

NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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Welcome to the Labor Day Edition of the NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter! Is something interesting happening in your state? Send tips or any other information to David Forscey at dforscey@nga.org and we will include appropriate items in our future newsletters.

Resource Center Announcements

One Month, Three Cyber Workshops

As part of its Policy Academy on Implementing State Cybersecurity, the Resource Center held cybersecurity workshops in Wisconsin, Indiana, and West Virginia. Deliverables ranged from a strategy to improve cybersecurity at the local level to a communications toolkit for engaging state legislators. [Here](#) is press coverage of the Indianapolis workshop.

NGA at BSidesLV

David Forscey traveled to Las Vegas for this year's most exciting hacker conferences: BlackHat, DEFCON, and BSidesLV. Through the IAmTheCavalry track at BSidesLV, David had the pleasure of presenting to a group of hackers and security researchers on the many possibilities for expert volunteers who want to assist state cybersecurity leaders.

NGA's 1st Cyber Roundtable for 2018

On August 30, NGA staff invited cybersecurity leaders from Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia to a roundtable with NGA's Cyber Champions and other outside experts. Attendees identified key research questions that will guide deliverables for the next few roundtables.

NGA Cyber Webinar: DHS Cyber Resources

Budget realities and the ongoing talent gap are major challenges for state cybersecurity leaders. On **September 18 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM EST**, tune in for a webinar describing DHS Cybersecurity Advisors and how states and territories can access free cybersecurity resources and capabilities. The webinar will also review the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) and explain the Department's approach to cyber resilience. To access the webinar, follow this link: <https://share.dhs.gov/ccubedvpwebinars/> (the webinar will open 15 minutes before the start time). Please direct any questions to David Forscey at dforscey@nga.org or (202) 624-5356.

News & Commentary

From the governors...

NC Governor Roy Cooper stressed his goal of making North Carolina “a model state for cybersecurity,” [highlighting](#) North Carolina’s inclusion in NGA’s Policy Academy on Implementing State Cybersecurity.

OH Gov. John Kasich signed the [Ohio Data Protection Act](#), which offers a legal safe harbor for companies that comply with minimum security standards.

IN Gov. Eric Holcomb [opened](#) the Muscatatuck Cyber Academy at the IN National Guard’s Urban Training Center.

CA Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation creating the [Office of Elections Cybersecurity](#), housed under the secretary of state.

MO Gov. Mike Parson visited Southeast Missouri State University to [announce the accreditation](#) of one of the first undergraduate degrees in cybersecurity.

LA Gov. John Bel Edwards [announced](#) a \$10 million award from the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory to LSU’s applied research center.

VA Gov. Ralph Northam is [honing a new approach](#) to engage local stakeholders on state cybersecurity issues.

Election security...

The latest iteration of the Secure Elections Act [hit a roadblock](#) in Congress.

Pennsylvania’s Inter-Agency Election Preparedness and Security Workgroup [focused on better coordination](#) with local election officials during the Tabletop the Vote 2018 exercise.

New Jersey announced a [five-year, \\$10.2 million plan](#) to mature the state’s election security posture.

Hackers at a conference in Las Vegas [could not compromise](#) a simulated voter registration database.

According to McClatchy, election officials in some states [must offer](#) voting by email or fax, regardless of what cybersecurity experts recommend.

Fed watch...

DHS announced the launch of the [National Risk Management Center](#), which is intended to focus on “longer-term, systemic cyberthreats.”

The NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Act, which requires NIST to consider small businesses as it continues to evolve the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, [became law](#).

The latest National Defense Authorization Act creates the bipartisan [Cyberspace Solarium Commission](#).

President Trump [has revised](#) the interagency process for reviewing offensive computer network operations.

August was a busy month...

Massachusetts established a new [Emergency Support Function 17](#) for cybersecurity.

In Alabama, the Office of Information Technology, the National Guard, and the Secretary of State [are partnering](#) together joint cyber security training.

The Girl Scouts [teamed up](#) with Raytheon to launch a national computer science program and Cyber Challenge for middle and high school girls.

Commentary...

Marsh's Matthew McCabe [does not think](#) that an attack like NotPetya would trigger the war exclusion found in many cyber insurance policies.

Following the [arrest](#) of a GE engineer accused of stealing sensitive data, Raytheon CEO Thomas Kennedy [explains](#) the value of a user-centric approach to cybersecurity.

Other Major NGA Events in 2018

Below are the dates for major NGA events in 2018.

Friday, November 16 – Sunday, November 18

2018 Seminar for New Governors

Colorado Springs, CO

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