



NEWS RELEASE

Department of Technology and Information

Contact: Elayne Starkey
302-739-9631



DELAWARE ANNOUNCES CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH Statewide Computer Safety Campaign throughout month of October

Dover – The Department of Technology and Information (DTI) announces that October 2009 is Cyber Security Awareness month. Cyber Security Awareness Month is a national effort to educate internet users of all ages on safe computing and internet practices.

Delaware formally kicked off the campaign with the 2nd Annual Cyber Brief – Terrorism Education event last week at Delaware Technical and Community College. Approximately 200 people from state, county, local government, schools, higher education, military, healthcare, and the private sector heard expert guidance on how to protect critical infrastructure from cyber attacks.

A special section of DTI's website, www.dti.delaware.gov/cybersecurity will feature information on computer safety, links to cyber security sites and fun learning activities and games for children. The State of Delaware's website, www.delaware.gov will also feature a direct link to the DTI cyber site.

Additionally, DTI is partnering with the Delaware Center for Educational Technology to bring a live multi-media Internet safety presentation to at least 3000 4th grade students in public, charter, private, and parochial schools in Delaware.

"Cyber security requires vigilance 365 days per year." says State Chief Information Officer Jim Sills, III. We strive to shine a brighter light in October on what home users, schools, businesses and governments can do to protect their computers, children, and data." CIO Sills will also appear on statewide COMCAST cable news programs .

Rounding out the month's activities will be a cyber security exercise centering around the technical implications of cyber attacks. Various state and federal agencies and organizations will work together to test preparedness levels.

For more information on specific events and activities, contact the Delaware Department of Technology and Information at 739-9631 or log onto www.dti.delaware.gov

-end-