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New Jersey's Director of Homeland Security Names State's First Cyber-Security Advisor

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TRENTON, NJ –Director Chris Rodriguez today announced the appointment of David Weinstein as New Jersey's first Cyber-Security Advisor based in the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. Weinstein brings unique cyber-security experiences to the position. He has worked at the Pentagon's Cyber Command, where he was intimately involved in the full spectrum of cyber-security policy, operations, and intelligence. At Cyber Command, Mr. Weinstein was the lead civilian for the organization's top planning priorities and managed a team of experienced military and civilian professionals. Following this assignment, Mr. Weinstein applied his experience to the private sector, where he consulted commercial clients on managing a dynamic cyber risk landscape, including mitigating threats and meeting regulatory demands.

Weinstein has also been recognized by [Forbes](#) Magazine as a top cyber policy expert and his analysis and commentary has been featured in multiple academic and media publications, including the Council on Foreign Relations' *Foreign Affairs*, the U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings*, *Foreign Policy*, *CNN.com*, *The Boston Globe*, and the *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. Born and raised in Westfield, NJ, Weinstein holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and a Master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Washington, DC.

"The State of New Jersey is fortunate to have the benefit of David's experiences in the cyber-security realm," said Director Rodriguez. "He will undoubtedly augment existing cyber initiatives throughout the State and will play a key role in fulfilling the Governor's vision of bolstering public-private sector collaboration at a time when malicious actors are increasingly seeking to do us harm. He will also help us refine procedures and protocols to enhance New Jersey's cyber threat responses."

Governor Chris Christie signed a [proclamation](#) recognizing October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month in New Jersey.

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The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP), a Cabinet-level agency, was created in 2006. The OHSP Director serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, and is responsible for leading the state's counter-terrorism and preparedness efforts across all levels of government and the private sector. OHSP oversees and distributes discretionary state and federal homeland security and emergency preparedness funds on behalf of New Jersey. More information about OHSP can be found at www.njhomelandsecurity.gov.