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# OPERATION: DEFEND THE NORTH

A Canadian Cybersecurity Readiness  
Exercise

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**DECEMBER 3, 2025.**

TORONTO, CANADA

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*A Canadian Cybersecurity Readiness Exercise*

siberX is excited to announce its 7th cybersecurity readiness table top exercise (TTX). This one day cyber breach simulation event will take place in Toronto, Canada on December 3, 2025 and is designed to strengthen Canada's cybersecurity readiness and response strategies.

This event brings together Public and Private sector stakeholders along with the Canadian Cybersecurity community to discuss how their organizations would respond to such an attack.

Participants, in real-time, will deal with an active incident and breach - collaborating with leaders from across Canada, technical and operational solutions will be proposed to contain the attack.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Leaders from Critical Sectors Involved in Exercise:** Energy, Financial, Healthcare, Government Services, Telecommunications and Retail.
- **Simulated Cyber Attacks:** Engage in sector-specific cyber threat scenarios
- **Expert-Led Sessions:** Technical and operational discussions with industry leaders - real-time visualizations from an active environment will be incorporated
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with professionals across sectors and showcase.

## EVENT OVERVIEW:

- **Duration:** Dec 3, 2025.
- **Format:** Cybersecurity Tabletop Event
  - 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Exercise and Networking
- **Objective:** Join professionals across sectors working towards protecting a cyber attack against Canada's critical sectors via a cybersecurity readiness exercise

## DEMOGRAPHICS:

- **PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR:** 50% public & 50% private sector viewing this online, expected attendance, 300 leaders in-person & 3,000+ online.
- **MEDIA:** Media has been invited and will participate in coverage (Globe & Mail, Toronto Start, Technology Media)
- **DIGNITARIES:** Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, CIO & CISO Provinces, MPs Mayors, and Councillors invited to open each day and participate.



# MODULE & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## West Coast Dead Zone

It's a typical rainy morning in Toronto. People are settling into their routines: students head to school and commuters navigate the busy highways and businesses open their doors for the day. Then at precisely 9:15 AM PST, everything changes. Mobile phones lose signal and internet connections drop and landlines fall silent. The province goes eerily quiet as people scramble to understand what's happening.

At first, the outage seems like a technical glitch. Local telecom providers suggest routine maintenance but as the minutes turn to hours, it's clear this is no ordinary disruption. By midday, the outage has affected every corner of the province from bustling Vancouver to remote northern towns. Emergency services are overwhelmed with calls reporting dead communication lines and businesses struggle to process transactions without internet or phone connectivity. Panic rises as families lose contact with loved ones and vital services like 911 dispatch face unprecedented strain.

It's not just Toronto's citizens affected; key industries reliant on constant communication from healthcare to transportation are in turmoil. Hospitals face delays as internal networks struggle to stay online while airlines operating out of YVR ground flights due to safety concerns. Government officials scramble to reassure the public but the absence of clear information only fuels speculation. Social media becomes a hotbed of conspiracy theories with #ONHack trending nationwide. Emergency broadcasts are limited to old-fashioned radio and long queues form outside gas stations and grocery stores as people stockpile essentials fearing the worst.

By late afternoon, cybersecurity specialists from across Canada are on the ground joined by federal agencies and the RCMP's cybercrime unit. Their challenge is immense: identify the attackers, contain the breach and restore service to millions of desperate residents. Each passing hour raises the stakes as ON's economy grinds to a halt and social unrest begins to simmer. The attack is a wake-up call highlighting just how fragile modern infrastructure can be – and how devastating a single vulnerability can become in the wrong hands.

