

# NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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Welcome to this year's first NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter! As you head into 2019, please contact [dforscey@nga.org](mailto:dforscey@nga.org) for hot tips and interesting state cybersecurity news bites.

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## Resource Center Announcements

### 3<sup>rd</sup> National Summit on State Cybersecurity: Registration

We are pleased to share the registration website for the **2019 NGA National Summit on State Cybersecurity**, scheduled for **May 14-16 in Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana**. [Use this link to access Summit registration.](#)

### National Summit: Call for Speakers

We have opened a Call for Speakers to allow states and territories to submit proposals for presentations at the National Summit. Based on the nature of the proposal, they may be slotted into a thematic, hour-long session or a 15-30 minute solo presentation. Proposals should include:

- (1) Title (it does not have to be the final title)
- (2) Short description (3 – 5 sentences)
- (2) Speaker names (not required)

*Deadline: February 15, 5:00pm PT. NGA Contact: [Maggie Brunner](#), 202-624-5364.*

### #NGA@RSAC: NGA Panels at RSA 2019 Scheduled

Our two panels at RSA have been scheduled:

- **Tuesday, March 5 @ 2:20 – 3:10pm:** Maggie Brunner will moderate a panel with three state cybersecurity leaders to explore the challenges and opportunities for women in security. The panelists are:
  - o **Deborah Blyth**, CISO, CO
  - o **Chetrice Mosley**, Cybersecurity Program Director, IN
  - o **Maria Thompson**, State Chief Risk Officer, NC
  
- **Friday, March 8 @ 11:10am – 12:00pm: *Laboratories of Cyber Innovation – States Leading the Way***. David Forscey will ask a

diverse group of state cyber and technology experts about their successes, failures, and creative approaches to protecting the state, citizens, businesses, & institutions. The panelists are:

- **Mike Steinmetz**, State Cybersecurity Officer & Principal Homeland Security Advisor, RI
- **Deborah Blyth**, CISO, CO
- **Shawn Riley**, CIO, ND
- **Stephanie Helm**, Director, MassCyberCenter, Mass Tech Collaborative
- **Peter Liebert**, CIO & Director, California

### **NGA Winter Meeting: Election Security**

For the first time, the annual NGA Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. will feature a session dedicated to election security, scheduled for 2:30 – 4:00 PM on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. With most of the nation’s governors coming into town, the Resource Center will be promoting an intrastate dialogue that can improve access to cybersecurity resources and coordinate statewide planning across constitutional branches. If you plan on attending the Winter Meeting, please let us know so we can ensure you have an invite to the election security roundtable.

### **Coming Soon: Policy Academy on Election Security**

Election security is a priority for the Resource Center. In the coming weeks, NGA will release a Request for Applications to all states and territories, offering the opportunity to apply to our first Policy Academy on Election Security. Like our Winter Meeting session described above, the Policy Academy will focus on in-state workshops that convene governors’ cybersecurity advisors with election officials to plan and implement policies that enhance the resiliency of our electoral system.

### **Case Study: Colorado Threat Intelligence Sharing**

Last year, Colorado announced a new partnership with Anomali to strengthen its Colorado Threat Intelligence Sharing network. Please see attached for a brief case study.

### **NGA in the News**

In a [recent article](#) on state cybersecurity centers, NGA Senior Policy Analyst Michael Garcia notes that “everybody’s realizing that there’s a need for a focal point — people who are focused on this on a daily basis and not as 25 percent of their jobs.” Michael also offers several tips for states weighing cyber centers.

In a [recent piece](#) for Stateline, David Forscey explains how winning buy-in for mandatory cybersecurity training can be difficult: “There’s often a resistance by state agencies to be told to do something by another agency, especially when they’re required to show they’ve complied with it.”

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## State Cyber News

### From the states...

Online services for the city of Akron are [almost back to normal operations](#) after a January 22 ransomware attack forced shut down bill paying, 311, and internal email.

West Virginia Chief Technology Officer Josh Spence [asked](#) state lawmakers for \$4.5 million to launch a statewide cyber risk management program, TechConnect West Virginia [released](#) the West Virginia Cybersecurity Workforce Strategic Initiative Report.

North Dakota **Governor Doug Burgum** [asked for millions of dollars](#) to centralize security management [across](#) all public entities—state and local alike.

Louisiana Governor **John Bel Edwards** [announced a partnership](#) with an Israel-based cybersecurity company to commission a new cybersecurity Innovation and Integration Lab.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission is using a [cyber escape room](#) to improve cyber hygiene.

The state-funded Florida Center for Cybersecurity [published](#) a free cybersecurity guide for small and medium-sized businesses.

Stakeholders in Oklahoma wants to turn Tulsa into a cybersecurity destination with a proposal for the [Tulsa Enterprise for Cyber Innovation, Talent and Entrepreneurship](#).

New Jersey Chief Technology Officer Christopher Rein [describe](#)d how his office partners with the state Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to find additional cybersecurity funding.

The New York Department of Financial Services cybersecurity regulation takes full effect March 1<sup>st</sup>, as the final implementation period [draws to a close](#).

### Research and best practices...

FireEye issued a [must-read report](#) on an advanced persistent threat attributed to Iran.

A security researcher [discovered](#) that the Oklahoma Securities Commission accidentally exposed a trove of FBI files, although there is no direct evidence that malicious actors accessed the data.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released new [voluntary cybersecurity guidelines](#) for the healthcare sector.

### Opinions and editorials...

Stephen Smith of Tenable [explains](#) how states can use HAVA funding to protect critical infrastructure beyond election infrastructure.

Raytheon CEO Thomas Kennedy [discussed](#) the top takeaways from the recent National Cyber Strategy.

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## NGA Events in 2019

Below are the dates for major NGA events in 2019.

February 22-25, 2019

### **2019 NGA Winter Meeting**

Washington, DC

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- Election Security Session: Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-4:00pm

May 14-16, 2019

### **National Summit on State Cybersecurity**

Shreveport, LA

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