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DURHAM, N.H. -- The New Hampshire Cyber Crime Initiative and Microsoft Corporation are teaming up to provide Granite State law enforcement agencies with a daylong overview of cyber crime issues and tactics Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training seminar, provided at no cost to law enforcement, is hosted by Justiceworks at the University of New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire Cyber Crime Initiative, established by the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office, is leading the effort to develop and maintain an effective and sustainable statewide response to computer crime. More than 140 law enforcement agencies throughout the state are part of the initiative working to implement the state’s strategic plan to address cyber crime. The plan is available at http://doj.nh.gov/strategic_plan.html.

“The investigation and prosecution of cyber crimes continues to be a top priority for the state of New Hampshire,” said Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, who will open the training seminar with an overview of the New Hampshire Cyber Crime Initiative and its efforts to date. “This partnership with Microsoft allows us to provide law enforcement agencies with the resources and expertise they need to stay on top of constantly changing technology.”

The training will provide an overview of the tools available to law enforcement agencies as well as examples of how those tools are used in real investigations. Officials from Microsoft will also discuss the types of cyber crimes where Microsoft partners with law enforcement to prosecute criminal activity.

“Microsoft recognizes its responsibility to assist law enforcement in preventing criminals from using technology for criminal activities,” said Rich LaMagna, director of Microsoft’s Worldwide Law Enforcement Programs. “By providing such training Microsoft is helping law enforcement agencies to accomplish their mission.”

“Because of the borderless nature of electronic crimes such as identity theft, child pornography, and cyber attacks, law enforcement agencies must adapt their responses to meet this new threat,” said Andrew Macpherson, a research assistant professor at UNH and director of Justiceworks’ Technical Analysis Group, which supports the attorney general’s office in its cyber crime...
initiative. “Working with organizations like Microsoft allows us to help build sustainable investigative, forensic and prosecutorial capabilities within the state.”