

Interagency Partnerships Crucial to Safeguarding Infrastructure

During the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association cyber symposium in June, Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers stressed the importance of building partnerships among the federal government, the private sector, and academia for the defense of critical infrastructure.

In his keynote address, Adm. Rogers described cyber as “the ultimate team sport.” He continued, saying “There is no one single organization that has all the answers. There is no one single technology that will solve all of our problems [and] meet all of our challenges. This is a mission set that does not know clearly defined lines.”

Adm. Rogers discussed a recent meeting with the secretary of homeland security and the FBI director, citing the meeting as an example of his efforts to create partnerships and relationships that help the U.S. government apply its capabilities to support the broader civil sector. Rogers also expressed his opinion that U.S. Cyber Command should assist its civilian counterparts in understanding how the federal government is organized to provide them cyber support.

“In the end, it’s about that broader set of partnerships,” Rogers said in his address. “They’re going to be the key to our success.”

Adm. Rogers assumed duty as director of the National Security Agency and commander of U.S. Cyber Command in April 2014. **IAJ**

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In June the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published its second Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). The original QHSR, published in 2010, answered the question “What is homeland security?”, and outlined the vision, mission areas, goals, and objectives for homeland security.

According to Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, the new QHSR “sets priorities for homeland security over the next four years based on risk, and charts a path forward to proactively address rapidly evolving threats and hazards.”

The 2014 QHSR focuses on working toward a more collaborative, unified Department, and recognizes the important charge DHS shares with their partners across federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as those in the private sector and other nongovernmental organizations.

The 2014 review also renews the Department’s commitment to their five mission areas:

- Prevent Terrorism and Enhance Security,
- Secure and Manage Our Borders,
- Enforce and Administer Our Immigration Laws,
- Safeguard and Secure Cyberspace, and
- Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. **IAJ**