

## Peach State Bank and Trust Testimonial

With over \$750M in assets, Peach State Bank and Trust has been a long-term, valued client of DefenseStorm since 2016, when the two companies first partnered. John Chapman, Information Security Officer at Peach State Bank and Trust sat with DefenseStorm during the 2023 Client Appreciation Event to discuss the importance of cybersecurity for their financial institution and the benefits of partnering with DefenseStorm. Chapman emphasized that cybersecurity is one of the biggest risks to the bank and having a partner like DefenseStorm is crucial, especially for a smaller institution like theirs.

Before DefenseStorm, Peach State Bank and Trust used a service provided by their core providers, but they were not satisfied with it. However, they liked what they saw when DefenseStorm came along, and Chapman, having previously worked at a larger bank, was impressed by the platform in use. Chapman appreciated DefenseStorm's hands-on approach and willingness to provide support, especially for a smaller, community institution like Peach State.

Chapman expressed his satisfaction with DefenseStorm's support, noting that they have exceeded his expectations and effectively assisted with security operations. He emphasized how DefenseStorm's presence has ultimately eliminated the need for additional staff and provided the necessary support for their institution.

According to Chapman, "At Peach State Bank and Trust, I oversee the security team and receive some support from the IT team. When I first joined the bank, I thought I would likely need to hire an analyst to assist me because I had come from a bigger bank where the team was larger. However, the DefenseStorm team has been very helpful and have exceeded my expectations so it wasn't necessary to hire more people. They assist me with our security operations, and I can always reach out to them for help when needed."

*"Having some extra hands from DefenseStorm has been very helpful for me, and their service has greatly improved our security at Peach State Bank and Trust."*

*- John Chapman, Information Security Officer*

Testimonial content was acquired from interviews during the 2023 DefenseStorm Client Appreciation Event.

Peach State Bank and Trust Chief Financial Officer Charles Blair participated in a case study previously where he praised the commitment to their long-term partnership with DefenseStorm citing that, "We still get a lot of attention from DefenseStorm. I don't see that in a lot of vendors. Once the others get your check and get you set up, then you have to call them. These guys call us. They have continued to be extremely engaged with us as a client." More details from the case study is available on the DefenseStorm website > Case Studies page.