



## OHIO PERSISTENT CYBER IMPROVEMENT

A program of the Ohio Cyber Range Institute

# Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement Program

Empowering Ohio's local government entities through education, training, exercise, continuous assessment, and mentorship through a Persistent Cyber Improvement ecosystem.

### Overview

Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement (O-PCI) is a training program delivered by the Ohio Cyber Range Institute (OCRI), funded through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the State of Ohio, to be delivered at no cost to Ohio-based local government entities.

O-PCI was established to support local government entities and their staff across Ohio's 88 counties. The Persistent Cyber Improvement model positions local government entities to build and sustain the capacity to anticipate, adapt, withstand and, when necessary, recover from cyber aggression.

### O-PCI Training Gateways

Training is a blend of online, hybrid, and in-person modules that are tailored to local government entities of all sizes. Local government entities and their staff will be guided through three Gateways of educational content customized to their staff's unique roles.

**Training time requirements for staff roles are as follows:**  
General Staff (< 2 hours); IT/Cybersecurity Professional (11 - 13 hours); IT/Cybersecurity Manager/Executive (7 - 9 hours); and Organizational Manager/Executive (5 - 7 hours).

#### • Gateway 1: Core

Understanding Concepts and National Standards  
*Completion: Two months - 17 hours of training content*  
**Highlight: Cyber plans and policies**

#### • Gateway 2: Standard

Put it into Practice with Behavior Change  
*Completion: Two months - 20 hours of training content*  
**Highlight: In-person and virtual exercises**

#### • Gateway 3: Advanced

Drilling your Plans and Procedures  
*Completion: Two months - 30 hours of training content*  
**Highlight: Realistic cyber incident simulation**

### How to Participate

- County leadership can register: [ohiocyberinstitute.org/opci](https://ohiocyberinstitute.org/opci)
- County leadership will meet with OCRI staff for an onboarding process, including review of training requirements, timeline, and required documentation
- Through a combination of county leadership and OCRI outreach, sub-county governments will join a geographical training cohort
- Training begins once a cohort of local government entities are onboarded and required documentation is completed