressive foundation, and I look forward to working alongside them to continue advancing the bank's technology capabilities."

Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from the University of Northern Colorado and serves on multiple industry advisory boards.



His professional achievements include being named Top Global CISO by Cyber Defense Magazine in 2024 and 2025. He also regularly serves as a speaker at major industry conferences including the RSA Conference and FS-ISAC.

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