



## Election Task Force Minutes

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Conducted by (b) (6)

- Roll call by (b) (6)

### Attendees

Name, Affiliation	
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), NCCIC
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), SECIR
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), NCCIC
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), OCIA
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), CTIIC
(b) (6), SOPD	(b) (6), IP
(b) (6), Insight	(b) (6), FBI
(b) (6), EA	(b) (6), OGC
(b) (6), NCCIC	(b) (6), OGC

### Media State of Play; (b) (6), External Affairs:

- There's been attention in the media and elsewhere about social media. While not a primary concern currently, we will address going forward with our IC partners.
- Janette Manfra was asked about what our role is in regards to social media propaganda which she effectively said it is not DHS' role.
- The media shifted to the topic if there has been any engagement with Facebook prior to the election from the previous and current administrations.
- (b) (6) stated that Bob Kolasky is going to be interviewed by an AP State House Reporter for Georgia at 11:45 a.m. today. She's planning to interview Bob on what DHS is doing for Critical Infrastructure as well as what the GCC is about and what resources are available to the states.
- (b) (6) stated she wants to make sure Bob is prepared in understanding the charges GA had regarding a hack and tasked (b) (6) to forward the appropriate information and cc (b) (6) on that email.



**Upcoming State Election Engagements; (b) (6), SECIR:**

- (b) (6) stated that Chris Krebs is testifying to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on IT on November 1. The testimony for that has gone up and was submitted on Monday.
- The new item here is that we will conduct outreach with Utah as they prepare for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Special Election on November 7, much like we're doing for NJ and VA.
- PA will also have a Special Election, but that date has not been set yet.
- We will provide CSA Election Day support to NJ and VA, and are reaching out to offer the same support to UT.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- There is a briefing today with acting S1. Thanks to all who helped prepare.
  - The Election Day plan, internal and summary, will be shared with the GCC.
  - The proposed resourcing plan- thank you to everyone for completing that as well.
  - The ETF action plan-thank you (b) (6) for your comments from IP.
  - And finally, the Strategic Engagement Plan- all went up to in a briefing package to Chris Krebs in preparation for his briefing to the acting S1.
  - Action items 5, 7, and 8 have been completed.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Again, please remember to send (b) (6) your accomplishments so we can add these to the presentation slide. We will begin to roll these up into a weekly summary to go up to NPPD leadership from the ETF lead going forward.

**(b) (6), CTIC:**

- (b) (6); CTIC stated if there is anything they can do to assist with Election Day activities please let them know.
- (b) (6) stated I&A will also be supporting the Election Day and suggested that CTIC should coordinate with POCs with I&A for that day.



**Closing Remarks**

- (b) (6) stated she had a conversation with (b) (6), National Intel Manager Cyber (NIM) in regards to Intel support for what it is that we know concerning election activity.
- Unclassified ICA from DNI (that represent viewpoints from NSA, FBI, CIA) report should be posted on the SharePoint site for everyone's situational awareness. Please take a moment to read it so we all may have a common understanding of the nature of the threat and what we need to do to support the states.
- (b) (6) would like to get together with HIRT, NCCIC, OCIA, I&A to talk about a red teaming event. (b) (6) directed (b) (6) to pull together the appropriate folks across NCCIC who need to be in attendance; anticipating to hold the meeting next week Wednesday or Thursday.
- There is a brief today to the Acting Secretary on the ETF, activities of the GCC, and our budgeting requests.
- There is a testimony preparation for Chris Krebs today.
- (b) (6) stated the GCC executive will hold its meeting tomorrow, October 26 from 4-5 pm EDT.



# Election Task Force Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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- Roll call by (b) (6)

## Attendees

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(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), External Affairs
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), Legislative Affairs
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), SECIR
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), NCCIC
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), NCCIC
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), PSCD
(b) (6), NCCIC	(b) (6), I&A
(b) (6), OCIA	(b) (6), NCCIC
(b) (6), SOPD	(b) (6), OGC
(b) (6), Insight	(b) (6), OGC
(b) (6), I&A	(b) (6), FBI
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), SECIR

### Opening Remarks by (b) (6) :

- 2 Priority Items:
  1. The Election Task Force Action Plan focusing on what we know and how we will go forward with the support of appropriate DHS offices and the intelligence community.
  2. (b) (6) will help us develop a strategic engagement communications plan.

