



AGENCY CONTACT MEMORANDUM

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TO: Agency IT Directors

FROM: David Carter, Chief Information Security Officer
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SUBJECT: October is Security Awareness Month

The Commonwealth Office of Technology, Office of the CISO is pleased to announce that October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Governor Andy Beshear has joined other Governors across the nation in proclaiming October as a month to recognize the importance of Cyber Security and everyone's role in it as part of #TeamKentucky.

In honor of this, the Office of the CISO has several activities planned throughout the month to help spread the word and provide valuable information and resources to the Commonwealth of Kentucky state workforce. There will be informative presentation from some of our vendor business partners as well as weekly quiz questions and opportunities for users to make a difference in protecting the Commonwealth.

As the Chief Information Security Officer, I am sponsoring the opportunity for our users to win \$25 Amazon gift cards for participation in the events in October and the opportunity to be recognized as a Security Champion! After the end of the month, there will be a drawing for four gift cards and users earn entries for their participation. The more they participate, the more chances they get to win.

- One entry for participation in the virtual presentations throughout the month and logging participation in MyPurpose for credit.
- One entry for submitting feedback to COTSecurityFeedback@ky.gov on any of the October activities.
- One entry for each time they answer our security quiz questions that will be sent out twice a week throughout October.
- One entry for reporting any phishing emails they may see in October by using the reporting button in Outlook or forwarding the suspect email to Phishing.Reporting@ky.gov .
- One entry for providing suggestions for helping to make the Commonwealth stronger in the area of cyber security by emailing them to COTSecurityWatch@ky.gov .

On November 9th, we will hold the drawing for the gift cards and publish our list of Security Champions with the most entries on the Office of the CISO webpage.

Please check the CISO Security Awareness Month webpage at <https://technology.ky.gov/ciso/Pages/Cybersecurity-Awareness-Month-2020.aspx> for more information about upcoming events.