



DTI eSecurity News — Giving Thanks Edition

Wishing You and Yours



Entering the holiday season and reflecting on the year, I want to thank you for your support of cyber security throughout state government. Completing the annual online training, reading this monthly newsletter and sharing it with your family and friends, all build a more secure statewide network.

For those of you who interact directly with DTI, we thank you for working with us through some critical projects, helping us drive innovation, and forging stronger relationships throughout our government IT network. You've adapted to changes within our organization while keeping the lights on at yours.

On behalf of the dedicated team at DTI, I wish you and your family, safe and happy holidays.

Regards, James Collins, CIO



Many of us include charitable activities and donations as a part of our holiday traditions. Whether it's putting loose change into a kettle or endowing a foundation, all of us should take the time to research the organizations that we select to receive monetary donations. Our digital world provides more opportunities than ever for donating, and mobile apps are increasingly used by charities to solicit gifts.

Crowdfunding, for one, offers increasing opportunities for charitable giving — and for scams, according to Bennett Weiner, chief operating officer of BBB Wise Giving Alliance, the charity-monitoring organization affiliated with the Better Business Bureau.

"You can read stories about individuals in need, or organizations that may be soliciting for various projects," he said. "Don't assume that the organizations or individuals on those sites have necessarily been vetted to any great degree. They may have verified that the organization has tax-exempt status, and that may be it." In other words, you may be able to take a deduction for your donation, but that doesn't mean the entity you are funding is putting your money to use in any way close to what you intend.

One of the best known charitable monitoring sites is www.charitynavigator.org. It's a free site that provides in-depth information on thousands of organizations. It will also show you how much of the charity's donations go towards its charitable purposes and how much goes to administrative expenses and salaries.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

Employee's should report work-related incidents promptly to their Information Security Officer (ISO). Refer to the [Delaware MS-ISAC Reference Card](#) for more information on what to report.

Internet-related crime, like any other crime, should be reported to appropriate law enforcement investigative authorities at the local, state, federal, or international levels, depending on the scope of the crime.

See our [incident reporting webpage](#) to find out more about reporting procedures.

BEST OF THE WEB AGAIN !



DTI's website <http://digiknow.delaware.gov> was voted the best state government site for promoting cyber security awareness and information by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MSISAC).

This marks our second consecutive year receiving first place honors. Our newly revamped site offers the latest information on cyber security news, events, videos and tools. This is the 6th year of the contest. Delaware has come in first place in 2010, 2012, 2014 and now 2015.

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