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DELAWARE ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EXERCISE

Cyber Storm III is here, Delaware is riding out the storm

Dover – How will Delaware respond when hit by a cyber tsunami?

That's what is being tested this week, as Delaware participates in Cyber Storm III, the largest information security exercise of its kind. Participants are examining incident response plans and activities as they respond to mock attacks on computer systems. The adversary in the exercise is launching simulated coordinated cyber and physical attacks on critical infrastructures within selected sectors to meet political and economic goals.

Cyber Storm III is sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. Delaware's participation includes the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Delaware State Police, the Delaware Information and Analysis Center, the Department of Technology and Information, as well as collaboration with the City of Wilmington and the City of Dover. Delaware was one of three states to be offered an exclusive opportunity to provide education and table-top exercises over the past 18 months to Dover and Wilmington to better connect efforts of recognizing and communicating cyber incidences amongst all entities involved.

Governor Jack Markell applauded Delaware's participation, noting that, "Exercises like Cyber Storm III help to ensure that Delaware is prepared for an effective response to attacks against our critical systems and networks." According to State Chief Information Officer Jim Sills, "We're concerned that the threats are real and growing. Participating in this exercise demonstrates Delaware's firm commitment to cyber preparedness."

"Cyber-security threats grow and change just like the technologies we engage with everyday," said Governor Jack Markell. "In this technology-dependent world where we live and work, it's more important than ever that we protect the information we have and learn how to best respond when something unexpected threatens it."

This exercise is one of many events that the State of Delaware is participating in during Cyber Security Awareness Month, which was kicked off last week with Cyber Brief: Cyber Terrorism Defense Training.

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