Community Technology Advisory Board

Privacy & Cybersecurity 2019 Year-End Summary

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In 2019 the Privacy & Cybersecurity committee produced a variety of commentary and public statements, as well as hosting a panel discussion in the third quarter of the year.

Surveillance Ordinance Public Comment

On March 12th, the committee produced a 7-page recommendation document in response to the City of Seattle's call for public comment for the ongoing surveillance ordinance. This group of technologies (Group 2) included Police & Fire dispatch, call logging, and public-reporting tool, SDOT traffic monitoring, and a SCL technique for identifying electricity theft.

This work was thanks to the efforts of numerous subscribers of the committee mailing list as well as engaged community members attending CTAB meetings. The document was prepared very quickly, due to the narrow public comment window. It was submitted to CTAB and unanimously approved.

Forming New Partnerships

In an effort to broaden community outreach and collaboration, the Privacy & Cybersecurity committee formed a partnership with the Seattle Public Libraries Emerging Technology 101 program. This was enabled via close coordination with Kreg Hasegawa, and culminated in a well-received panel discussion that took the place of an ordinary CTAB meeting.

The committee has also established and maintained a working relationship with the City of Seattle's Privacy Department headed by the Chief Privacy Officer, Ginger Armbruster.

Panel Discussion: Citywide Privacy Policy

On September 24th, the committee hosted a panel discussion which replaced the ordinary CTAB meeting for that month. Ginger Armbruster, Mike Katell, Sara Bromling, and Camille Malonzo were selected to speak from their varied perspectives about the City's Privacy Programs and Policies.