



Cyber Security: Surviving an Anonymous Attack

Anonymous is an informal hacktivist/activist network operating worldwide. While there is no formal mission of the group, they tend to target government, religious and corporate websites and technology infrastructure via cyber attacks. Usually these attacks are inspired by high-profile acts of perceived injustice. Examples of retaliation include an attack on ISIS-held social media accounts, cyber attacks on the City of Ferguson in the wake of the Michael Brown shooting and attacks on Sony for attempting to stop others from hacking into the PlayStation 3 game console. [Click here](#) to read more.

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The Police Chief's Viewpoint: Technology



Providing public safety services is a key mission of every city government, and technology is playing an ever-increasing role in police services. With that in mind, MISAC sat down with Robert Castro, Chief of Police for the City of Glendale to talk tech. Serving for 30 years, he has worked in police departments both large and small and understands the importance of technology in law enforcement today. MISAC wanted to hear from

a police chief about their viewpoints on the role of technology and the IT manager in their organization. Here is what we heard. [Click here](#) to read more.

MISAC is getting more social!



Award Recipients

Congratulations to this year's [Government Technology Top 25 Doers, Dreamers & Drivers!](#) All three MISAC Chapters are represented

Northern Chapter:

Bryan M. Sastokas, CIO City of Oakland

Central Chapter:

Carolyn Hogg, CIO City of Fresno

Southern Chapter:

Team LA

Way to represent MISAC!

Annual Conference Update

The 14th Annual Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC) Conference is scheduled for this coming October.

The call for presentation proposals is now open! The deadline for submission is May 1, 2015. [Click here](#) for more information about submitting presentation proposals.



The opening keynote address will be given by Helen Hall, City of Fullerton and Paul Underwood, CISM CRISC, Emagined Security. They will share their story of combatting municipal hacking at the hands of Anonymous.

[David Rabiner](#) will deliver the Monday keynote address discussing life as a public sector CIO. Carlos Ramos, State CIO and Director of the California Department of Technology will give a luncheon keynote.

Keep a lookout for registration information and a complete schedule to be released in late May or early June!

Upcoming Events

Northern Chapter Meeting
April 24th
Levi Stadium Tour

Central Chapter Meeting
April 24th
Pismo Beach

Southern Chapter Meeting

IT Excellence Awards Program

MISAC offers five Information Technology Awards:

Excellence in IT Practices
Quality in IT Practices
Graphical Information
Innovation Award
Presidents Award

Questionnaires for this year's IT Excellence Awards programs will be released April 15th. For more information about individual awards or the application process [click here](#).

May Training

VMware 6.0 virtual training taught by Larry Karnis is scheduled for May 4-8, 2015. This powerful 5-day, 10 hours-per-day class is an intensive introduction to virtualization using VMware's vSphere™ 6.0, including VMware ESX™ 6.0 and vCenter™.

Register Today



Member Highlights

Back by popular demand: Member Highlights. To view member highlights, log into the MISAC website and visit the blog section under Member Resources or [click here](#) to find the Member Highlight Blog. We will use this to feature MISAC members on a quarterly basis.

The quarterly newsletter is provided as a benefit for members. If you have received this email, but are not a member, please consider joining. Membership information can be found on the website.

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San Diego Area Meeting
May 7th
San Marcos

2015 MISAC Annual Conference
October 3-7, 2015
Monterey
Registration to come!

[Click here](#) for the events calendar.

Northern Chapter Highlight

In each newsletter, we will feature an update from one of our Chapters. The highlight will rotate among the three Chapters throughout the year.

At the last Northern Chapter meeting held in January in Oakland, members received updates from a variety of vendors. Presentation topics included cloud strategies by Microsoft, digital government by Gartner and Software Defined Networks (SDN) by Cisco.

The next Northern Chapter meeting will be held on April 24th at Levi Stadium. Northern Chapter members will be given a VIP tour of the new stadium and view firsthand the information technology infrastructure that makes the stadium so cutting edge. [Click here](#) for agenda.

The Northern Chapter would like to congratulate Ray Lam on his appointment as the Chief Information Officer at the City of Walnut Creek.