

Level 3 Named 2016 Cyber Security Awareness Month Champion

DHS and NCSA Recognize Commitment to Online Awareness and Safety

BROOMFIELD, Colo., Aug. 24, 2016 / [PRNewswire](#)/ -- [Level 3 Communications, Inc.](#) (NYSE: LVLT) is a Champion of the upcoming National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) 2016. It joins a growing global effort among businesses, government agencies, colleges and universities, associations, nonprofit organizations and individuals to promote online safety awareness. As an official Champion, designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), Level 3 continues to demonstrate its commitment to cybersecurity through the delivery of secure enterprise business solutions and educational programs designed to teach people how they can be safer online.

What is NCSAM?

- Recognized every October, National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) is a collaborative effort between government and industry to provide digital citizens the resources needed to stay safe and secure online and protect their personal information.
- Coordinated and led by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), NCSAM reaches consumers, small- and medium-sized businesses, corporations, educational institutions and young people across the globe with information and educational programs centered on practical approaches to cybersecurity.

Level 3's NCSAM Efforts Highlight:

- Cybersecurity Superheroes: How people of all ages can take steps to protect their data.
 - Assets:
 - [How to Craft a Strong Password](#) (Video)
 - [How to Keep Your Social Media Self Safe](#) (Video)
 - [Strategies for Security in the Cloud](#) (Video)
 - [A Millennial's Take on Cybersecurity with Tips](#) (Blog)
- Training Employees: Humans can be the biggest risk or asset to a company depending on their security training. As Chris Richter, senior vice president of global security services says, "You can't patch stupid."
 - Assets:
 - [Employees and Security Risk](#) (Video)
 - [State of the industry from RSA: Humans remain the weakest link for every organization](#) (Video)
- Bridging the Job Gap: Creating opportunities for high school students to gain real-world experience in cybersecurity jobs through the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program and focusing on building talent through in-house training programs.
 - Assets:
 - [Getting Started in Telecom](#) (Blog)
 - [Preparing the Next Generation for the Evolving Digital Economy](#) (Blog)

Key Quotes:

Chris Richter, Senior Vice President, Level 3 Communications

"There are no silver bullets. Technology won't keep us safe if we don't adhere to cybersecurity basics such as strong passwords, regular updates and practicing safe clicking. Proper security controls are achieved through a combination of technology, governance and people. We need educated, informed consumers so they can take the right steps to protecting themselves online and make life a little harder for bad actors."

Michael Kaiser, Executive Director of the National Cyber Security Alliance

"The Champion program is a vital part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month's ongoing success. More than 700 organizations joined last year, a nearly 80-percent increase from the year before. We are thankful to our 2016 Champion organizations for their support and commitment to our shared responsibility of promoting cybersecurity and online safety awareness."

About The National Cyber Security Alliance

The National Cyber Security Alliance is the nation's leading nonprofit, public-private partnership promoting cybersecurity and privacy education and awareness. NCSA works with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and NCSA's Board of Directors, which include representatives from ADP; AT&T Services, Inc.; Bank of America; Barclays; BlackBerry Corporation; Cisco; Comcast Corporation; ESET North America; Facebook; Google; Intel Corporation; Logical Operations; Microsoft Corp.; PayPal; PKWARE; RSA, the Security Division of EMC; Raytheon; SANS Institute; Symantec and Visa Inc. NCSA's core efforts include National Cyber Security Awareness Month (October), Data Privacy Day (January 28) and STOP. THINK. CONNECT., the global online safety awareness and education campaign led by NCSA and the Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG), with federal government leadership from DHS. For more information on NCSA, please visit staysafeonline.org/about-us/overview/.

About Level 3 Communications

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: [L3](#)) is a Fortune 500 company that provides local, national and global communications services to enterprise, government and carrier customers. Level 3's comprehensive portfolio of secure, managed solutions includes fiber and infrastructure solutions; IP-based voice and data communications; wide-area Ethernet services; video and content distribution; data center and cloud-based solutions. Level 3 serves customers in more than 500 markets in over 60 countries across a global services platform anchored by owned fiber networks on three continents and connected by extensive undersea facilities. For more information, please visit www.level3.com or get to know us on [Twitter](#), Facebook and [LinkedIn](#).

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