### State by State, (b) (6), SECIR:

- (b) (5)
- (b) (6) would like to focus on 6 states; 4 with congressional elections that are upcoming and 2 states with gubernatorial elections on 7 Nov 2017.
- We need to understand what those states' activities are, what support we have provided them, and what additional support they require going forward in the next 3 ½ weeks.
- We will capture efforts from the last six months to support 6 states in strengthening their election infrastructure.



**(b) (6)**, Legislative Affairs:

- Working to set-up a meeting with the Senator Majority Leader's Office to include Janette Manfra and (b) (6) in the near future.
- Planning to set-up a call with the Senate Intelligence Community staff next week to bring them up to speed regarding the 21 state notification issue.
- (b) (6) will provide a status update for the GCC, elections infrastructure, etc. in the upcoming weeks.

**(b) (6)**, External Affairs:

- Today's media focus has been on how much work there is to do to secure the next election for 2017-18, as well as the threat Russia still poses and how we can work together to protect these elections.
- The engagement and communications plan will need to make sure we have an aligned message with the RDs, CSAS, PSAs as well as the right subject matter experts.

**Media State of Play:**

**Hackers Will Work With Government, Academia to Make Sure Future Elections Safe (10/10) – CNN**

**Tech**

Last summer, a group of hackers showed how easy it is to infiltrate a bunch of voting machines. During a conference held in Las Vegas, they exposed flaws in election equipment currently used in the U.S. Now, they want to make sure election infrastructure is better protected.

**Election Hacking Report: US 'Has a Lot to do in a Short Period of Time' (10/10) – The Hill**

A closely watched report on election hacking on Tuesday warned that the U.S. does not have much time to fix security vulnerabilities in voting machines discovered at the DEF CON hacker conference.

**Senate Democrats Worry Russia Could Jeopardize Re-election Bids (10/10) – Politico**

The bipartisan leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee warned last week that Russia's second straight attempt to upend a major election appears certain. They pointed to hacked emails, fake news stories and other evidence of interference in France, Montenegro and elsewhere over the past year as signs Moscow remains determined to monkey with voting.

**The Race to Secure Voting Tech Gets an Urgent Jumpstart (10/10) – Wired**

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Numerous electronic voting machines used in the United States elections have critical exposures that could make them vulnerable hacking. But it wasn't until Russia meddled in the 2016 US presidential campaigns and began probing digital voting systems that the topic took on pressing urgency.

**Analysis:**

- Others besides federal agencies are offering to help. Hackers from the DEF CON conference are trying to assist with vulnerabilities.
- Senate Intelligence Committee warned that Russia will try to hack into the elections based on their previous attempts.
- Hacking is inevitable

**Summary:**

- Recent coverage is focused on how the hacking is inevitable, but now we need to figure out how to fix the vulnerabilities before the next elections.

**Upcoming Activities:**

- (b) (6): There is one engagement today with Nevada. The RD, CSA, and the IO from the fusion center are all slated to meet today 10 a.m. PST, after action items later today.
  - There needs to be some updated guidance delivered to CSAs regarding the action plan message.
- (b) (6): To clarify the message for the CSAs let's take the EAG and boil it down to a one page of talking points.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

(b) (6)

- If anyone is contacted by media please make sure that you direct them to (b) (6)
- If you are contacted by members from Hill, please send them to (b) (6)
- Any contact made by Academia or the public, please make sure it is directed to myself or (b) (6).

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# Election Task Force Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2017

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(b) (6)	(b) (6), OLA
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6), PSCD
(b) (6), NCCIC	(b) (6), OGC
(b) (6)	(b) (6), OGC
(b) (6), SOPD	(b) (6), SECIR
(b) (6), Insight	(b) (6)
(b) (6), SECIR	(b) (6)

### Opening Remarks by (b) (6) :

- You all should have access to our shared repository of information, which is located via our SharePoint site. This is where we keep all our relevant information for all current documents for the Elections Task Force (ETF) to include meeting minutes, action trackers, foundational documents and other outstanding items.
  - Please reach out to (b) (6) if you do not have access to the SharePoint.
- Also make sure to you are also included on the email distribution list for this ETF daily meeting. [Electiontaskforce@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Electiontaskforce@hq.dhs.gov).
- We are steadily beginning to shift to our way forward in supporting states and their Election Infrastructure for 2017 and 2018 elections.
- (b) (6) has also sent out the latest talking points which support the EAG and they have been added to the SharePoint site for those to review.
- EICWC has been invited to the VTC and will be added to the alias and our SharePoint after the meeting.



