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**CCOE and the City of San Diego Host Regional Cybersecurity Collaboration Event, Secure San Diego**  
*Three-part event to showcase template for citywide cyberattack response planning*

**SAN DIEGO** – Oct. 16, 2017 – [San Diego's Cyber Center of Excellence](#) (CCOE) and the [City of San Diego](#) announced today [Secure San Diego](#), a ground-breaking demonstration of what can be achieved when all facets of a city's infrastructure come together to prepare for systemic failures caused by a cybersecurity breach.

The Secure San Diego initiative was developed to foster deep collaboration and a more secure cyber environment, but also to develop tactics and resources that can be used as a template to help mobilize other cities to work toward greater national security.

"Cyberwar is no longer just the storylines of sci-fi and action thrillers, it's a global reality," said Rear Adm. (ret) Ken Slaght, CCOE co-chair and president. "As cyber tactics continue to evolve, it is critical that the public and private sectors come together to develop new defense mechanisms. San Diego's ability to collaborate across industry, academia and the government, military, municipalities, utilities and transportation agencies has enabled it to proactively plan for cyberattacks on a greater scale, better protecting its residents, resources and businesses."

William R. Forstchen, *New York Times* bestselling author of *One Second After*, will present the keynote presentation on the global cyber threat landscape and the critical need for regional, state and national collaboration. Following Forstchen's keynote, there will be three presentations on:

- **Anatomy of a Hack** – interactive demonstration of how attackers target regional infrastructure
- **Hack SD** – panel of San Diego's critical infrastructure leaders discussing cyber scenarios in comparison to recent global events
- **SD Acts** – presentation by region's emergency response team showing how San Diego government, utilities, companies, and academia are working together to mitigate these risks and forward innovative technology and solutions including the release of **Regional Cyber Incident Response Guide** and **Cyber Response Map for Companies**

"Cyber criminals now have the tools to remotely attack our neighborhoods – and whether that's our water, transportation, or communications systems, cyberattacks on our critical infrastructure could have serious impacts on the entire community," said John Valencia, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security. "San Diego's public and private sectors have partnered on innovative cyber projects, including development of the San Diego Cyber Incident Response Guide, and I look forward to continuing these efforts to build a more resilient community."

Secure San Diego is collaboration between San Diego's cyber industry, academia and the government, military, municipalities, utilities and transportation agencies with the goal of creating a more secure

cyber environment and to position San Diego as a leader in collaborative cyber innovation. The culminating event will take place on Oct. 19, 2017 at Qualcomm, and is free to attend. Those interested in learning more about the event or registering to attend can visit: <https://sdccoe.org/event/secured-sd/>

**About Cyber Center of Excellence**

The Cyber Center of Excellence (CCOE) is a nonprofit organization that supplies the leadership and fosters collaboration, to establish San Diego as a worldwide center for cybersecurity products and services. Working together to build programs that promote cyber best practices among the key economic pillars of our community, and by promoting talent acquisition, retention and development, the CCOE aims to make San Diego a magnet for an industry that already provides 16,500 jobs and invests \$1.9 billion into the San Diego economy. Learn more at [www.sdccoe.org](http://www.sdccoe.org).