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K-12 Security Conference This February

The inaugural [National K-12 Cybersecurity Leadership Conference](#) will take place in Austin, Texas February 22-23. An in-person gathering of school district IT personnel, the event is designed to identify and share solutions and best practices to better defend K-12 education from emerging cybersecurity threats.

Over two days, attendees from across the U.S. and beyond will gather to learn from each other, government, non-profit partners and event sponsors. Featuring more than a dozen breakout sessions and workshops, engaging general sessions, meals, and an evening reception, opportunities for networking and learning will be plentiful.

K12 SIX will also preview the fifth annual 'State of K-12 Cybersecurity' report, offering access to exclusive new data and insights into K-12 cybersecurity incidents experienced over the prior year.

[Register](#) soon and book a room before the **room block closes on January 30**.

The initial batch of speakers has been confirmed and includes:

- Michael Anderson, Chief Information Security Officer, Dallas (TX) ISD
- Alaina Clark, Assistant Director for Stakeholder Engagement, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
- James Corns, Executive Director, IT, Baltimore County (MD) Public Schools
- Dr. Julie Evans, CEO, Project Tomorrow
- Andrew Hood, Chief Advisor - Cyber Security, New Zealand Ministry of Education

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- Chris Johnson, Sr. Director of Cybersecurity Compliance Programs, CompTIA
- Doug Levin, Director, K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX)
- April Mardock, Chief Information Security Officer, Seattle (WA) Public Schools
- Omid Rahmani, Associate Director, Fitch Ratings
- Lenny Schad, Chief Information and Innovation Officer, District Administration
- Kacey Sensenich, Chief Technology Officer, Rockingham County (NC) Schools
- Marlon Shears, Chief Information Officer, Fort Worth (TX) ISD
- Brad Stewart, Chief Technology Officer, Lufkin (TX) ISD
- Cody Venzke, Center for Democracy & Technology

Supply Chain Exercise Details Announced

Join GRF's Business Resilience Council and IBM Promontory on January 26 at 12:30pm ET for a virtual tabletop exercise on supply chain security and business continuity.

Register [here](#). There are limited seats available.

As events in Ukraine have recently demonstrated, regional conflicts can have global impacts that businesses need to be able to navigate. Attendees will work through a hypothetical geopolitical conflict in Asia that would create widespread supply chain impacts across many sectors.

Interested in becoming a member, sponsor, or partner? Contact info@grf.org.

SUPPLY CHAIN EXERCISE

Supply Chain Exercise Cont.

The exercise scenario will allow an organization to evaluate its ability to respond to disruptions from real-world injects borrowed from past crises, and projected injects from plausible threats to come. The exercise will help organizations enhance resilience, crisis management response, roles, and responsibilities.

Recommended participants include personnel responsible for security, third party risk, business and operational resilience. The exercise will generate a written after action report and certificate of participation for 4 hours of training.

Exercise Details

This event was developed with input from regulators and international industry leaders in the financial, technology, communications, manufacturing, legal and health sectors.

Sample Triggers

- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank begins to replace IMF and World Bank in SE Asia
- Cross-Border Interbank Payment System becomes an alternative to SWIFT
- New Silk Road initiative continues to expand
- Chinese military exercises increase around Taiwan/US increases naval forces in area
- Pro-independence DPP candidate wins 2024 Taiwan election. Popular support increases for official declaration of Taiwanese independence
- Blockade of/interference with commercial shipping in South China Sea
- China sends military to Taiwan to prevent the crossing of its One-China policy red line as pro-independence movement gains political and social momentum
- US proposes sanctions against China for entering Taiwan with pharma, textiles, and financial services impacted

Supply Chain Exercise Cont.

Sample Considerations

- Organization's physical or financial footprint in China and Taiwan
- Supply chain dependencies in both countries and possible alternative markets
- Organizational elasticity in the event of skyrocketing demand in alternative markets
- Personnel safety and evacuation plans
- Acceptable losses in the event of rapid escalation
- Strategies for footprint reduction, localization, silo of operations
- Lessons learned from Ukraine/Hong Kong

Description of Exercise and Injects

- Examine impacts on businesses as they decouple from established supply chains due to an increasingly hostile business environment: this portion of the exercise will have participants study dependencies
- Examine impacts from sanctions, civil unrest, and naval activity that causes disruptions to commerce and operations
- Examine the business disruptions and security issues following a military invasion of Taiwan, which manufactures 75% of the world's pharmaceuticals and a significant portion of its textiles and technology
- Adjusting to a new normal following an invasion, including sustained sanctions, prolonged supply chain disruptions, potential loss of IP, and heightened military posture throughout the region
- The group will conclude with an after-action review

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