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Ohio's first cyber range set to open at University of Cincinnati; will expand cybersecurity training capabilities in state

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Cyber Range, the next step in Ohio's innovative approach to improving cybersecurity, will be unveiled at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at the University of Cincinnati, Teacher-Dyer Complex, Room 407, 2610 McMicken Circle, Cincinnati Ohio, 45221.

The Ohio Cyber Range is one of many initiatives developed by the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee (OC3), a collaborative effort led by the Adjutant General's Department at the request of Gov. John R. Kasich to improve cybersecurity infrastructure and provide innovative training and education to strengthen Ohio's cyber workforce. OC3 membership includes more than 200 people who represent public, private, military and educational organizations.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Ohio Adjutant General's Department, awarded the University of Cincinnati $1.9 million to establish a demonstration site for the Ohio Cyber Range by June 2019.

Future phases of the Ohio Cyber Range will build on the successes of the UC project to regional sites across the state to provide a virtual training ground accessible for competitions, training, and testing environments for schools, governments and businesses.

OC3 has already provided hands-on learning for Ohio students at seven cyber capture the flag competitions at high schools and universities around the state. The demonstration range at UC will help expand the capabilities to train and engage more students.

The University of Cincinnati is a national leader in cyber education and has been designated a Center of Academic Excellence in both cyber operations and cyber defense education by the National Security Agency.

The May 29 event will include a demonstration of the range and U.S. Cyber Command Executive Director Shawn Turskey, who leads the Cyber Tools and Capabilities Development efforts under the Secretary of Defense Cyber Strategy, is among those expected to attend.

In addition to the cyber range and improving the training and education of users and students in cybersecurity, OC3 has also developed goals to establish volunteer cyber incident response teams and identify and share best practices, policies and technologies for all Ohioans.

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