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6th Annual Spring IT Summit aims to bolster area IT security readiness with move to the I-X Center and addition of Community SANS courses

*National trainers, best-in-class resources and informed practitioners gather April 17-22, 2017
to advance IT security top practices throughout N.E. Ohio*

(CLEVELAND, OH) — Corporate IT hygiene is considered a start, but simply is not enough to prevent all attacks. Large, mid-size and even privately-owned N.E. Ohio firms are moving beyond prevention and focusing on "IT Resilience" as a verified plan of action for rapid response when breaches occur.

This year, the Information Security Summit (ISS) has dedicated its Spring IT Summit to "IT resilience" and collaborated with Community SANS training for the first time in region to support demands for collaboration in IT security. Four Community SANS training events will build a week around the day-long Spring IT Summit on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017. The week, which has moved to the I-X Center in Cleveland, will attract multi-function IT practitioners including CIO's. senior managers (Sales/Marketing, Operations, IT, Finance, Legal, Risk, HR) for instruction and ideas around IT security, evolving internal and external threats, review the latest support, models and analyze ever-evolving success-resources to attack. As part of the week, held April 17-22 at the I-X Center, IT professionals and aspiring cybersecurity experts will have a chance to learn from national leaders in cybersecurity at the Spring IT Summit and/or within any of the four different Community SANS courses. ISS is offering Community SANS discounts to registrants until March 8th, 2017 with the code ISSCLEV2017.

"Insight and collaboration between IT security practitioners has proven to be the best defense to dramatically reduce cost, time to recovery and reputational damage. "stated Gary Sheehan, Co-founder of the Information Security Summit, "SANS is the most trusted and, by far, the largest provider of security training in the world—so it seems natural to incorporate best-in-category training for the betterment of our established community of security practitioners."

Within the week, a two-day Certified Enterprise Resiliency Practitioner (CERP) course will provide engaging training with certification for security-focused employees within any organization. The CERP certification focuses on establishing and maintaining enterprise resiliency helping organizations adapt, survive and prosper under any and most security challenges.

A Mid-week Xceptional Networking Reception will be hosted by SANS at the I-X Center on April 19th, where cybersecurity experts and IT professionals can compile and share information from the week's activities with their colleagues, key opinion leaders and regional industry experts.

For a complete list to 2017 Spring IT Summit activities as well as the four SANS training courses, please go to: www.informationsecuritysummit.org and click on "Spring IT Summit"

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Information Security Summit

The Information Security Summit hosts the Spring IT Summit on April 19, 2017, and the fall Security Summit Week Oct. 30, 2017 – Nov. 3, 2017. The Spring IT Summit offers professional development and training to Cleveland's IT workforce, and this year will feature SANS, the largest source for information security training and security certification in the world. The fall Security Summit Week focuses more on information security and preventing cyber-attacks. Both events will take place at the I-X Center; more information can be found at https://www.informationsecuritysummit.org .

Community SANS

Community SANS offers the most popular security courses in a small classroom setting in local communities – most courses have fewer than 25 students. The course material is delivered over a six-day period, just like it is at a larger SANS event, by instructors trained by SANS" very best experts. For more information visit: https://www.sans.org/community/

I-X Center

With 2.2 million square feet, the I-X Center is one of the top 10 largest convention centers in the world as rated by *Trade Show Executive Magazine*. This helps to draw some of the top show producers from around the world, which provides exceptional events. The I-X Center is located by Hopkins Airport in Cleveland, OH. Additional information can be found by going to: http://www.ixcenter.com/