OHIO PERSISTENT CYBER IMPROVEMENT

A program of the Ohio Cyber Range Institute

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Empowering Ohio's local government entities through education, training, exercise, and mentorship through a Persistent Cyber Improvement ecosystem.

Overview

Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement (O-PCI) is a **FREE** training program delivered by the Ohio Cyber Range Institute (OCRI), funded through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the State of Ohio, to be delivered at no cost to Ohio's local government entities.

The Persistent Cyber Improvement model positions local government entities to build and sustain the capacity to anticipate, adapt, withstand and, when necessary, recover from cyber aggression.

O-PCI Training Gateways

Training is a blend of online, hybrid, and in-person modules that are tailored to local government entities of all sizes. Local government entities and their staff will be guided through three Gateways of educational content customized to their staff's unique roles.

Training time requirements for staff roles are as follows: General Staff (< 2 hours); IT/Cybersecurity Professional (11 - 13 hours); IT/Cybersecurity Manager/Executive (7 - 9 hours); and Organizational Manager/Executive (5 - 7 hours).

- **Gateway 1: Core**
  Understanding Concepts and National Standards
  Timeline: 3+ months, 17 hours of training content
  Highlight: **Creating/updating cyber plans and policies**

- **Gateway 2: Standard**
  Put it into Practice with Behavior Change
  Timeline: 3+ months, 20 hours of training content
  Highlight: **In-person and virtual exercises**

- **Gateway 3: Advanced**
  Drilling your Plans and Procedures
  Timeline: 3+ months, 30 hours of training content
  Highlight: **Realistic cyber incident simulation**

How to Participate

○ Government leaders can register: ohiocyberrangeinstitute.org/opci

○ Government leaders will meet with OCRI staff for an onboarding process, including review of training requirements, timeline, and required documentation

○ Through a combination of government leaders and OCRI outreach, governments may form a geographical training cohort

○ Training begins once local government entities are onboarded and required documentation is completed