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NASCUS and Critical Ops Launch the 2026 Fraud School

Arlington, VA — The National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS), in partnership with Critical Ops, announce the launch of the 2026 Fraud School, which will take place on October 13–14, 2026, at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce in Columbus, OH.

Fraud risk continues to evolve across the financial services landscape, with credit unions facing increasingly complex threats, including account takeovers, check fraud, deepfakes, and payment manipulation. The 2026 Fraud School aims to address these realities with a practical, structured approach that emphasizes governance, documentation, and defensibility.

NASCUS and Critical Ops will host this two-day, in-person event, bringing together credit union leaders, fraud investigators, and regulators to examine today’s fraud environment and the institutional controls necessary to manage it.

“Fraud risk is becoming more complex, and organizations need clear, practical ways to respond,” said Chelsea Treboniak, Owner of Critical Ops. “This event will help organizations understand their exposure, strengthen oversight, and apply what they learn within their own institutions.”

Over two days, participants will dig into today’s fraud landscape, governance roles, and board accountability, while identifying key areas of exposure. The event also focuses on response and preparedness, including building a fraud playbook, running risk assessments, and working through real-world scenarios.

Participants will hear from practitioners and industry experts, including:

- Robert Villaneuva, Q6 Cyber
- Lon Varns, Aries Fraud Solutions
- Ronan Burke, Inscribe
- Hailey Windham, Sardine
- Dan Sutton, Kemba Credit Union

Space is limited for this event. Registration details and additional information can be found [here](https://nascus.org/events-training) or by visiting [NASCUS.org/events-training](https://nascus.org/events-training).

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NASCUS is the professional association of the nation's 45 state and territorial credit union regulatory agencies that charter and supervise 1,688 state credit unions. Our mission is to forge a vibrant dual charter system by promoting a relevant, growth-oriented, and healthy state charter option.

NASCUS's membership includes state regulatory agencies, state-chartered and federally-chartered credit unions, and other important stakeholders in the state system. State-chartered credit unions hold half of the nearly \$2.46 trillion assets in the credit union system and are proud to represent nearly half of the more than 145 million credit union members. To learn more about NASCUS' benefits and offerings, visit [NASCUS.org](https://www.nascus.org).

Critical Ops is a modernization consultancy that helps organizations strengthen critical infrastructure by bringing together advanced technologies, strategic planning, and workforce development to move ideas into real-world use. The firm's work spans cybersecurity and fraud governance in financial systems, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), remote sensing and LiDAR integration, and large-scale program design, often bringing together public and private stakeholders to solve complex challenges. With a strong emphasis on real-world application, Critical Ops delivers executable pathways that improve operational efficiency, resilience, and long-term sustainability.