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

Homeland Security Advisors Delve into Cybersecurity

NGA’s Homeland Security & Public Safety Division hosted the Governors’ Homeland Security Advisors Council (GHSAC) for its annual Summer Meeting in Washington, D.C. Programming included conversations on election security, remarks from Jeanette Manfra (Assistant Secretary for the Office of Cybersecurity & Communications, DHS), and a presentation by U.S. Cyber Command.

Cybersecurity in the Motor City

On October 29th, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder will host the annual North American International Cyber Summit in Detroit. NGA will be there, and we hope you will join us!

News Items

NGA in the news…

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News you can’t miss…

In a first for states, Delaware’s Department of Information Technology published a Vulnerability Disclosure Policy.

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam signed a state budget that includes $25 million for the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative.

The attack on Atlanta in March affected “mission critical” services.

Mike Lettman, Arizona’s Chief Information Security Officer, gave a lengthy interview explaining how his state approaches cybersecurity.

News you may have missed…
Michigan Governor Rick Snyder (co-chair of the Resource Center on State Cybersecurity) visited a career center in Michigan to review its efforts in preparing students for the cybersecurity workforce.

According to a new report, citizens in Florida, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, and Illinois supposedly practice the poorest cyber hygiene.

Former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge launched the Ridge Global Cybersecurity Institute.

New York and DHS partnered for a tabletop exercise on election security, Utah took advantage of DHS’ penetration testing services, and Illinois is prioritizing security for voter registration systems over new voting machines.

NCSL published the 2018 list of state cybersecurity legislation.

An expert from Raytheon shares five tips for defending elections.

A cyber attack on Northern Technical College in Wisconsin forced the school to close classes for two days.


For the techies…

Must-watch: Thomas Dullien from Google explains why cybersecurity is so hard: it is getting cheaper to make things complex. Find his slides here.

The Cyber Vault Project, hosted by George Washington University’s National Security Archive, has launched a CyberWar Map to visualize state-sponsored attacks and other relevant documents.

Official assessments raised questions about security vulnerabilities in systems that operate commercial aircraft.

Other Major NGA Events in 2018

Below are the dates for major NGA events in 2018.

Wednesday, July 18 – Sunday, July 22
2018 NGA Summer Meeting
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Contact: Bob Masciarelli (bmasciarelli@nga.org; 202-624-5355)

Friday, November 16 – Sunday, November 18
2018 Seminar for New Governors
Colorado Springs, CO
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