

OHIO PERSISTENT CYBER IMPROVEMENT

A program of the Ohio Cyber Range Institute

Gateway One Courses

All cybersecurity courses are designed to be interactive and engaging by using real-world scenarios and active learning techniques. Courses combine lectures, discussion questions, with hands-on activities to enhance learning outcomes. Participants acquire useful resources and tips for further learning and skill improvement through persistent cyber mindfulness.

Cyber Mindfulness – 3 hours

Course designed for all employees

A foundational guide to basic cybersecurity practices that engage all employees throughout the organization. The course offers an overview of cyber mindfulness and how to practice it in daily digital activities such as email, web browsing and social media. Learn to recognize and avoid cyber threats such as phishing, malware, and ransomware.

Learning Outcome

Apply cyber mindfulness techniques to online behavior and habits to identify vulnerabilities and prevent common cyber attacks

Course offers guide to security breach response

Cybersecurity 101 - 3 hours

Course designed for IT staff

An introduction to the principles and concepts applied to cybersecurity. Gain a deeper technical understanding of the cybersecurity threats and challenges facing local government organizations. This course will explore the fundamental security services, mechanisms, and principles used to establish standards and best practices for cyber persistence.

Learning Outcome

Understand key cybersecurity concepts and principles to apply a persistent cyber strategy in the organization

Course offers communication methods for greater alliance

Cybersecurity Frameworks Introduction – 2 hours

Course designed for IT staff, management, executive

An introduction to core concepts and applied practices of Cybersecurity Frameworks (CSFs), a set of voluntary guidelines and standards for improving cybersecurity and managing cyber risks, tailored to the specific needs and challenges of local governments. This course includes an optional module tailored to understanding and applying the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity frameworks.

Learning Outcome

Understand the benefits of implementing Cybersecurity Frameworks to implement a persistent cyber defense and mindful workforce

Course offers methods to improve cybersecurity





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Risk Management – 2 - 5 hours (varies by role)

Course designed for IT leadership, management, executive

Learn essential skills and strategies for protecting data and managing cyber risks. Using various tools and methods, learn to identify, assess, and prioritize cyber risks and vulnerabilities of local government operations and services. Apply the knowledge gained to identify and protect critical systems and processes that support the delivery of essential local government services and functions.

Vulnerability Management – 5 hours

Course designed for IT staff

IT specialists will take a deeper technical dive into types of vulnerabilities and attack vectors that threat actors can exploit to compromise systems and data. This course provides techniques and tools for conducting automated and manual scans to identify and assess cyber vulnerabilities.

Learning Outcome

Perform risk assessments to measure cyber risk levels; use risk matrices and heat maps to visualize and communicate risk levels

Course offers creation of risk management plan

Learning Outcome

Develop and maintain a network system vulnerability management plan

Course offers creation of a network vulnerability plan

Organizational & Third-Party Security – 2 - 5 hours (varies by role)

Course designed for IT leadership, management, executive

Equips local government officials and managers with the knowledge and skills needed to protect their organization's information and infrastructure from cyber threats. Protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of personal, private, and sensitive information (PPSI) collected, stored, processed, and shared by the organization.

Network Control Systems – 5 hours

Course designed for IT staff

A deeper dive into the concepts and techniques of network systems controls and security design. Technical implementation of various network security mechanisms will be explored. Learn to analyze and prioritize security controls to design a security architecture that aligns with the critical business systems, policies, and best practices.

Learning Outcome

Assess and manage the cybersecurity risks posed by third parties

Course offers development of a cybersecurity policy

Learning Outcome

Design and plan the network systems architecture and topology, security controls and solutions

Course offers details of how to map and analyze data flow

