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## **Rutgers Miller Center hosts Emergent Threats Roundtable**

### *The Real and Present Threat to America's Power Grid*

**New Brunswick, New Jersey (April 28, 2023)** – The [Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience](#) is hosting a [virtual roundtable](#) discussion on **May 1, 2023 at 1pm EST** about an alarming increase in physical attacks on U.S. electric utilities and disinformation about the power grid. Experts in law enforcement, government, and private industry will discuss the grid, its security, recent attacks on infrastructure, best practices for law enforcement, and public-private information sharing.

“Attacks on U.S. power grid installations are becoming more frequent. And little is known of the perpetrators, or their motivations – whether it’s a desire to cause chaos, destruction, and foment fear; to disrupt the functioning of society and the economy; or to advance a political or ideological agenda in an attempt to weaken the government,” said Paul Goldenberg, Chief Advisor for Police Policy at the Miller Center.

“To extremists, these stations may represent a way to target a vulnerable point in the country's infrastructure, causing significant damage with relatively little effort or resources, posing a serious threat to public safety and security. Assembled on this webinar to address this emerging threat are the nation’s leading experts in law enforcement and critical infrastructure protection,” said Brian Harrell, Vice President and Chief Security Officer at Avangrid.

#### Agenda:

##### Introduction:

- Brian Harrell – VP & Chief Security Officer at Avangrid
- Paul Goldenberg – Chief Advisor, Policy and Global Policing, Rutgers Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience

##### Panel 1: Industry Discussion

- Moderator: Michael Gips – Former Chief Global Knowledge and Learning Officer at ASIS
- Mark Weatherford – former Chief Security Officer at North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- Eric Barnhart – Chief Security Officer at Portland General Electric
- Adam Lee – VP & Chief Security Officer at Dominion Energy
- Aric Mutchnick – President of Red Ball Drills

## Panel 2: Law Enforcement Discussion

- Moderator: Paul Goldenberg – Rutgers University Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience
- Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald – Story County, Iowa
- Major Larry Williams – New Jersey State Police
- Chief Jack Donohue (NYPD ret.) – Network Contagion Research Institute
- Todd Peney – Director, Tennessee Valley Authority Police & Emergency Management

The discussion is presented in partnership with the Global Consortium of Law Enforcement Training Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, the University of Ottawa, Avangrid, ASIS International, the Network Contagion Research Institute, the Center for Critical Intelligence Studies at Rutgers University, and the New Jersey State Police.

### For members of the media:

Members of the media are welcome to attend. Please register to attend the Zoom conversation, and also [RSVP](#) to Gabriella Korosec at [gmorrone@eagleton.rutgers.edu](mailto:gmorrone@eagleton.rutgers.edu).

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### **ABOUT THE MILLER CENTER ON POLICING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

The [Miller Center on Community Protection and Resilience](#), engages in education and public service focused on protecting vulnerable communities. The Eagleton affiliated center identifies and disseminates best practices, offers training workshops, consults on security and civil liberties, and undertakes research. The Miller Center, a product of the combined efforts of the former Centers on Policing and Community Protection and Resilience, is composed of individuals with a broad range of experience in the public safety arena. Its mission is to integrate research and evidence-based best practices into police operations, violence reduction, problem-solving, community policing, education, training, and the development of criminal justice policy and practice. The Center's efforts and findings directly help public safety professionals and agencies, and community organizations more effectively protect and serve their communities.

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