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SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PARTICIPATES IN ELECTION SECURITY WORKSHOP SERIES WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS

SARATOGA COUNTY, NY - The Saratoga County Board of Elections on July 24, 2024, hosted an Election Security Workshop and Tabletop Exercise coordinated by the New York State Board of Elections. The day-long event was one of four training sessions for all County Boards of Elections to ensure readiness by all entities as the General Election approaches.

Event partners included the Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the New York State Executive Chamber, the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES), the New York State Police (NYSP), and the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS).

The training events took place in Westchester, Saratoga, Onondaga, and Erie counties between July 23 – July 26, offering collaborative opportunities for government entities, election administrators, law enforcement, and information technology experts alike. In addition to representatives from the County Boards of Elections, county information technology professionals, emergency managers, and communications directors participated.

Presentations featured information about election security best practices, incident response processes, cybersecurity regulations, voting equipment and software, and combatting mis- and disinformation about elections. The tabletop exercises examined coordination and response capabilities during a variety of hypothetical cyber and physical security incidents impacting elections.

The 2024 General Election is November 5, 2024. Early Voting will occur from October 26, 2024, through November 3, 2024. For information about registering to vote, requesting a ballot, or finding your polling place, voters should visit the New York State Board of Elections website at https://elections.ny.gov/.