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The Problem: Cybercrime & the Cybersecurity Workforce Shortage

Cybercrime attacks on citizens, business and infrastructure are growing each year. Currently, many law enforcement agencies do not have the staff or training to handle the issue alone. According to **John Reed Stark, former Chief, SEC Office of Internet Enforcement, “The most dangerous looming crisis in information security is a severe cybersecurity labor shortage.”** And recent industry reports predict that “There will be 3.5 million cybersecurity job openings by 2021. Cybercrime will more than triple the number of job openings over the next 5 years.”

Introduction to Pegasus Research Foundation (PRF)

PRF, an Arkansas 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, was formed in 2003 to facilitate law enforcement’s transition to the Internet. With the advent of the Internet of Things and the reinvention of the US crime industry as the Global Cybercrime Industry, PRF is needed, now, more than ever.

About NCIP, a PRF Programmatic Activity

In 2018, at the request of the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA), Sheriff David Goad and PRF launched the **National Cybercrime Investigators Program (NCIP)**, www.ncip.tech, to facilitate law enforcement’s transformation to respond to the challenges of the now-reinvented Global Cybercrime Industry. NCIP has three primary components:

- Cybercrime investigation and prosecution training & certification, as certified by the NSA and its partner, the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C);
- Law enforcement-private sector collaboration on cyber investigations, under Non-Disclosure Agreement, so victims control the data they share with law enforcement; and
- Cybercrime investigations and prosecutions conducted via a sustainable for-profit subscription-based SAAS cybercrime offense and threat intel reporting platform.

Overview: The PRF Women Fighting Cybercrime Program (Program)

The **PRF Women Fighting Cybercrime Program** was launched to help solve the intertwined cybercrime and cybersecurity workforce shortage problems. The Program has begun doing this by recruiting Candidate Women Cybercrime Investigators, facilitating their qualification (criminal history background check, cybercrime investigation training and certification, and State private investigator licensure), and placing them with Law Enforcement Agencies, Prosecutors Offices, or NCIP-recognized Cybercrime Investigation Firms.

PRF & Women In Technology Grants

To address the severe Cybersecurity Workforce shortage in the “Investigate” Workforce Category, and also the pernicious shortage of women in the technology field, many grant sources have Women In Technology grant programs, and seek out Woman Owned Businesses. PRF is seeking “Women in Technology” grant funding to fund projects alongside Federally-funded training for law enforcement-affiliated personnel.

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