Dec 3, 2025   9:00 AM - 10:30 AM				
MODULE	MODULE DESCRIPTION	MODULE BREAKDOWN	CIS CONTROL	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
<div>MODULE 1:</div> <div>Detection and Analysis</div> <div>3 SPOTS REMAINING</div>	The collapse of telecom systems sparks widespread disruption, public uncertainty, and a surge of misinformation. This module examines the initial investigation into potential threats, identifying vulnerabilities, and establishing secure communication pathways to analyze and mitigate the impact on critical operations.	<div>1a. Initial Threat Investigation &amp; Breach Analysis</div> <div>1b. Identifying Vulnerabilities in Telecom Infrastructure</div> <div>1c. Establishing Secure Communication &amp; Intelligence Sharing</div> <div>1d. Developing a Rapid Response Strategy</div> <div>1e.Public Communication &amp; Crisis Management</div>	<div>• CIS Control 1: Inventory and Control of Enterprise Assets</div> <div>• CIS Control 2: Inventory and Control of Software Assets</div> <div>• CIS Control 8: Audit Log Management</div> <div>• CIS Control 14: Security Awareness and Skills Training</div> <div>• CIS Control 17: Incident Response Management</div>	This module offers sponsorship opportunities for presenting advanced tools and solutions in threat detection and analysis, vulnerability management, and incident response coordination. Along with participating in the live exercise, ideal sponsors would provide cutting-edge cybersecurity solutions specifically tailored for the financial industry. These solutions would enable comprehensive breach analysis, secure information sharing among banks, and rapid response planning to restore services and maintain public trust.

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Dec 3, 2025   11:00 AM - 12:30 PM				
MODULE	MODULE DESCRIPTION	MODULE BREAKDOWN	CIS CONTROL	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
<div>MODULE 2:</div> <div>Containment &amp; Discovery</div> <div>3 SPOTS REMAINING</div>	Lives are at risk as vital services lose access to critical communication networks. This module focuses on isolating vulnerabilities, uncovering potential risks, and securing essential systems to ensure continuity of care and operations during the outage.	<div>2a. Immediate Isolation of Affected Systems</div> <div>2b. Securing Critical Services and Backup Networks</div> <div>2c. Identifying Potential Threats and Vulnerabilities</div> <div>2d. Coordinating Incident Response and Risk Mitigation</div> <div>2e. Communicating with Key Stakeholders and the Public</div>	<div>• CIS Control 3: Data Protection</div> <div>• CIS Control 4: Secure Configuration of Enterprise Assets and Software</div> <div>• CIS Control 7: Continuous Vulnerability Management</div> <div>• CIS Control 12: Network Infrastructure Management</div>	<p>This module offers sponsorship opportunities for presenting advanced containment, threat isolation, and risk mitigation solutions during a cyber crisis. Ideal sponsors will provide cutting-edge tools for real-time threat detection, automated vulnerability assessment, and critical infrastructure security to ensure telecom networks remain resilient. Along with participating in the live exercise, sponsors will showcase innovative response technologies that enable rapid threat neutralization, secure backup communications, and operational continuity during outages.</p>
Dec 3, 2025  1:30 PM - 3:00 PM				
MODULE	MODULE DESCRIPTION	MODULE BREAKDOWN	CIS CONTROL	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
<div>MODULE 3:</div> <div>Eradication</div> <div>3 SPOTS REMAINING</div>	The telecoms outage brings key operations to a standstill, disrupting supply chains and critical systems. This module focuses on eliminating threats, restoring functionality, and minimizing economic impact with attempts to reestablish secure and reliable connectivity across essential networks.	<div>3a. Isolating and Neutralizing Active Threats</div> <div>3b. Identifying and Patching Vulnerabilities</div> <div>3c. Removing Malicious Network Activity</div> <div>3d. Verifying System Integrity</div> <div>3e. Implementing Temporary Security Safeguards During Cleanup</div>	<div>• CIS Control 5: Account Management</div> <div>• CIS Control 6: Access Control Management</div> <div>• CIS Control 10: Malware Defences</div> <div>• CIS Control 15: Service Provider Management</div>	<p>This module offers sponsorship opportunities for presenting advanced solutions in threat removal, malware eradication, and secure system restoration. Ideal sponsors will provide cutting-edge tools for forensic analysis, endpoint protection, and vulnerability patching to eliminate persistent threats and restore telecom operations. Along with participating in the live exercise, sponsors will showcase innovative technologies for automated malware detection, network hardening, and secure infrastructure recovery.</p>



