Michael Dent is the Chief Information Security Officer for Fairfax County, Virginia. A veteran public servant, Michael joined the County in 2002 after managing the information technology security program at the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Dent has been the catalyst for establishing an enterprise-wide IT risk management vision and strategy for Fairfax County, including development of a county-wide comprehensive IT security risk and privacy program. He proactively works with business units to implement practices and procedures that meet County information security standards and policies and advises County executives on the most effective use of information security and risk management strategies to improve the cybersecurity posture of the County. He oversees a staff of professionals with responsibility for risk management, data asset protection, regulatory compliance, governance, privacy and information/network security. In this capacity he oversees incident investigations and IT forensics; proactively audits, monitors and reports system-wide status, to include threat analysis and new vulnerabilities; develops and implements regular county-wide security communication and awareness programs; and, addresses system and personnel compliance issues through a structured enforcement process. He is one of the founding members of the County's Architecture Review Board.

Dent is currently serving his seventh term as Chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) committee within the National Capitol Region (NCR). Under his leadership the NCR Interoperable Communications Infrastructure (NCR ICI) support team was awarded the 2014 Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's Technology Award for Cross-Boundary Collaboration for its Identity and Access Management Service (IAMS), effectively eliminating the need for applications to manage multiple individual sets of user credentials.

Dent's vision, dedication and leadership have earned national recognition for Fairfax County's Information Security Program as one of the leading local government programs in the country. Both the County's Next Generation Security and IT Security Awareness Day programs have been nationally recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACO).

In his spare time Michael loves spending time with his family, woodworking and umpiring.