



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## Ohio Cyber Range site opens at University of Akron

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Adjutant General's Department joined the University of Akron today for a dedication ceremony to open the Ohio Cyber Range site at the university.

The Ohio Cyber Range at the University of Akron (UA) is a virtual training ground and testing site aimed at enhancing cybersecurity in Ohio. It joins a network that includes a site at the University of Cincinnati that opened in May 2018.

"The expansion of the Ohio Cyber Range to the site at the University of Akron opens the door to new opportunities to train the workforce in such a critical industry," Gov. Mike DeWine said. "I am happy to see how this public and private partnership is creating innovative pathways to strengthen Ohio's cybersecurity."

The Adjutant General's Department, UA, and the Ohio Department of Higher Education announced in January a \$1.18 million agreement to double the capacity of the Ohio Cyber Range by adding servers, storage, and programming at the Akron site.

The range will be used by the Ohio National Guard, schools, governments, and businesses to train the cybersecurity workforce, conduct research, test emerging technologies, and host cybersecurity exercises and competitions.

"We are happy to have the University of Akron as a partner," said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general. "The Ohio Cyber Range, along with recent legislation to create the Ohio Cyber Reserve, will enhance the state's capabilities to secure critical information technology infrastructure."

Gov. DeWine signed Senate Bill 52 on Oct. 25, 2019, to create a volunteer Ohio Cyber Reserve (OhCR) made up of trained civilians. The OhCR will be a part of the state defense force under the command of the adjutant general, and will be an available resource for the governor to utilize when assisting eligible municipalities with cybersecurity vulnerabilities and providing recommendations to reduce cyber threats. The first teams are expected to be created by the end of January 2020.

The Ohio Cyber Range and Ohio Cyber Reserve are initiatives 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.

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