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Ohio National Guard members to help deter cyber threat in Akron

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Eight Soldiers and Airmen from the Ohio National Guard Cyber Team have been activated today to assist the City of Akron against a security threat to their computer networks.

The Soldiers and Airmen are part of the cyber team's defense and cyber operations element, which provides defensive cyber operations and forensic support and analysis. On average, the cyber team annually supports 18 vulnerability and risk assessments for state and local agencies.

Gov. Mike DeWine authorized state active duty for the Soldiers and Airmen to support Akron pursuant to Section 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, which allows the governor to direct military assistance for the protection, safety and welfare of Ohio citizens.

The Ohio National Guard is uniquely postured to deter cyber threats. As Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen, they use their military training not only to support real-world missions but also bring expertise in cutting-edge cyber defense capabilities from their civilian jobs.

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