



Be a Cybersecurity Hero

Technology plays a vital role in the lives of citizens across Massachusetts. With cyber incidents increasing, read below to find out how you can protect your information from cybersecurity threats.

- **ENABLE** multi-factor authentication and use strong passwords and a password manager.
- **UPDATE** operating systems and applications on your device regularly.
- **BEWARE** of phishing attempts and use the SLAM acronym (Sender, Links, Attachment, Message) to identify a phishing attempt. Avoid clicking on suspicious links and be on alert for online scams.
- **NEVER** plug an unknown USB or external drive in to your home or work devices and avoid connecting your device to any computer or charging station that you do not control.
- **BACKUP** your data to ensure access to your information given a cyber attack or ransomware attempt.
- **USE** a secure network. Public wireless networks are not secure, and data can be seen and stolen. Utilize a Virtual Private Network (VPN), which creates an encrypted tunnel between your device and internet locations.

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OVERVIEW

The seventh annual Massachusetts Cybersecurity Forum is an event that brings together cybersecurity leaders from across the Commonwealth to promote the competitiveness of the state's cybersecurity ecosystem, facilitate public and private partnerships, and highlight Massachusetts as a national leader for cybersecurity. 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

Friday, October 27

10:00 a.m. Registration and Morning Refreshments

11:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Keynotes

Welcome by John Petrozzelli, Director, MassCyberCenter

Matthew Giacobbi, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Cyber & Counterintelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation

11:30 a.m. CyberTrust Massachusetts Cyber Range Competition Award Ceremony

11:50 a.m. Session A: Cyber Civil Defense in Massachusetts: Innovative Collaborations for Cyber Defense

This panel will highlight innovative collaborations taking place across the Massachusetts cybersecurity ecosystem to defend resource-constrained organizations vulnerable against cybersecurity threats. Collaborations providing cyber defense for water systems, municipalities, and higher education institutions, as well as the concept of a cyber volunteer corps, will be discussed.

Gus Serino, Technical Advisor, Massachusetts Regional Water Cybersecurity Collaborative

Pete Sherlock, CEO, CyberTrust Massachusetts

James Mackey, Selectman, Town of Tewksbury, MA

Mike Lyons, Vice Chair, Higher Education Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee

Max Fathy, Ecosystem Program Manager, MassCyberCenter – Moderator

12:40 p.m. Lunch

1:25 p.m. Session B: Securing AI and Quantum in Massachusetts

Emerging and new technologies create opportunities and challenges for organizations. This panel will discuss the cybersecurity implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Quantum Computing and identify steps that should be taken to mitigate security threats these technologies pose. In addition, the panel will focus on Massachusetts organizations working to address cybersecurity vulnerabilities related to Quantum and AI technologies and/or using these technologies to improve cybersecurity.

Allan Liska, Threat Research Analyst, Recorded Future

Troy Lau, Head of AI, Division Leader, Digital Technologies and Sciences, Draper

Stephen Moskal Ph.D., MIT Researcher

Nate Gemelke, Co-Founder-CTO, QuEra Computing Inc.

Meg Speranza, Resiliency Manager, MassCyberCenter – Moderator

2:25 p.m. Wrap-up & Thank You

John Petrozzelli, Director, MassCyberCenter

2:30 p.m. Networking & Dessert

3:00 p.m. End of Forum

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

