



## Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission

### Meeting Minutes

- Meeting began at 10:00 a.m.
- Present were:
  - Chairman Craig Spohn
  - Co-Chair, BG Keith Waddell
  - Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin
  - Mr. Brant Mitchell – proxy for Mr. Jeff Moulton, SDMI
  - COL Kevin Reeves, Louisiana State Police
  - Laura Wilt – CIO Ochsner
  - Mr. James Waskom, GOHSEP
  - Mr. Paul Rainwater
  - Dr. Les Guice – Louisiana Tech
  - Dr. Yenumula Reddy, Grambling State University
  - Mr. Dickie Howze, Division of Administration
  - Mr. Bill Bradley, CenturyLink (Retired)
  - Mr. Brad Lambert- Proxy for LED Secretary, Don Pierson – New Commissioner
  - Sonya Wiley – Rapides Parish Emergency Response
- Welcoming remarks made by Chairman Spohn
- Director Waskom gave summary of current InfraGard Event happening concurrently with Commission meeting, discussing panel with Western District of Louisiana, Middle District of Louisiana, and FBI regarding cyber-attacks and responsive measures.
- Old Business:
  - Previous Meeting was October 24, 2019 – Minutes were approved unanimously. No edits or corrections to the minutes.
- Commission Governance Structure:
  - BG Waddell will be taking over for MG Curtis officially at a Change of Command Ceremony on 14 March 2020
  - Laura Wilt – new commissioner, CIO for Ochsner and she was welcomed by the commission
  - Currently now at 17 commissioners
- Briefing by David Katz and Roy Hadley of Adams & Reese LLP – Incident Response at Local Level:
  - Discussed the City of Atlanta Ransomware Attack → he was the lead attorney to respond to the event. General message is that a best defense is solid preparation.
    - Adams & Reese LLP wants to focus on getting municipalities better prepared for the next attack with 5 focus areas:
      - Development of tool kits: like certain software programs and systems that can get the office to a certain level of cyber preparedness or hygiene. Want to develop something that can be adopted to get people to a baseline.



- Information Sharing: need to get this to the public sector. Mainly predominant in the private sector. In Atlanta, there is a CIO advisory commission to bring knowledge of the private sector into the public sector.
- Development of Rapid Response Team: the first day is critical for how the response and recovery effort goes. The development of a rapid response team that can go anywhere. Want those human resources identified and organized.
- Development of bringing the education system: bringing in the state education system – bringing in degree programs to create a cadre of people that are well-versed in cybersecurity to go out into the state and community for jobs. Also creating public and private partnerships with military and state of Georgia to take personnel coming out of the state of Georgia.
- Passing from the state level, passing cybersecurity and comprehensive privacy legislation. State of GA had good legislation that said cyber structure information was not required to be disclosed under freedom of information act.
- Want to focus on the resilience aspect of this – how to become hardened in the public sector.
- Commissioner Waskom-concern about Insurance adjusters preventing cyber assistance
  - Mr. Hadley-isolated the machines and took offline in Atlanta and then gave to FBI—if insurance adjuster says you cannot do that, they are not telling you truth as the insured.
    - No insurance policy says you do not have right to give info to law enforcement.
  - Ardoin-how do we tell victims to contact law enforcement when insurance says cannot.
    - Hadley-if can get someone on the ground quickly and is knowledgeable and says what needs to be done. Atlanta recovered 8.5 million in cyber policies but had FBI on the ground and leading. FBI got search warrant to protect to get info.
      - No push back from insurers
    - Mr. Katz-insurance companies are interested in not spending much money and will work with private forensic provider. As negotiator for coverage, give procurement guidelines, and put exception for law enforcement cooperation.
    - Mr. Hadley- municipal risk pool. Can join if are small municipality. This policy has standardized guidelines and so don' have to negotiate complex insurance policies.



