NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! Is something interesting happening in your state? Please send tips about worthy news items or other possible content to David Forscey at dforscey@nga.org.

Resource Center Announcements

Mark It Down! 3rd National Summit on State Cybersecurity

NGA is pleased to announce that the 3rd National Summit on State Cybersecurity will take place in Shreveport, Louisiana during May 14-16, 2019. Gov. John Bel Edwards is excited to host state cybersecurity leaders from across the country, and we are creating an agenda that will build on the success of Gov. McAuliffe's 2017 Summit in Leesburg, Virginia. Please stay tuned for more details and an official Save-the-Date.

December 4th Roundtable: Workforce Development

It has become a truism in cybersecurity that finding and retaining talent is one of the primary obstacles to reducing risk. On December 4th, 2018, NGA will convene state officials and subject matter experts in Washington, D.C. to review the field of best practices in cybersecurity workforce development and tailor recommendations for governors and state agencies. If you are a state official and are interested in attending, please email David Forscey at dforscey@nga.org.

Indiana Cybersecurity Strategic Plan Released

Governor Eric Holcomb's Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity (IECC) just released its first statewide strategic plan. If you wish to learn more, email David Forscey at dforscey@nga.org.

Meet NGA's New Program Director for Cybersecurity, Maggie Brunner!

Maggie enters her new role after joining NGA in 2017 as a Senior Policy Analyst for homeland security. Previously, Maggie was an associate at the Police Executive Research Forum where she worked on homeland security issues that affect state and local law enforcement. She has authored several publications on promising practices for law enforcement in the areas of cybercrime enforcement, the use of technology in criminal investigations, refugee outreach and engagement, school safety, and immigration issues. Brunner also spent several years as a consultant with

the Department of Homeland Security in its Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties.

News Items

From the states…

Another attack on critical infrastructure: A ransomware attack disrupted IT systems at the Port of San Diego. [Port leaders claim](#) the attack did not affect public safety operations or shipping access.

Connecticut understands the risk: Governor Dannel Malloy released the [Connecticut Critical Infrastructure 2018 Annual Report](#), which reviews the state's electric, natural gas, and large water companies' efforts to detect and prevent cybersecurity threats.

California issues IoT security rules: Governor Jerry Brown signed [legislation](#) requiring manufacturers of "connected devices" to implement "reasonable security features."

Speaking of IoT: A [report](#) by the Massachusetts state auditor recommended that the state should amend its Enterprise Information Security Policy to include guidelines on IoT adoption.

Next time you speak to a legislator: A March 2017 ransomware attack afflicting state senators in Pennsylvania [cost over $700,000](#). (Colorado's DOT paid $1.5 million, and Atlanta has paid over $5 million.)

Cyber liability insurance for cities: The Wall Street Journal [reports](#) (behind paywall) that most of the 25 largest U.S. cities have purchased or are exploring cybersecurity insurance.

Deep dives…

Potential recommendations from Europe: The RAND Corporation released a [proof-of-concept toolbox](#) for building cybersecurity capacity at the national level, but many of the recommendations could apply to states.

If you read one thing on election security: This [recent (long) news report](#) on voting machines is worth your time.

Comparing cybersecurity governance: NASCIO and DHS recently released their "[State Cybersecurity Governance Case Studies Cross Site Report](#)," which examines six trend areas regarding cybersecurity governance: strategy and planning; budget and acquisition; risk identification and mitigation; incident response; information sharing; and workforce and education.

Advice and opinion…

Raytheon's cyber tech guru offers a [quick and dirty guide](#) to reducing risks to public confidence in elections.

John DeSimone on the need for a [cybersecurity moonshot](#).

Other 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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