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DTI MAKES HISTORY with 5th ANNUAL CYBER SECURITY EXERCISE - CODE NAME “CYBER SIEGE”

Dover – The Department of Technology and Information (DTI), the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, DEMA, and the State Police, will host state government’s 5th annual cyber security exercise on **Thursday, October 29th**. Named, *“Cyber Siege”*, the event will gather approximately 200 individuals from federal, and state governments. In addition to state government IT managers, the FBI, and members of the education community will also participate. On completion of this day-long event; DTI will become the only state in the Nation to host five consecutive cyber security exercises.

The Cyber Siege Exercise will commence at the Delaware State Trooper Association, 6349 North DuPont Highway, Cheswold, Delaware. Live media coverage is encouraged from 8:45 AM to 9:30 AM.

The exercise will feature scenarios that will require network and system administrators to defend against real time attacks on systems and networks. An isolated computer network will be established for exercise use only and participants will be able to provide hands-on “fixes” for simulated computer situations. The use of technology and multimedia will again be integrated within the exercise as fictional video news segments have been developed and filmed to aid in setting the atmosphere of the exercise. State managers and public information officers will practice implementing emergency procedures and the release of information to the public.

In addition to the achieving the first to five consecutive cyber exercises, DTI has a history of excelling in the field of cyber security on a National level:

Delaware is one of 4 states selected to pilot the United States Cyber Challenge Program. This program seeks to find 10,000 young Americans who have the skills and aptitude to fill the ranks of cyber security practitioners, researchers, guardians, and warriors. Some will become the top guns in cyber security. The program will nurture and develop their skills, give them access to advanced education and exercises, and where appropriate, enable them to be recognized by colleges and employers where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation.

Delaware is one of 3 states selected to participate in the implementation of the Community Cyber Security Maturity Model. This program, funded by DHS through a cooperative agreement with The University of Texas at San Antonio, is part of the larger outreach/collaborative effort to reach out to local governments to establish a cohesive national program.

DTI’s website, a part of the award winning delaware.gov portal, contains a wealth of information on computer safety, links to cyber security sites and fun learning activities and games for children. Further information on the “Cyber Siege” Exercise may be obtained on the following websites:
<http://dti.delaware.gov/cyberexercise/> <http://dti.delaware.gov/information/cybersecurity.shtml>