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SD National Guard to receive new cyber protection team

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The National Guard Bureau announced Wednesday that the South Dakota Army National Guard has been selected to receive one of seven new Army National Guard cyber protection teams to be fielded by the end of fiscal year 2019.

As part of ongoing growth of cyber forces throughout the Department of Defense, the Bureau announced plans to activate additional cyber units spread throughout 23 states.

South Dakota will share a 39-member team with North Dakota, Colorado and Utah designed to help protect the nation's critical cyber infrastructure and address emerging cyber threats.

Seven members of the team will be assigned to South Dakota and is expected to be organized during fiscal year 2018. No decision has been made on where the unit will be based and will be announced at a later date.

“The National Guard provides a critical defensive cyber capability available to governors of all 54 states and territories in support of DoD, federal and state response as part of a layered defense,” said Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the SDNG. “Cyberspace is critical to both joint military operations and the National Guard’s support of national security objectives. To do this, the National Guard continues to develop integrated cyber capabilities and build the skilled cyber workforce that is critical to our operations.”

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