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**COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAUNCHES CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE GRID**

*Agency Partners with Anomali to Share Threat Intelligence Used to Protect 5.3 Million Residents*

**CHICAGO Ill. & REDWOOD CITY Calif. — DATE TBD —** The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management’s (DHSEM) Information Security Office (ISO), and Anomali, provider of market-leading threat intelligence platforms, today announced that the DHSEM has launched a collaborative project to support local municipalities in combating cyberattacks. The Cook County Cyber Threat Intelligence Grid (CCCTIG) is designed to strengthen the region’s cybersecurity through shared intelligence.

All CCCTIG participating municipalities will have access to a secure platform, provided by Anomali, where they can search and share a wealth of cyber threat intelligence on known bad actors, malicious campaigns and security incidents. This tool increases municipalities’ capacity to quickly respond to threats while also protecting themselves from future attacks.

“Time is of the essence during a cyberattack. The more quickly we know that an attack is happening, the more quickly we can act to make sure it doesn’t spread,” said Cook County’s Chief Information Security Officer Ricardo Lafosse. “Our goal is to ensure municipalities know about threats immediately and act to protect their digital information and their operations so that the impact to our residents can be mitigated.”

The DHSEM began rolling out the platform in October. The Villages of Norridge and Schaumburg and the City of Berwyn are among the first to take advantage of the CCCTIG. Lafosse says his team will continue to roll out the platform throughout the nation’s second largest county over the coming months. The grid is available to all of Cook County’s 134 municipalities, helping to protect its 5.3 million residents.

“Cybersecurity discussions tend to focus on the latest attacks against businesses and federal government, neglecting to remember that local agencies are often the front line in the fight to protect millions of residents against countless threats,” said Hugh Njemanze, CEO of Anomali. “The Cook County DHSEM continues to demonstrate its leadership in combating cyber threats. We are thrilled to partner with this important agency to share our threat intelligence platforms to help Illinois counties collaborate and coordinate on cybersecurity threats and response.”

“This partnership with Cook County and many other municipalities gives us a much better ability to rapidly pinpoint cyber threats and work together to neutralize them,” said James Frank, director of information technology at the City of Berwyn. “Ultimately, it provides direction toward a higher cybersecurity standard, allowing us to provide city residents and staff the best possible service.”

**About Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management integrates first responders, their departments and resources from 134 Cook County municipalities, and serves as the central agency in Cook County for coordinating efforts to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all incidents, whether man-made or natural. For more information, visit our website at [www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org](http://www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org).

**About Anomali**Anomali delivers earlier detection and identification of adversaries in your organization's network by making it possible to correlate tens of millions of threat indicators against your real time network activity logs and up to a year or more of forensic log data. Anomali's approach enables detection at every point along the kill chain, making it possible to mitigate threats before material damage to your organization has occurred. Headquartered in Redwood City, Calif., the company is privately held and has received venture capital backing from General Catalyst Partners, GV, Institutional Venture Partners, and Paladin Capital Group, as well as individual investors. To learn more, visit [www.anomali.com](http://www.anomali.com/)and follow us on Twitter: @anomali.

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