Managing Cybersecurity Risk for Local Government

A Statewide Cyber Summit

Courtyard by Marriott, Concord, New Hampshire
April 8, 2020 • 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

If you are a leader in local government and are concerned about how cybersecurity impacts your organization today, and in the future, we hope you can attend. Join leaders in cybersecurity from Federal, State, and Local government to learn about threats, resources, and capabilities.

- Welcome: Ty Gagne, CEO, Primex3
- Keynote: “The Cyber Threat Landscape for Local Government”
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Bradford serves as the Acting Assistant Director for the Stakeholder Engagement Division, within the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He leads the strategic coordination for many of the Department’s cybersecurity partner engagement models.

In his more than 8 years with DHS, Mr. Willke has served as the Senior Advisor for stakeholder engagement – instrumental in unifying strategic and operational efforts to deliver cyber preparedness, risk mitigation and incident response activities, and in aligning cyber security resources, governance, and policy analysis to the needs of critical infrastructure and state and local government. Bradford also served as the Eastern U.S. Supervisory Cyber Security Advisor (CSA) and Chief of CSA Field Operations. Before joining DHS, Mr. Willke led field studies and research projects in cyber security for over 10 years while in the Software Engineering Institute’s CERT® Division. Three of his proudest achievements while at CERT were in creating the OCTAVE™ suite of information security risk assessments, in leading the DHS cyber investigative efforts related to the 2003 Northeast U.S. Power Outage and in drafting all of the key cyber findings in the joint DOE-DHS final “Black Out” report, and in developing the Cyber Resilience Review – a practical evaluation method based on the CERT Resilience Management Model™.

Mr. Willke served in the United States Air Force as a law enforcement specialist at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, WY. Recognition of his skills with IT networks, database design and programming, and security management led him to serve as his unit’s IT operations and cyber security manager – a position previously reserved for only senior enlisted personnel. Mr. Willke holds an M.S. in Legal Studies, specializing in Homeland Security, from California University of Pennsylvania, a professional certificate in Information Protection and Security from the University of New Haven, a B.S. in Information Systems Technologies from Southern Illinois University, and an associates degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College of the Air Force. He was awarded a Certificate of Completion for the Senior Executive Fellows program, January to February 2018, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Executive Education.
Federal Cybersecurity Resources and Capabilities:

United States Secret Service (USSS) – Timothy R. Benitez, Resident Agent in Charge, NH and VT

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – Ron Ford, Regional Cybersecurity Advisor, New England

Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) – Andrew Dolan, Director of Stakeholder Engagement

Break: 15 Minutes

Panel Discussion: “Managing Cybersecurity Incident Response” (Moderated by Primex3) –

What happens in the event of a cyber-attack of your organization? This is a discussion with cybersecurity and emergency preparedness experts intended to explain the process and challenges of dealing with different types of breaches that may be seen in your organization.

Dan Dister – Chief Information Security Officer, New Hampshire Department of Information Technology

Jenn Harper – Director, New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Lt. Colonel Woody Groton - Chief Information Officer, New Hampshire Army National Guard

Closing: Margaret Byrnes, Executive Director, New Hampshire Municipal Association