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Ohio National Guard among first to receive Cyber Protection Team

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard has been selected by the National Guard Bureau to receive the first of three Army National Guard Cyber Protection Teams this fall. The 39-member team will consist of Soldiers from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

The Cyber Protection Teams (CPTs) will support the nation's cyber defense capabilities.

"We are proud to be selected to field the first National Guard Cyber Protection Team," said Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman, interim Ohio adjutant general. "This announcement is a direct result of our readiness, our sustained partnerships and our proven ability to be on the forefront of new and emerging missions."

Ohio's CPT will be staffed by National Guard Citizen-Soldiers, who will train and operate on a traditional, part-time basis. When mobilized for federal active duty, a CPT will provide increased support to U.S. Army Cyber Command.

National Guard Bureau will establish four more CPTs in federal Fiscal Year 2017, and the remaining three of 10 in FY18. Once established, Citizen-Soldiers in each of the 10 CPTs will undergo specialized, challenging cyber training over several months.

The Ohio National Guard is uniquely postured to support the CPT mission, having a large number of Soldiers who work within the information technology and academic sectors, and who may offer expertise and competencies in cutting-edge cyber defense policies, tactics and techniques.

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