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Dec 3, 2025   3:30 PM - 5:00 PM				
MODULE	MODULE DESCRIPTION	MODULE BREAKDOWN	CIS CONTROL	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
<b>MODULE 4:</b>  <b>Response and Post Incident Activity</b>  <b>3 SPOTS REMAINING</b>	Communication blackouts leave communities vulnerable and disrupt essential activities. This module emphasizes responding to breaches, securing access to critical systems, and maintaining operational continuity, while laying the groundwork for post-incident analysis and future resilience.	4a. Immediate Response and Emergency Coordination 4b. Securing Access to Critical Systems & Controlling Damage 4c. Restoring Public and Enterprise Connectivity 4d. Incident Review and Root Cause Analysis 4e. Strengthening Future Resilience & Cybersecurity Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CIS Control 7: Continuous Vulnerability Management</li><li>• CIS Control 17: Incident Response Management</li><li>• CIS Control 18: Penetration Testing</li></ul>	<p>This module offers sponsorship opportunities for presenting comprehensive incident response, disaster recovery, and crisis management solutions. Ideal sponsors will provide cutting-edge tools for secure communications, breach response coordination, and business continuity planning to minimize downtime and restore public confidence.</p> <p>Along with participating in the live exercise, sponsors will showcase innovative solutions for incident tracking, real-time system monitoring, and cyber resilience enhancement.</p>

Dec 3, 2025   5:15 PM - 6:15 PM				
MODULE	MODULE DESCRIPTION	MODULE BREAKDOWN	CIS CONTROL	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
<b>MODULE 5:</b>  <b>Closing Remarks and Hotwash</b>  <b>3 SPOTS REMAINING</b>	As telecom networks begin to come back online, how do we restore operations and rebuild trust? This session explores the recovery phase, offering insights into maintaining data integrity, strengthening resilience, and ensuring cross-sector collaboration for future incidents.	5a. Finalizing Full Operational Restoration 5b. Reviewing Incident Response & Performance Assessment 5c. Addressing Public Trust & Communication Strategy 5d. Implementing Lessons Learned & Future Resilience Planning 5e. Formal Closure and Leadership Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CIS Control 7: Continuous Vulnerability Management</li><li>• CIS Control 17: Incident Response Management</li><li>• CIS Control 18: Penetration Testing</li></ul>	<p>This module offers sponsorship opportunities for presenting strategic insights, post-incident analysis tools, and long-term resilience planning solutions. Ideal sponsors will provide cutting-edge platforms for forensic reporting, compliance management, and cybersecurity training to strengthen future incident preparedness. Along with participating in the live exercise, sponsors will showcase innovative approaches for lessons learned analysis, policy refinement, and cross-sector collaboration to prevent future crises.</p>



# SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

Showcase your organization, with 1 module, select from the 5 modules **\$10,000**

INCLUDED	DESCRIPTION
Booth 8 x 8	A dedicated space at the event for showcasing your organization’s offerings, interacting with attendees, and networking with other industry experts.
CASL Compliant List of All Attendees (72 Hours Post Event)	Access to a compliant list of attendees post-event, allowing you to follow up and engage with potential clients or partners.
30-Second Commercial Played During Break/Lunch	A 30-second commercial featuring your organization, played during event breaks or lunch periods to enhance your visibility.
Promotion on Physical Signage, Website, Social Media, and Virtual Platform	Your organization’s branding and messaging will be prominently displayed across various event channels including physical signage, the event website, social media platforms, and the virtual event
Session on YouTube	Your module session will be recorded and posted on YouTube, providing ongoing exposure and content for your audience.
3 In-Person Passes & 50 Virtual Passes	3 in-person passes for your team to attend the event physically, and fifty virtual passes for remote participation.
ADDITIONAL	DESCRIPTION
Additional Modules	Your sponsorship comes with 1 module, for each additional module the sponsorship price is \$5,000
Badge (\$3,000)	Sponsorship of event badges, which are worn by all attendees. Your company’s logo will be prominently displayed on the badges, providing continuous visibility throughout the event.
Lanyard (\$3,000)	Sponsorship of lanyards used to hold attendee badges. Your company’s branding will be featured on the lanyards, ensuring that your logo is visible throughout the event.
Breakfast (\$2,000) or Lunch (\$2,000)	Sponsorship of the breakfast session, providing an opportunity to have your branding featured during the morning meal.
Speakers Lounge (\$3,000)	Sponsorship of the lounge area designated for speakers. This exclusive space will prominently feature your company’s branding and offer a high-visibility spot to interact with industry leaders.



