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**West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium Hosts
Michigan Cyber Range Workshop**

GRAND RAPIDS – Protecting data and information is critical to our economy and way of life in West Michigan. Being able to detect and stop cyber attacks on critical information systems are necessary tasks. Members of the West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium (WMCSC) will hold a cyber security demonstration and workshop at Grand Valley State University's DeVos Center in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

The workshop includes simulating a real-life cyber incident response on the "Michigan Cyber Range." Teams in Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor will take part. The "Blue Team" - WMCSC members in Grand Rapids - will be responsible for defending information systems from cyber attacks. The Red Team - staff of the Michigan Cyber Range at Merit Network in Ann Arbor - will conduct the cyber attacks. The simulation will enable WMCSC members to test their skills and teamwork in real-life situations. At the end of the workshop, WMCSC members will discuss what went well... and what didn't.

"We have been looking forward to this event since the Cyber Range was announced last Fall," said Barbara Hiemstra, co-chairperson for WMCSC and the deputy director of technology for Kent County. "It will be a great opportunity for the Blue team and the WMCSC members to walk through a real-time hack; then apply incident response techniques to combat these attacks."

The event will be held:

July 24, 2013 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
GVSU Pew Campus
Richard M. DeVos Center, room 138-E
DeVos Lecture Hall
(Parking available at the Fulton Street lot.)
401 West Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

The WMCSC event is open to the public, but space is limited. RSVP Melissa.Ponstein@kentcountymi.gov by July 19, 2013, if you would like to attend, or if you would like information on joining the West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium.

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