**State by State, (b) (6), SECIR:**

- 2 state elections and 3 upcoming congressional elections are scheduled for 2017.
- The EAC gave us some resources on where to go to look at for state by state information and their upcoming elections.
- The MS- ISAC pilot kick-off meeting occurred yesterday with the states that are willing to participate and we will use that information in working with NASS and the states.
- We will need a few talking points from the MS-ISAC meeting so we can use those for the GCC meeting before (b) (6) travels to Atlanta on Saturday.
- (b) (6) I would recommend understanding if the states involved have Automated Sharing Capability (AIS) and ECS capability.

**(b) (6), Legislative Affairs:**

- We have a call today with the Senate Majority Leader McConnell's Staff at 10 a.m. Janette Manfra will be leading that call.
- Hearing with the Senate Arms Services Committee on Thursday with Janette Manfra briefing along with FBI and DOD.

**(b) (6), External Affairs:**

- (b) (6): Please post the DEFCON article on the SharePoint website today.
- Janette is going to be speaking to USA Today about the election infrastructure.
- Talking to EAC and NAS public affairs team about doing a PR after the GCC on Saturday.
  - We are hoping to send a media announcement after that meeting by Saturday or Monday; we are still working on timing.
- (b) (6): External Affairs is putting together a strategic engagement plan that will encompass all of the efforts from the election working group is doing for outreach. We will have a rough draft to send around for review by tomorrow that I'd like to have input of meetings and engagements that you have planned going forward.

**Media State of Play:**

**It Isn't Even That Difficult to Hacking Voting Equipment (10/11) – Huffington Post**

A new report published on Tuesday outlines how amateur hackers were able to “effectively breach” voting equipment, in some cases in a matter of minutes or hours, over just four days in July at DEFCON, an annual hacker conference. The report underscores the vulnerability of U.S. election systems. It also highlights the need for states to improve their security protocols after the Department of Homeland Security said Russian hackers attempted to target them during the 2016 election.





**CIS to Lead Development of Best Practices Handbook for Securing U.S. Elections Infrastructure (10/11)**

**– Market Insider**

CIS announced the development of a best practices handbook for election infrastructure to complement the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Elections Assistance Commission's (EAC) initiatives to improve the nation's elections systems on October 10, 2017.

**U.S. Voting Machines Can Be Easily, Quickly Hacked: DEFCON Report (10/11) – Homeland Security Newswire**

The report highlighted how every piece of equipment in the Village – which included voting machines and poll books still largely in use in current U.S. elections – was effectively breached in a matter of minutes by hackers, including one machine with unwiped personal voter contact data from 2008 for more than 650,000 voters in Tennessee. The report also revealed that foreign-made parts were widely discovered within the Village's machines, elevating possibilities about supply chain security and an adversary's ability attack a vast number of voting machines –simultaneously and remotely.

**Russia Already Moving to the Next Cyber Incursion in U.S. (10/11) – Homeland Security Newswire**

The DEFCON report, released yesterday at an Atlantic Council event, does not say that Russia was able to breach voting machines in the 2016 U.S. election. Rather, the FBI and DHS found that Russian government hackers tried to breach the voting systems and voter registration databases in twenty-one states. These attempts were likely probing missions in preparation for a broad cyber-assault on U.S. voting in 2018 and 2020.

**Analysis:**

- DEFCON has given great insight into how easy it is to hack into voting machines.
- Based on known information, future intrusions will occur.

**Summary:**

- Recent coverage is focused on how the hacking is inevitable, but now we need to figure out how to fix the vulnerabilities before the next 2018 and 2020 elections. The DEFCON report has given us a great deal of detail into how easy it is to hack into the voting machines.

**Upcoming Activities:**

(b) (6) :

- (b) (6) from Region IX had a meeting with Nevada yesterday and we received his After Action Report from his engagement.
- Thank you (b) (6) for forwarding information from Indiana.

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- Massachusetts, Utah, and Kansas have engagements today. RDs are all in contact and supporting/coordinating these engagements.
- (b) (6): We will have a prep tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow for Atlanta. ETF will take place from 0800-0830 to accommodate.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

(b) (6):

- We want to make sure we are continuing to collaborate with our partners to highlight respective accomplishments in this effort.
- We will need a few talking points from the MS-ISAC meeting so we can use those for the GCC meeting before (b) (6) travels to Atlanta on Saturday.
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