

During public comment on December 10, 2024, Dr. Sam Schwartz provided a very helpful update on the many risks, measures and opportunities organizations should consider regarding the operations of the Technology Services. Lane County greatly appreciates Dr. Schwartz sharing his time and voice to this very important topic.

Lane County would like to lend our voice to Dr. Schwartz's message in providing awareness to our local agencies, partners, non-profits and others who would like to learn more about services that are available.

At the federal level, many agencies work together to tackle the ever-growing problem of cybercrime. These agencies include:

- **The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** - Law enforcement agencies including the FBI work to identify and bring cyber criminals to justice. Their work not only helps address the problem directly but also provides intelligence to prevention agencies used to defend organizations. <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/cyber>
- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)** – This agency works to both provide prevention tools and services to agencies, it also actively researches the Dark Web for active threats and performs outreach to at-risk organizations. <https://www.cisa.gov/>
- **Multi State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)** – This organization is a voluntary and collaborative effort designated by DHS as the key resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response and recovery for state, local, territorial and tribal (SLTT) governments. This organization provides active traffic monitoring and alerting plus much more. <https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>
- **Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC)** – This non-profit organization was started in 2008 to provide technology solutions and equipment at no or very low cost to any government or non-profit. In particular ITDRC responds to national disasters of all types, providing IT infrastructure supporting fire defense operations, hurricane recovery and IT disasters as well. www.itdrc.org

Within Oregon, the State of Oregon provides many services supporting prevention and recovery, including:

- **Oregon Cyber Security Services** – This group provides oversight and monitoring of all state network, enterprise incident response and security architecture as well as dissemination of security training, policy and best practices across the state government. They also partner closely with local governments and service districts to connect them with services, templates and guidance. <https://www.oregon.gov/eis/cyber-security-services/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Cybersecurity Center of Excellence** – HB 2049 established the Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (OCCOE). This forms a collaboration between Portland State, Oregon State and the University of Oregon to fortify the state's digital defense against cyber threats while training our future workforce. <https://occoe.uoregon.edu/>
- **Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)** – The Oregon Department of Emergency Management is dedicated to helping all agencies in Oregon prepare for disaster. <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/pages/default.aspx>

Locally, Lane County is committed to investments in a trained and critically thinking workforce that looks for and reports any suspicious activities. We leverage many tools to help prepare our organizations and our many partners:

- User training, regular phish testing and positive reinforcement for reporting suspicious emails are just the beginning for creating a workforce engaged in protecting our assets and data.
- Mutual aid in disaster recovery – Lane County provided support for Curry County in May 2023 with recovery from a Royal Ransomware attack. This provided excellent training and a voice in the quickly evolving landscape of Federal, State and Local government interaction to recover from cyber disaster.
- Lane County provided a regional cyber tabletop exercise in 2023 to help take ourselves and our partners through a real-life potential disaster for learning and preparedness.

Thank you for raising this important topic and providing a stage to share more information.

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