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R.I. League of Cities and Towns Partners with State Police to Mitigate Cyber Threats

Sessions help municipal officials to prepare for and ward off cyber threats

Providence, R.I. – The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns partnered with the Rhode Island Joint Cyber Task Force (RIJCTF) to provide cyber security training sessions to municipalities on November 27 through November 30. The sessions, generously funded by RIJCTF, provided training on advanced network vulnerability assessments to IT officials from Rhode Island’s cities and towns through the MIS Training Institute.

The training sessions were led by MIS Training Institute and sponsored by the Joint Cyber Task Force and the State Fusion Center. The RIJCTF, run by the RI State Police is a public-private partnership that provides analysis and support prior to and during catastrophic events affecting critical cyber infrastructure in Rhode Island, and ensures continuity and restoration of cyber operations. The group also oversees education initiatives to raise awareness about cyber security challenges and assists in providing law enforcement with the instruction and technical training needed to develop a workforce capable of meeting these challenges.

“The League is excited to partner with the RIJCTF to provide this important training to cities and towns throughout the state. These detailed sessions will empower municipal officials to continue keeping our communities safe,” said Brian Daniels, Executive Director of the League.

“The Rhode Island State Police recognizes the importance of protecting our municipal, state and critical infrastructure cyber assets and the importance of training our cyber professionals to respond to and mitigate a cyber incident,” Captain John Alfred, a 21-year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and head of the Joint Cyber Task Force “The time to learn these important

skills is not when a critical incident occurs, but in a controlled training environment before an incident occurs.”

The training followed a discussion panel that took place prior to the League’s 50th Annual Dinner. Experts from the RIJCTF and Salve Regina University’s Cyber@Salve Center joined municipal leaders for the “Cyber Security for Municipalities” panel on September 27 to address cyber threats faced by Rhode Island communities.

Founded in 1968, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns is a municipal membership organization that serves as the unified voice of local government in Rhode Island.

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