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Brand Exposure:** Position your brand prominently before a diverse audience of industry leaders, cybersecurity professionals, policymakers, and tech enthusiasts via gamified purple teaming.

**Thought Leadership:** Showcase your expertise through expert-led sessions, workshops, panels, and discussions with industry leaders.

**Branding Opportunities:** Gain visibility through branding placements across event materials, website, and promotional channels.

**Recognition:** Acknowledgment as a key sponsor in event communications, press releases, and media coverage.

**Community Engagement:** Support educational institutions and emergency services personnel by contributing to their practical insights and crisis management skills.

**Networking Opportunities:** Connect virtually with professionals across sectors, fostering valuable relationships and potential partnerships.

## WHO WILL ATTEND?

- **Government Officials:** Responsible for critical infrastructure protection, including policymakers, agencies, and representatives.
- **Cybersecurity Professionals:** Experts seeking sector-specific insights and hands-on experience in strategic cyber defence.
- **Industry Leaders:** Executives and decision-makers invested in safeguarding their respective sector.
- **Private Sector Entities:** Companies offering cybersecurity tools & solutions, to enhance national cyber resilience.
- **Tech Enthusiasts:** Individuals with a passion for technology and interest in addressing cybersecurity challenges through innovation.
- **Educational Institutions:** Students & faculty in cybersecurity programs, gaining practical insights and experience in simulated crisis scenarios.
- **Emergency Services Personnel:** Those responsible for managing crises, ensuring coordination and effective responses in the face of cyber threats.
- **International Cybersecurity Collaborators:** Professionals from allied nations, fostering cross-border cooperation and sharing insights on global cyber threats.
- **Media and Communication Professionals:** Reporters and communicators covering cybersecurity, contributing to public awareness and understanding.
- **General Public:** Engaged citizens interested in understanding the impact of cyber threats on national security and critical infrastructure.



The top photograph shows a wall display for the exhibition. At the top, the 'sberX' logo is visible twice. Below it, the title 'OPERATION: DEFEND THE NORTH' is written in large, bold, orange letters. The bottom photograph shows a large screen displaying a game interface. The background is dark red with a faint, glowing red geometric pattern. A white rectangular box in the center contains text, including the word 'Mission' and a list of objectives. At the bottom left of the screen, the text 'MODULE 1' is visible.

The image shows a wide-angle view of a conference stage. A large projection screen dominates the background, displaying the title 'MODULE 1 FINANCE SECTOR' in bold white letters on a blue bar. Above this, the text 'MODERNIZING THE FINANCE SECTOR' is visible. To the right, a list of speakers is shown, including names like 'Hon. Minister of Finance', 'Hon. Minister of Industry', and 'Hon. Minister of Natural Resources'. Below the screen, a panel of seven people is seated at a long table. The stage is decorated with 'OPERATION: DEFEND THE NORTH' branding, including a logo and the text 'A special thanks to our sponsors: Scotiabank, Amul, Telus, Canon, Canada Inc., Ampere, SerfatyOne, Temco and Borealis by Shell'. The audience is visible in the foreground, seated in rows.





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