ICN Iowa Communications Network News

icn.iowa.gov

October 2019

News & Updates

Own IT, Secure IT, Protect IT

October is once again National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. This is the 16th year of this important program to spread cybersecurity awareness across the United States.

Visit Own IT, Secure IT, Protect IT Blog

Cybersecurity Roadshow Recap

Our 2019 Cybersecurity Roadshow tour is coming to a close. We want to thank everyone that attended and interacted with the discussions, networking, and collaboration of resources.

Cybersecurity Roadshow Takeaways:

- Develop a security program.
- Ask cloud vendors questions.
- Hold vendors to the same security standards you hold yourself.
- Key questions when purchasing security tools and equipment.
- Secure the security tools.

View the takeaways from the 2019 roadshows.

CEDAR FALLS | POCAHONTAS | OTTUMWA | DES MOINES | COUNCIL BLUFFS

Cybersecurity Awareness Resources

It's never too late to begin to learn about cybersecurity. Here is our list of resources to help our users become more cyber aware.

Stop. Think. Connect. - The global online safety awareness campaign to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online.

OnGuardOnline.gov – The Federal Trade Commission provides practical tips and resources help guard against Internet fraud, secure your computer, and protect your personal information.

View Complete List

Kids Safe Online Poster Contest

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and State of Iowa OCIO - Information Security Division are conducting a Poster Contest to encourage young people to use the Internet safely and securely.

Submissions are due by November 30, 2019. Limit 1 entry per student.

Read Poster Contest Rules

Broadband Matters News

Iowa needs to remain focused on agriculture innovation

Fact or Fallacy: Stay Up to Date on the Best Practices for Password Security

Governor Reynolds announces study results, demand for educational technology in Iowa

Rural internet is key to Iowa's development, but broadband's real reach is murky

As 911 goes digital, security and training pose major challenges

USDA Invests $152 Million to Improve Broadband Service in 14 States

How Libraries Are Bridging the Digital Divide

Study how telemedicine can make older adults healthier

Ransomware attacks against schools are surging, researchers find

FCC Invests $950 Million to Improve Broadband in Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands

How Louisiana Responded to Its Recent Ransomware Attacks

The city with the best fiber-optic network in America might surprise you

Virtual doctors can save lives in rural America

Subscribe to News

Receive ICN information in your inbox.

Read the latest ICN News.

National Report Highlights Iowa's Progress in Closing the K-12 Digital Divide

Governor Reynolds announced that Iowa's classrooms are more connected today than ever before. 100 percent of K-12 students in Iowa now have access to high-speed broadband on par with the Federal Communications Commission's minimum goal of 100 kbps per student, opening the door to expanded opportunities for teaching and learning in Iowa's classrooms.

Read National Report Highlights

Connect with the Iowa Communications Network at:
ICN: icn.iowa.gov | twitter.com/IowaCommNetwork | facebook.com/IowaCommunicationsNetwork
Broadband Matters: broadbandmatters.com | twitter.com/BroadbandIowa | facebook.com/BroadbandMattersIowa