



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
CYBERSECURITY WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

REMOTE MEETING

April 15, 2025, 1:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Member Newsletter Updates

- **Cyber Corner**

Members and staff discussed creating a “Cyber Corner” area in the MORPC Monthly newsletter to provide Members with tips and information on cybersecurity. This section will include concise, actionable advice to help Commission Members stay informed and improve their cybersecurity posture.

Also discussed was the creation of a First Aid Kit that will be shared with MORPC Members, which will be included in the May newsletter. This kit aims to provide essential information and resources to help Members improve their cybersecurity practices.

Members and staff discussed the challenges of getting people to read emails and suggested other modes of communication, such as Discord and Slack channels. They also considered creating a new distribution list for IT and cyber professionals to ensure that relevant information reaches the right people. Members decided to create a new communication stream specifically for IT and cyber professionals, ensuring that detailed and technical information reaches the appropriate audience within Member organizations. They also considered adding a link to a toolkit for more detailed information. This toolkit will provide Members with in-depth resources and guidance to enhance their cybersecurity practices.

- **Identifying IT Contacts**

Members and staff discussed ways to identify IT contacts within MORPC Member organizations. They suggested using attendee information from previous events, the MORPC CRM, and existing distribution lists. They also considered having an intern contact organizations to gather contact information. This proactive approach aims to ensure that the contact list is accurate and up-to-date.

3. Working Group Discussion Item

- **How to Reach Members to Gauge Their Cyber-Maturity Level**

The Group discussed the importance of collecting information on MORPC Members' cybersecurity maturity levels. They considered asking general questions about Members' comfort levels with cybersecurity and the services they need. They also emphasized the need to keep sensitive information secure, and discussed various methods to ensure that the data is protected and not vulnerable to misuse. Members and staff considered

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implementing a survey to gather insights into members' cybersecurity maturity levels. This survey will help identify areas where members need additional support and resources.

Member Bell suggested creating a landing page on the MORPC website for cyber resources. This page would serve as a one-stop shop for Members to find information on various cybersecurity topics and resources. The landing page will aggregate resources from various sources, including CISA, NIST, and Cyber Ohio. This initiative aims to enhance members' cybersecurity practices by providing them with the necessary information and support. The Group agreed that this would be a valuable addition.

4. Member / Sector Updates

5. Other Business

- Grant Opportunities
Senetra Winston asked about grant opportunities for the City of Columbus, Department of Technology. Member Bell mentioned that there are pending grants from CISA for local governments, but the funds are currently on hold. He advised keeping an eye on the Cyber Ohio website for updates. He added that these grants are specifically for government migration and collective defense projects. The grant application process involves multiple rounds of funding, with years one and two already applied for and granted in theory. The third round of funding is pending approval.

6. Next Steps

Staff will:

- Send the deadline date for each month's Cyber Corner content to Member Bell to help him manage his schedule.
- Create a new distribution list for the cybersecurity newsletter.
- Develop a landing page on the MORPC website for cyber resources, including links to relevant organizations and tools.
- Identify and compile a list of IT and cyber professionals from the attendee list for local leaders, MORPC's CRM, and E-source.
- Reach out to SeNetra with the information on the City of Columbus' MORPC contact once identified.

Member Bell will:

- Check with staff at OPCI for a list of local governments within MORPC's member counties that have engaged with the first aid kit and Gateway One.
- Provide SeNetra with information on available cybersecurity grants and funding opportunities as they become available.

7. Adjourn

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next Cybersecurity Working Group Meeting
May 27, 2025, at 1:00 pm
This Meeting will be held remotely; details to follow.**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

Cybersecurity Working Group Meeting

April 15, 2025

Members Present

Julia Armstrong, OSU
Mark Bell, Ohio National Guard
Gene Oliver, City of Worthington

Staff Present

Dave Dixon
Matika Garrison
Lynn Kaufman

Public Present

Senetra Winston, City of Columbus

