

2023 Massachusetts Municipal Cybersecurity Summit

OVERVIEW

The third annual Massachusetts Municipal Cybersecurity Summit is a free, in-person event for the Commonwealth's 351 municipalities, hosted by the MassCyberCenter at historic [Mechanics Hall](#) in Worcester, MA.

The event will center on the theme of "**Be a Cybersecurity Hero**" to highlight the importance of building a culture of cybersecurity in the workplace and across communities.

AGENDA

Thursday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Registration and Morning Refreshments

Washburn Lobby – 2nd Floor

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Keynotes – Create a culture of cybersecurity across your community – Be a Cybersecurity Hero!

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

Welcome by John Petrozzelli, Director, MassCyberCenter

Secretary Jason Snyder, Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Senator Michael O. Moore, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity

Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity

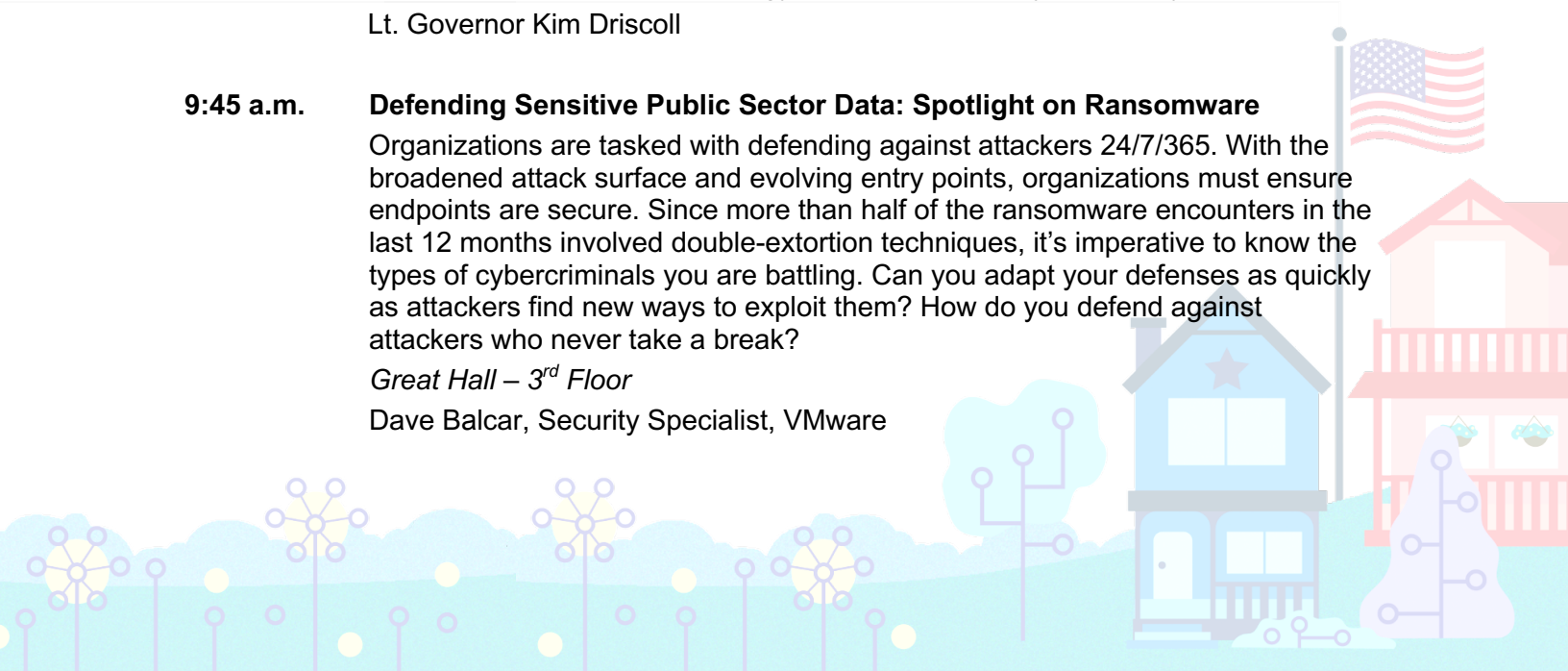
Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll

9:45 a.m. Defending Sensitive Public Sector Data: Spotlight on Ransomware

Organizations are tasked with defending against attackers 24/7/365. With the broadened attack surface and evolving entry points, organizations must ensure endpoints are secure. Since more than half of the ransomware encounters in the last 12 months involved double-extortion techniques, it's imperative to know the types of cybercriminals you are battling. Can you adapt your defenses as quickly as attackers find new ways to exploit them? How do you defend against attackers who never take a break?

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

Dave Balcar, Security Specialist, VMware



10:30 a.m. Break

Visit our Partner Tables in Boyden Salon and Dickens Room, both on the 3rd Floor near the Great Hall – Talk with partners about programs to help mitigate threats and bolster programs for improved cyber resiliency.

10:45 a.m. Cyber Threats to Massachusetts Municipalities

Representatives from CISA, the Commonwealth Fusion Center, and MS-ISAC will participate on the panel and share their insights into the latest cyber threats facing the nation and Massachusetts, and the potential impact of those threats on Commonwealth municipalities.

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

Randy Rose, Senior Director, Security Operations & Intelligence, Center for Internet Security (CIS) | Multi State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) – Moderator

Joseph Flores, Cybersecurity Advisor, DHS CISA Region 1

Brian Gavioli, Commonwealth Fusion Center, MA State Police

Tim Laham, Boston Police Department & U.S. Secret Service

11:35 a.m. Securing the Technology Environment & Best Practices

Massachusetts cybersecurity is evolving to better meet the needs of municipalities and help them protect their communities. Learn about the latest Commonwealth initiatives and collaboration to help secure municipal environments and develop the municipal cybersecurity workforce.

