



AROUND THE REGION IN HOMELAND SECURITY

The Northwest Regional Technology Center (NWRTC) is a virtual resource center, operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), to support regional preparedness, resilience, response, and recovery. The center enables homeland security solutions for emergency responder communities and federal, state, and local stakeholders in the Northwest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 22-26, 2018 – [Pacific NorthWest Economic Region Annual Summit](#), Spokane, WA
- August 2-4, 2018 – [Community College Cybersecurity Summit, Portland, OR](#)
- August 5-8, 2018 – [2018 Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials](#), Las Vegas, NV
- November 14-15, 2018 – [International Public Safety Association Symposium](#), Washington, DC

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SUMMIT ENGAGES REGIONAL PARTNERS IN CYBERSECURITY

On May 21, the Snohomish County Public Utility District and PNNL cohosted the Washington State Cybersecurity Summit. Now in its fourth year, the summit brings together regional partners and industry leaders in engaging discussion around issues concerning cybersecurity and the nation's critical infrastructure.



The event welcomed more than 150 industry leaders and policymakers to focus on the threats and lessons learned nationally and within Washington. Guest speakers included Courtney Gregoire, President of the Port of Seattle Commission; U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (via video); Washington State Senator Guy Palumbo; and Bret Arsenault, Chief Information Security Officer of the Microsoft Corporation.

Participants explored how critical infrastructure providers can better share ideas and best practices. Key focus areas included information sharing, workforce development, and regional cybersecurity resources and capabilities.

The event was held in partnership with the Washington National Guard, Port of Seattle, Puget Sound Energy, Seattle City Light, Tacoma Public Utilities, T-Mobile, Trovares Inc., the Washington State Military Department, Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

A report with the discussions and outcomes from the event will be published later this year. For details from the previous summits, visit: <https://www.snopud.com/?p=3221>.



SAVER: A RESPONDER RESOURCE FOR TECHNOLOGY INFO

Do you purchase equipment for your department or agency? SAVER—the [System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders program](#)—assists emergency responders making procurement decisions. Established by the U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) and managed by S&T's [National Urban Security Technology Laboratory](#), SAVER conducts operationally oriented assessments and validations on commercial oriented equipment and systems and provides those results along with other relevant information to the emergency response community.

Since 2004, more than 1,000 emergency responders and PNNL staff have participated in SAVER focus groups and assessment activities, yielding SAVER reports that are relevant and meet the operational needs of the responder community.

SAVER reports are available to the responder community at no cost. Reports available to download include:

- Anti-Ram Vehicle Barriers
- Blast Resistant Trash Receptacles
- Chemical Agent Detection Equipment
- Computer Forensic Software
- Handheld Underwater Metal Detectors
- Portable Wireless Surveillance Systems.

For details, see the recent [DHS S&T Responder News](#).

EDDY COMPLETES LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON PROGRAM

NWRTC Deputy Director Ryan Eddy was one of 13 recent graduates from the Association of Washington Business Leadership Washington program in May.



The nine-month program is aimed at nurturing the state's economy and educating next-generation leaders about the various industries and businesses in Washington. During the program, the cohort toured the state, visiting wineries and breweries, farms and orchards, manufacturing operations, and even PNNL. The team also studied public policy, international trade, transportation, tourism, and more. See "[New class of Washington leaders to nurture economy](#)" for more information.

ARE YOU READY?

Launched in February 2003, Ready is a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower people to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters. The campaign promotes preparedness through public involvement.



The Ready website is loaded with tips and resources to:

- Stay informed about emergencies and response techniques
- Make a family emergency plan and emergency supply kit
- Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies.

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/> to learn more.

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