ICN Iowa Communications Network

icn.iowa.gov

News & Updates

Battle Against Hackers

March 4, 2022 Interview with Ryan Mulhall (ICN's Chief Information Officer) and Dan Winters (WHO 13).

Our CIO Ryan Mulhall recently spoke with Dan Winters from WHO 13 on the topic of cybersecurity and highlighted the ICN and the statewide Network.

Mulhall explained as an Internet service provider, ICN has visibility on millions of network events that would be considered malicious traffic on our customers' Networks and our State Network. Those attempts could include probing and scanning the Network to see if there are ways to break in, or actual attempts to get somewhere they shouldn't, every day.

Read a Summary of the Interview

Three New Grants Awarded to Enhance Security

We want to thank the Iowa HSEMD for continuing to support and investing in our statewide infrastructure. In January 2022, ICN was awarded three HSEMD grants. The grants will be used for the following:

- Expanding our security camera system to 3 additional core Network locations.
- Adding a security tool for monitoring.
- Increasing the capacity of our fiber network to deliver more services.

Read about ICN's Security Enhancements

SYBAC Completes Cybersecurity Training

Congratulations to our Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC) students that have completed their online cybersecurity training from Fortinet.

Broadband News

The Last Mile: Toolkit enables libraries to advocate for their broadband connections

CISA Publishes List of Free Cybersecurity Tools to Advance Security Capabilities

3 cybersecurity companies to offer free protection to US hospitals & utilities amid concerns of hacking attacks

Iowa Districts Get STEM Grants for Cyber, Industrial Tech

Governors Tighten IT Cybersecurity Amid Ukraine Attacks

White House Moves to Identify 'Disadvantaged' Communities in Line for Federal Funding Boost

Nation's 1st telehealth chair on changing culture

Counselors for Computing broadens student exposure to STEM

A Refresher on Multifactor Authentication and Best

Throughout the school year, the students worked through the Network Security Expert (NSE) 1 certificate. We think it is great that our SYBAC students are making cybersecurity a priority!

- Luke B, Clarinda High School
- Tyler E, Valley High School, West Des Moines
- Vincent H, Cedar Falls High School
- Anton H, Cedar Falls High School
- Trey V, Prairie City-Monroe (PCM)
- Nate R, Prairie City-Monroe (PCM)
- Elijah M, English Valleys CSD

Read About Fortinet Cybersecurity Training

Governor Appoints Holz to Commission

On March 4, Commissioner Bob Holz was included in Governor Kim Reynolds list of appointments to Iowa's boards and commissions. Commissioner Holz is up for reappointment for another six-year term on the ITTC, which oversees the ICN. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate.

Highlights from Social Media

ICN Industry of the Month: Healthcare

How to Find the Right Cloud Solution for Small Healthcare Organizations

Check out the Power of Partnership section, ICN's CTO highlights "We want to give everyone the ability to connect to the cloud…"

ICN Service of the Month: Ethernet

Practices

Report Outlines Broadband Fixes for State, Local Governments

Board of Regents Approves new Center for Wireless, Communities and Innovation at Iowa State University

How Governments Can Prepare for Permanent Remote Work

Next Leaders Fellowship to Diversify IT in Higher Education

FirstNet Exceeds 3M First Responder Connections

The FirstNet Authority at 10: Delivering on our promise to public safety

Don't fear the cyber boogeyman. But take these 5 steps to get your cybersecurity house in order

FCC Announces Over $640 Million for Rural Broadband in 26 States

---

Subscribe to News

Receive ICN information in your inbox.

Read the latest ICN News.