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

John Petrozzelli, Director, MassCyberCenter – Moderator

Colby Cousens, Director of IT, Town of Danvers

Scott Range, Law Enforcement Advisor, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Pete Sherlock, CEO, CyberTrust Massachusetts

Secretary Jason Snyder, Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

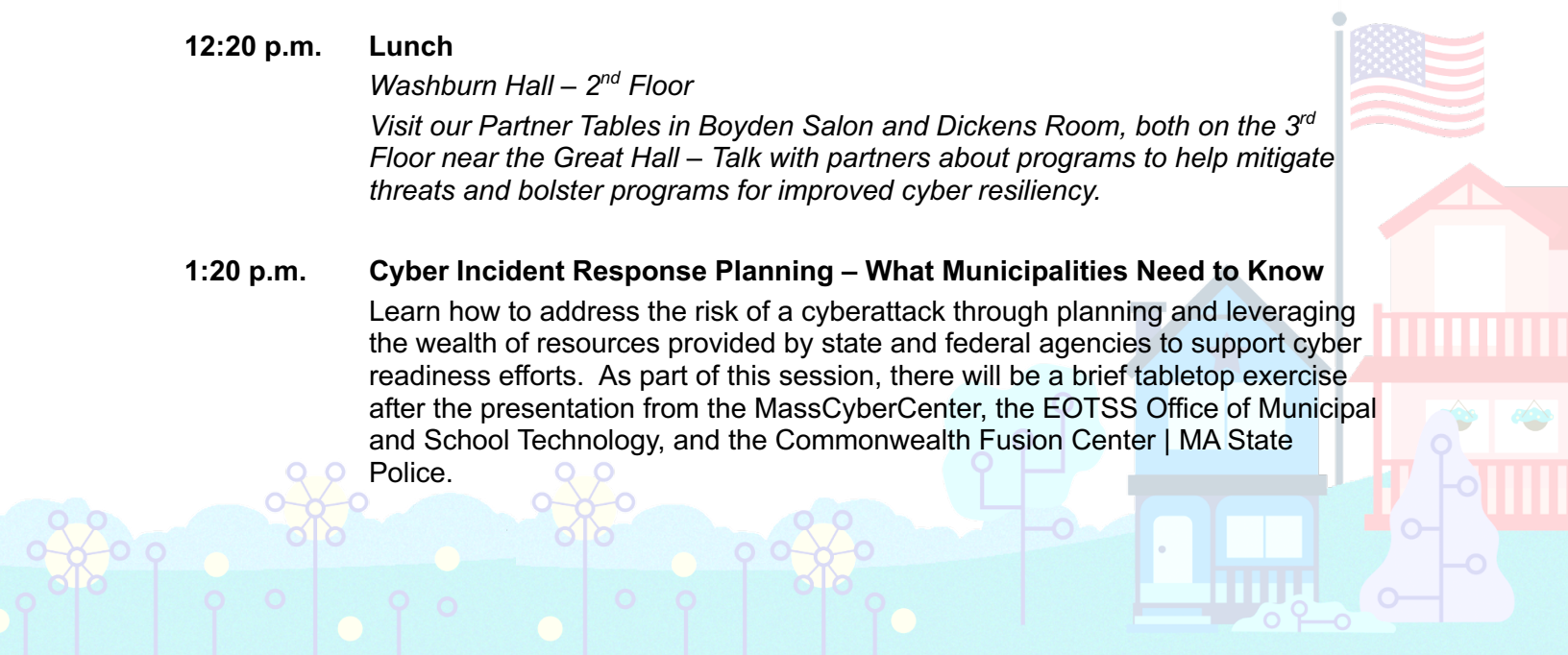
12:20 p.m. Lunch

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1:20 p.m. Cyber Incident Response Planning – What Municipalities Need to Know

Learn how to address the risk of a cyberattack through planning and leveraging the wealth of resources provided by state and federal agencies to support cyber readiness efforts. As part of this session, there will be a brief tabletop exercise after the presentation from the MassCyberCenter, the EOTSS Office of Municipal and School Technology, and the Commonwealth Fusion Center | MA State Police.



Great Hall – 3rd Floor

Meg Speranza, Resiliency Program Manager, MassCyberCenter - Moderator
Sgt. Ed Keefe, Commonwealth Fusion Center, MA State Police
Susan Noyes, Director, EOTSS Office of Municipal and School Technology

2:05 p.m. Break

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2:20 p.m. Training & Workforce Development: Tools for Municipalities

Hear about the latest state programs for increasing cybersecurity awareness of municipal workers and helping attract, upskill, and retain cyber-trained employees. Find out how municipalities can utilize cybersecurity awareness training grants and Cyber Range programs.

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

Max Fathy, Ecosystem Program Manager, MassCyberCenter – Moderator
Mike Hamel, CIO, City of Worcester
Meghan Martinez, Cyber Range Director, CyberTrust Massachusetts
Suzanne Zarges, Municipal & School Technology Specialist, EOTSS Office of Municipal and School Technology

3:05 p.m. Wrap-up & Thank you

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

3:15 p.m. Networking & Dessert

Washburn Hall – 2nd Floor

Great Hall – 3rd Floor

4:00 p.m. End of Summit

Please note that Summit times, agenda, and speakers are subject to change.

