



## Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council Newsletter June 2024

*WRHSAC trainings, projects and updates*

### **Situational Awareness for Safety Training** Multiple offerings - Tuesday June 25 & Wednesday June 26

Hostile threats and attacks are ongoing and can occur in any location. Soft targets such as community events, performances, elections, sporting events, parades, fairs, etc. are particularly vulnerable. These vulnerabilities highlight an urgent need for effective strategies to identify and prevent acts of violence.

**Situational Awareness for Safety** training course provides knowledge, tools, and techniques to help you maintain situational awareness and stay safe. By the end of the course, participants will know:

- How to systematically observe their environment;
- How to identify people and things that may not look right; and
- How to make more informed decisions and take actions to stay safe

Audience: Fire, EMS, private security, election workers, hospital security, community event staff, sporting event staff, and anyone seeking abilities to identify behavioral indicators of possible threat. ***This training is not intended law enforcement.*** The training is based on skills law enforcement learn in their academies and other required trainings.

The basis for this course is the research and techniques developed as part of the Just Doesn't Look Right Project (JDLR). The JDLR Project was a United States Department of Defense (DoD) funded research program focused on identifying behavioral indicators of threat.

This training is free. Three sessions will be held throughout western Mass.

- Tuesday, June 25, 12:30pm to 2:30pm, Agawam
- Wednesday, June 26 12:30 to 4:30, Hadley (*this session provides expanded education and exercise opportunities*)
- Wednesday, June 26, 6:00 to 8:00pm, Greenfield

Follow the registration link below to choose the date and time most convenient for you.

## Call for WRHSAC Candidates

### WRHSAC Law Enforcement and Municipal Official Open Seats

WRHSAC has two open seats. One for Law Enforcement and the other for Municipal Official.

- Potential Law Enforcement candidates need to be a chief of a police department in western Massachusetts.
- Potential Municipal Official candidates need to be a Selectboard member, Mayor, Town Manager or Administrator.

WRHSAC is welcoming letters of interest and resumes for these position. **Letters of interest will be received through Wednesday, July 10, 2024**, submitted to Raine Brown, Homeland Security Program Manager, [raine@frcog.org](mailto:raine@frcog.org). Contact Raine if you have any questions.



# WATER AND WASTEWATER SECTOR CYBERSECURITY



## CISA REGION 8 Water & Wastewater Sector Cyber Incident Response Webinar

The Water and Wastewater Sector has been impacted by various cyber events, including unauthorized access, and ransomware. Continued compromises or failures could cause cascading impacts across critical infrastructure.

CISA Region 8 invites you to the *Region 8 Water & Wastewater Sector Cyber Incident Response Webinar* to learn more.

### OVERVIEW

The webinar will review the Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity Toolkit, including the Incident Response Guide which outlines how water utility owners and operators can expect to work with federal partners as they prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the impact of a cyber incident.

The toolkit consolidates key resources at every level of cybersecurity maturity and provides incident response best practices and information on federal resources to enhance the security and resilience of the Water and Wastewater Sector.

### INTENDED AUDIENCE

Stakeholders from Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming).

- Private and public sector water utility owners and operators, specifically personnel dedicated to cyber incident planning and response.
- Dams sector owners that manage water supply facilities.
- Emergency managers, law enforcement/first responders, security directors, safety personnel, and planners.

For more information about Water and Wastewater Security visit <https://www.cisa.gov/water>, access the [Water and Wastewater Sector – Incident Response Guide](#), or email CISA Region 8 at [CISARegion8Outreach@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:CISARegion8Outreach@cisa.dhs.gov).

### EVENT DETAILS

DATE 18 June 2024

TIME 10 – 11 am MDT

LOCATION Virtual

REGISTRATION  
Registration is free. Please click the "Register Here" link

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For more information about these projects and the work of WRHSAC, please contact Raine Brown, Homeland Security Program Manager. [raine@frcog.org](mailto:raine@frcog.org). 413.774.3167 x138

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