NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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Welcome to the third 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

States Selected for NGA Cyber Policy Academy

We are pleased to announce the selection of four states to participate in our *Policy Academy on Implementing State Cybersecurity*: Indiana, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

NGA on Election Security Advisory Group for CSG

The Council of State Governments has partnered with the Democracy Fund to create an advisory group of state and local officials and cybersecurity and election experts, including Resource Center staff.

News Items

From the governors…

Building on the state's first cybersecurity strategy, Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy announced a Cybersecurity Action Plan.

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb was in Israel to announce that his state will host the first CyberTech Midwest this fall.

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal vetoed controversial computer crime legislation. Find his veto statement here.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced a $377,812 grant from the Military Affairs Grant Program to Jacksonville High School students to earn two cybersecurity certifications along with their diplomas.

You may have missed…

The state of Wisconsin teamed up with in-state energy companies for the Dark Sky exercise, simulating a long-term, statewide power outage.

States are looking more closely at vulnerability disclosure policies and bug bounty programs.

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation is now in effect, but its application to state and local agencies remains unclear.

State cybersecurity centers are getting more attention in major media outlets.

New York City has a dedicated Cyber Command.

The first nationwide survey of cybersecurity in local government suggests that attacks are increasing (Note: The study does not account for the size of localities or differentiate between counties and cities.)

In Washington, Secretary of State Wyman said she plans to use $8 million in federal funding to improve firewalls, hire additional staff, and enhance security training for counties.

Speaking of which, concerns about election security, Florida Governor Rick Scott directed Florida's Secretary of State to expedite the process for accessing $19 million in new federal funding.

For the techies…

The Missouri National Guard is developing an open-source toolkit for network monitoring called RockNSM.

Technologist Bruce Schneier explains why securing the global technology supply chain against cyber threats is so difficult.

Researchers have discovered a serious vulnerability in a common wireless protocol used to connect hundreds of millions of smart devices

Other Major NGA Events in 2018
Below are the dates for major NGA events in 2018.

Wednesday, June 13 – Thursday, June 14
Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council Summer Meeting
Washington, DC
Contact: Maggie Brunner (mbrunner@nga.org; 202-624-5364)

Wednesday, July 18 – Sunday, July 22
2018 NGA Summer Meeting
Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Friday, November 16 – Sunday, November 18
2018 Seminar for New Governors
Colorado Springs, CO
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