



Ready for Anything: Threat-Agnostic Security Navigator Support to Local Election Officials

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Election Security Navigator

MN OSS Election Security Navigator Program

A brief history: (...now *in our 5th year!*)

- 2020: All about Cyber Security
- 2022: Let's add Physical Security, (+ Mis/Dis/Mal-Information)
- 2024: ? (AI? *Election Interference?* Others?)

Our Approach

- Collaboration: our “*secret weapon*”!
 - Share situational awareness (up, down, sideways)
 - Stay connected
 - “*See Something / Say Something*”
 - Leverage all available resources for accurate information
 - Federal / State / Academia / Non-profit / Vendor
- Encourage voters to seek out trusted sources
 - Elections officials (State / local)

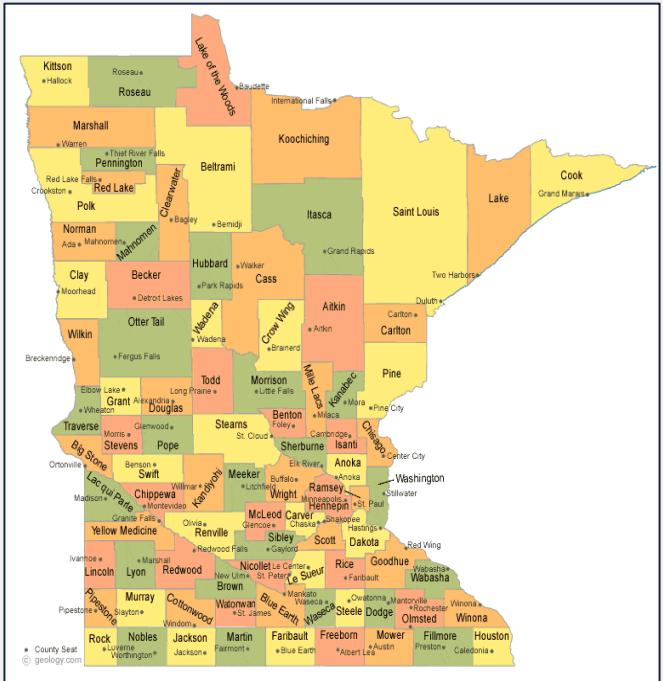
State-level Focus Areas:

- Protecting state-wide systems (voter registration, results reporting, etc.)
- Resource awareness and assistance
- Grant funds

“...we must prepare for everything.”

- Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Aug. 24, 2014

MN OSS Role in Elections Security



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How We Do It

Virtual (Microsoft Teams):

Jenner Kyle (OSD) 1/19 12:21 PM
Yes, I check and they have it posted to their webpage now. Digital and Physical Security Best Practices: Dossing and Setting - Elections Group

Digital and Physical Security Best Practices: Doss...
The purpose of this Committee for Safe and Secure Elections is to have a conversation on digital and physi...
electcompgroup.com

Reply

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Potentially Suspicious Text

A county has stated that one of their constituents received the following text, and was concerned because the word "boller" appeared in it. While in this case, "boller" might not necessarily mean in an elections context, the inclusion of the name of the county (removed below) is interesting. Of note, the capability used to send the text ("votario:quattrois.com") has many market research uses, based on an informal online search.

Could you share your thoughts
In this 2 min survey?
Thanks! voteriq:quattrois.com/
reform/
SV_eVwKryOBztaR2A?
UD=ALMNTS2665146
Stop/End

Have other counties learned of similar activity?

Start a post

Tabletop Exercises:



In-Person:





“So we must prepare for everything. And the only way you do that is you take a cold, steely, hard look at it and get ready.”

Chuck Hagel
U.S. Secretary of Defense
24 August, 2014

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