

Defending New Jersey's Digital Density

Governor Christie Signs Executive Order Establishing The NJ Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell

Today, Governor Christie signed Executive Order 178 establishing the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) as the central State civilian interface for coordinating cybersecurity information sharing, performing cybersecurity threat analysis, and promoting shared and real-time situational awareness between and among the public and private sectors.

With this action, Governor Christie is ensuring that the 21st century threats against New Jersey's cyber and digital security are met with 21st century solutions and a coordinated, prepared response across government and with our private sector partners.

Executive Order 178 charts the NJCCIC and prescribes its scope and role across the state through the following measures:

- Authorizes NJCCIC to provide information and recommend best practices concerning cybersecurity and resilience measures to public and private entities to promote statewide cybersecurity coordination
- Empowers the NJCCIC to serve as an Information Sharing and Analysis Organization that may liaise with the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center – located within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - and other federal agencies
- Increases coordination across State entities, including the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Office of the Attorney General, Division of State Police, and Office of Information Technology

Taking Proactive Steps To Protect New Jersey's Digital Infrastructure:

Cybersecurity is a collective responsibility and New Jersey's digital density demands close and constant collaboration across sectors and industries. The Christie Administration aims to promote shared and real-time awareness of cyber threats for New Jersey citizens, local governments, businesses, and critical infrastructure owners and operators.

NEW JERSEY CYBERSECURITY & COMMUNICATIONS INTEGRATION CELL (NJCCIC):

The NJCCIC is the State's one-stop-shop for cybersecurity information sharing, threat analysis, and incident reporting. The NJCCIC bridges the information sharing gaps between local, state, federal, public and private sector organizations to respond to emergent incidents and reduce our members' cyber risk.

- The NJCCIC is one of the first of its kind in the country, reinforces NJ's pro-business environment, empowers small businesses to manage cyber risk, bolsters infrastructure resiliency and protects privacy.
- Located at the Regional Operations Intelligence Center, the NJCCIC brings together analysts and engineers from the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, the State Police, and the Office of Information Technology as well as local, county, and federal partners and private sector entities to

promote statewide awareness of local cyber threats and widespread adoption of cybersecurity best practices.

- The NJCCIC partners closely with federal homeland security and law enforcement authorities, as well as sector-specific information sharing and analysis centers.

The NJCCIC fuses technical and non-technical sources to analyze New Jersey's local cyber threat landscape and reduce the State's virtual vulnerabilities. In addition to cyber tips, alerts, and mitigation techniques, the NJCCIC produces sector-specific threat analysis based on member requests and recent cyber activity.