

NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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Welcome to the fifth addition of the NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter, your monthly update on state cybersecurity. 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

Colorado Releases After-Action Report on CDOT Ransomware Attack

In February and March, Colorado activated its Unified Command Group in response to two ransomware attacks against the Colorado Department of Transportation. Please see the attached PDF for a public version of the state's After-Action Report.

NGA Selects Five States for Smarter States Learning Lab

Colorado, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, and Virginia [will send](#) representatives to Chicago to learn how new technologies can improve public safety, transportation, and energy management. Find coverage [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

NGA Hosts Regional Workshop on Emergency Communications

NGA's Homeland Security & Public Safety Division and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security convened 22 states in Philadelphia to craft action plans for interoperability in emergency communications—and cybersecurity was a major topic of discussion.

Gov. Scott Walker Hosts Cybersecurity Conference in Madison, WI

On September 10th, join Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker for the 6th Annual [Governor's Cybersecurity Summit!](#)

CyberTech Midwest Comes to Indiana

Join Cybertech and the State of Indiana on October 23rd, 2018 for the debut [Cybertech Midwest](#) event! Cybertech Midwest will host a thought-provoking conference and exhibition on global cyber threats, solutions, innovations and technologies.

News Items

Cyber governors...

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder [announced](#) a high school curriculum focused on automotive cybersecurity—Masters of Mobility: Cyber Security on the Road.”

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced a Regional Cyber Security Workshop Series focused on building partnerships with local governments on cyber security.

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal [opened](#) the first building at The Georgia Cyber Center.

Florida Governor Rick Scott [does not want](#) a repeat of Russia’s interference during the 2016 elections.

Armed with \$5 million in state appropriations, **New York Governor Andrew Cuomo** is working with the State Board of Elections to help local election offices improve cybersecurity.

Fed-watch...

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security [unveiled](#) the National Risk Management Center to focus on private sector practices.

The U.S. Department of Justice Cyber Digital Task Force released a [lengthy report](#) detailing the Department’s cybersecurity activities.

Lawfare has a short [summary](#) of the new U.S. DHS cybersecurity strategy.

For the techies...

Sandia National Labs [has developed](#) a more sophisticated honeypot—a virtual network designed to lure and trap hackers—called HADES.

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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Cyber Job Announcements

Senior Security Operations Center Analyst, MS-ISAC/NCCIC (Arlington, VA)

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Senior Computer Emergency Response Team Analyst, MS-ISAC/NCCIC (Arlington, VA)

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Senior Program Associate, Elections, The Democracy Fund (Washington, DC)

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Cybersecurity Program Manager, National Association of Secretaries of State (Washington, DC)

Please send **resume, salary requirements and references** to reynolds@ssso.org. See below for additional information.

Duties Include:

Serve as a liaison between the NASS members, federal agencies (US Department of Homeland Security, US Election Assistance Commission, et al.) and Congress on all cybersecurity related issues, policy, legislation, and practices. Staff new NASS Cybersecurity Committee.

Monitor and participate in cybersecurity related forums (both public and private sector) in order to provide information and resources to NASS members.

Monitor state cybersecurity programs and practices to assist communications director, research director and executive director in developing fact sheets, talking points and white papers.

Organize cybersecurity workshops at NASS conferences and semi-annual Tech Talk Forums.

Develop and maintain relationships with cybersecurity stakeholders to include private sector, academics, non-profits and advocacy organizations.

Assist Executive Director and Director of Research with tracking and analyzing federal, state and congressional activity related to the work of NASS members.

Required Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree (a Master's degree in Public Administration or Cybersecurity a plus)

Four years of professional experience in the field of cybersecurity
Prior experience in any level of government.

Strong oral and written communication skills; Must be able to communicate technical details effectively to policy makers; Familiarity with NIST Cybersecurity Framework; Prior experience in a fast-paced, dynamic work environment; Excellent time management skills and the ability to juggle many tasks; Organized and detail-oriented; Flexibility and ability to accommodate many bosses; Ability to "hit the ground running" and learn office processes quickly and effectively.

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