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Official Kickoff of Virtual Digital Forensics Lab

WHO: CyberWATCH, National Science Foundation, University of Maryland

WHAT: In spring 2008, the University of Maryland's Office of Information Technology (OIT) received \$109,514 in funding from the CyberWATCH consortium to establish a regional Digital Forensics Lab (DFL)

through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The university is hosting the official kickoff of the DFL, a $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}$ that will serve as a resource in the teaching of digital forensics at CyberWATCH universities and community colleges as well as serve as a resource for performing digital forensic investigations in the future.

The DFL will offer sample curricula and curriculum materials, including forensic case studies, for use by CyberWATCH member institutions throughout the Washington, D.C. region in developing their own forensics courses. The official, new Web site, which will feature at the start two original case studies and other resources on computer forensics and forensics instruction, will be presented. In addition, the virtual lab, which includes a substantial server and multiple virtual forensics workstations for faculty and student use, will be launched in its initial form.

SPEAKERS: Steven D. Shirley, Executive Director, Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3), Linthicum, Maryland; Sgt. J. Casey, Maryland State Police, Computer Crimes Section/Computer Forensics Lab; Benjamin Harris, Assistant Attorney General at the Maryland Office of the Attorney General; and Ajay Gupta, Founder, Gsecurity, Inc.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 22, 2008; 10:30 AM - Noon, Opening Ceremony; 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Training Opportunity

WHERE: Margaret Brent Room, Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park

MEDIA: Media coverage is welcome.

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ON THE WEB: http://www.edtechpolicy.org/DNFLReg2008.html http://www.oit.umd.edu/News/Archive/2008/DFL_press_release.pdf