- With legislative process regarding public records- Mr. Hadley said there was not a lot of push back on an exception to FOIA because it buried in a bigger piece of legislation.
- Legislative Committee Update Given by Kenny Donnelly and Paul Rainwater:
  - Resolution to Create Cyber Reserve Rapid Response Force → Paul recommended Sen. White, but Dir. Waskom recommended Sen. Miligen.
  - HB/SB to create Rapid Response Fund for Cybersecurity → Paul and Director Waskom will get together for potential champion in the legislator, maybe Rep. Zeringue.
  - Revisions to Public Records Law – will not be utilized
  - Managed Service Providers Bill → From the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office as drafted by Sen. Hewitt and possibly include MSSPs, not out to control the marketplace, an international organization will be coming in April is meeting with the secretary to help move this item along.
  - Talent Initiative Fund Bill by Sen. Abraham → was previously filed and got bogged down in Sen. Finance, to help fund educational resources for cyber workers and growing own cyber workforce.
  - Resolution for Louisiana Cyber Investigators Alliance → Resolution to recognize it. Want it done and championed by Sen. Franklin Foil. No likely going to need a fiscal note. MAJ Anderson to draft and send to Devin King
  - Motion to Adopt all legislation was unanimously carried.
- Pending Budget Proposals for Execution in 2021:
  - All agencies have submitted proposals as part of their own budgets, submitted to Barbara Goodson in DOA.
  - Commissioners submitted budget, there will be negotiations
  - There is surplus money in supplemental that may be able to go
- New business
  - Strategic and action plan-briefed the governor.
    - Continue to operationalize
    - 8 standing committees are working to implement deliverables.
      - Plenty of goals to work on.
    - Other 7 committees will be briefing on their action plans in the next meetings.
  - 80% of remaining objectives require some sort of funding.
- Due Outs from Meeting with Governor:
  - Messages to Municipalities on cyber best practices: GOHSEP
  - Create Public service announcement: GOHSEP
  - Create set of criteria and credentials for cyber vendors (state driven good housekeeping seal of approval): Cyber legal team/OTS
  - Establish Regional Response Groups – Les Guice
  - Legal Review of the Protection of information relation to vulnerabilities and classified information by compilation – Sarah Anderson and LSP Legal
  - Find Federal funding to help states deal with cyber issues: GOHSEP/Craig Spohn
  - Identify and organize corporate sponsors



- Milestone/Timeline Review – April is RESCON conference in New Orleans and cyber panels to participate in.
- Louisiana Cyber Investigative Alliance: Briefing by Devin King
  - Proposal to create a cyber task force - single entity response for cybercrime investigations, to standardize how to respond and collect evidence and expand the reach across the state. Want to include federal, state, and local partners,
  - Operate in conjunction with ESF-17 and house in LSP compound and operate within the guidance of State Police. Want a “purposeful path”
  - Key Takeaways:
    - Want a single authority or point to do investigative piece – one coordinating agency to preserve evidence during cyber incident, standardize evidence preservation procedures, foster use of repeatable forensic analysis of cyber evidence for criminal prosecution,
    - Focus on conducting intelligence support and threat response activities
    - The ad hoc group itself has done over 20 investigations
    - The need for this is continually growing
    - La. R.S. 32:79 → want collaborative vigilance and unified force, tactical and strategic intelligence.
    - Desired membership – FBI, USSS, DHS, HIS, OTS, DA office, OTS, Sheriff, LANG, etc.
    - Space will be on third floor of HQ on LSP, space is designed to foster intelligence sharing and digital forensic investigation. Will have a dedicated lab and all surge forces. Want to include ESF-17 members
  - Motion to adopt this proposal was unanimously adopted by the Commission.
- RESCON Briefing by Kenny Donnelly:
  - April 28-30 at the Ernest Morial Center in Kenner, La – Governor wants a Cyber Plenary to be scheduled.
- Closing Remarks:
  - Meeting Adjourned at 11:38 a.m.