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## State of Wisconsin Hosts 2nd Annual Cyber Security Summit

Wisconsin's economy is built upon the efficiencies leveraged by a modern cyber foundation. Every day there are new reports of cyber-attacks on businesses, government agencies and individuals.  As the demand for information and technology grows, so does the vulnerabilities to our financial institutions, public infrastructure and private businesses.   As part of October's Cyber Awareness Month, Wisconsin will host the 2nd Annual Cyber Security Summit on October 8 at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Cyber security is a concern for Governor Scott Walker who recently expanded the role of Wisconsin's Homeland Security Advisor, Major General Don Dunbar to include senior state official for cyber security issues.  "State agencies receive more than 6 million incoming e-mails a day and almost 95% of those are filtered and blocked because they are malicious" said Gov. Walker.  "Wisconsin has taken many steps to improve our cyber security but there is much more work to be done."

The summit will once again bring together national and international cyber security experts to discuss how the threat of cyber attacks can be reduced by implementing cyber hygiene practices by government agencies and businesses. Members from the National Campaign for Cyber Hygiene will be speaking at the summit and promoting the following cyber hygiene tips:

- **Count:** Know what's connect to and running on your network.
- **Configure:** Implement key security settings to help protect your system.
- **Control:** Limit and manage those who have admin privileges to change, bypass or override your security settings.
- **Patch:** Regularly update all apps, software and operating systems.
- **Repeat:** Regularize the top priorities to form a solid foundation of cyber security for your organization.

The cyber hygiene campaign is similar to many emergency management planning and preparedness efforts that focus on disasters such as floods and tornadoes.  Wisconsin has

been a leader of incorporating cyber security into emergency planning as well as being a part of the Wisconsin Homeland Security Council.

 "The impact of a modern emergency will have physical effects, cyber effects, or both.  A cyber attack could be just as deadly and costly as a severe storm or major tornado.  Cyber criminals could severely degrade basic services that we rely on such as power, water and communication systems," said Maj. Gen. Dunbar.  "That's why Governor Walker ordered the expansion of the State of Wisconsin Emergency Response Plan to include an annex focusing on the state's response to cyber attacks and has authorized the adoption of the cyber hygiene campaign."

Wisconsin's 2nd Annual Cyber Summit will be held October 8 at the Marquette University Ball Room, 1442 West Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. For more information on the summit please visit: http://hsc.wi.gov/2014-wisconsin-cyber-security-summit/  or to register please visit: http://wisconsincybersecuritysummit2014.eventbrite.com?s=27113813