



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Media Advisory

Ohio Cyber Range site tour and cybersecurity demonstration to be conducted at University of Akron

WHAT:

Media is invited to join Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general; Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose; Kelly Herold, assistant dean of the University of Akron's College of Applied Science and Technology; and other university and community leaders for a cybersecurity presentation by students and a tour of the Ohio Cyber Range site at the University of Akron.

Maj. Gen. Harris will be available for interviews about the Ohio Cyber Range and other cybersecurity efforts, including the Ohio Cyber Reserve, after the tour.

WHEN:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

WHERE:

University of Akron, Polsky Hall, Room 313, 225 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio 44308

BACKGROUND:

The Ohio Cyber Range is a virtual training ground accessible for competitions, training and as a testing environment for schools, governments and businesses.

The Ohio Adjutant General's Department, the University of Akron and the Ohio Department of Higher Education announced in January a \$1.18 million agreement to double the current capacity of the Ohio Cyber

Range by adding servers, storage and programming at the Akron site. It joins the range network that includes a demonstration site that opened in May 2018 at the University of Cincinnati. The Akron site is scheduled to be available for the fall academic quarter.

The Ohio Cyber Range is an initiative developed by the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee (OC3), a collaborative effort led by the Adjutant General's Department of more than 200 people who represent public, private, military and educational organizations.

The Ohio Cyber Reserve is another initiative to come from OC3 efforts. Legislation supported by Secretary of State LaRose and currently being considered by the Ohio General Assembly would create a volunteer civilian force of cyber warriors nested under the Adjutant General's Department. When fully trained and certified, the cyber reserve teams would be available for the governor to deploy to assist local government entities such as villages and townships that may not have the resources to defend against cyber threats.

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