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### **U.S. SECRET SERVICE HOSTS 2ND QUARTERLY NEW ENGLAND ELECTRONIC CRIMES TASK FORCE MEETING**

BOSTON – On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002, the second quarterly meeting of the New England Electronic Crimes Task Force will convene at Babson College's Richard W. Sorenson Center for the Arts. More than 200 security experts, including chief information officers, chief security officers, law enforcement professionals, academicians and government leaders from the federal, state, and local levels will attend the half-day meeting about electronic crime.

The New England Electronic Crimes Task Force, referred to as the "NET", is one of eight U.S. Secret Service-led task forces established by the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks. The task force is based on a successful model used in New York City since 1995. At this second meeting, task force members and other invited guests will exchange information and discuss techniques on how to combat e-crimes and will review criminal case studies.

"The partnering methods and techniques successfully utilized by the 'NET' against cyber-criminals are unprecedented in the law enforcement arena," said John O'Hara, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service's Boston Field Office. "The Secret Service has taken a truly collaborative approach and applied it to fighting high-tech crimes."

#### *SPEAKERS INCLUDE:*

**Bruce Bonsall** – Chief Information Security Officer and 2nd VP, MassMutual Financial Group

**Craig Ehrlich** – Attorney; Professor of Accounting, Law & E-commerce, Babson College

**Charles Henderson** – VP & Dir. of Corporate Security, New England & New York,  
National Grid USA

**Dave Martineau** – Deputy Dir. of Operations, Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

**John O'Hara** – Special Agent in Charge, Boston Field Office, U.S. Secret Service

**Lew McCreary** – Editor in Chief, CSO (chief security officer) magazine

**Robert Weaver** – Deputy Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Office, U.S. Secret Service

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The meeting will start with a special session on the challenges facing security executives in the field of electronic crime, and includes a live, interview-format discussion with security chiefs from a number of New England-based companies. Panelists will discuss what corporate security officers can do to help secure America, and how state and local officials work with federal government to ensure homeland security.

Robert Weaver, Deputy Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service New York Field Office, will deliver remarks immediately following the discussion on the role of electronic crimes task forces in a Post-September 11 environment. Weaver will also address the proactive nature of the task force model and how it differs from traditional law enforcement approaches.

### **About The New England Electronic Crimes Task Force (NET)**

NET was launched on May 16, 2002, as a cooperative venture between federal, state and local law enforcement entities in strategic alliances with industry and academic institutions. NET's quarterly meetings are invitation-only and designed for partners to exchange information, review case studies, and learn about emerging technology and network with each other.

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