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**West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium Hosts
Michigan Cyber Range Workshop**

GRAND RAPIDS – Every week, there seems to be something in the news about cyber-attacks or information systems breaches. Knowing how to detect and stop attacks on critical information systems can keep data safe from hackers and fraudulent activity. The State of Michigan, Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) and Merit Network, Inc., have enlisted some of the top tech experts in that state to protect this data. Members of the newly launched Michigan Cyber Civilian Corps (MiC3) and the West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium (WMCSC) will participate in a cyber-security incident response exercise using the Michigan Cyber Range at Davenport University in Kent County on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

MiC3 was formed earlier this year, and could be activated by the Governor during a state of emergency to act as first responders to cyber-attacks, similar to the National Guard during a disaster. The exercise pits WMCSC members (Red Team) as hackers against DTMB and MiC3 (Blue Team) who will respond to the incident. The Blue Team must secure and defend realistic cyber-attacks on email servers, web servers and file systems from the Red Team.

“The WMCSG engaged in a similar exercise last year and found it challenging and informative. The Michigan Cyber Range exercise is the highlight of our Quarterly meetings” said Barbara Hiemstra, Kent County Information Security Director. “It is the only opportunity our consortium has to work as a team and hone cyber skills. Adding the Michigan Civilian Cyber Corps this year steps up the game for us.”

The event will be held:
July 23, 2013 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Davenport University W.A. Lettinga Main Campus
6191 Kraft Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

The WMCSC event is open to the public, and already has 47 people registered. Space is limited; RSVP to wmcylbersecurity@kentcountymi.gov by **July 19th**. Lunch will be provided by Check Point Software Technologies. There is no charge to attend.

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