

CHARLESTON ZERO DAY 2026

Daily Schedule

Friday Conference Schedule

Time	Main Stage	Activities
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Check-in	Vendor Floor Opens
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	Welcome Remarks <i>Adam Beatty</i> <i>Dr. Roth, University of Charleston</i> <i>+ brief UC Cybersecurity Update – Dr. Matthew Gonzalez</i>	Lock Lab Kickoff
9:20 AM – 9:25 AM	Title Sponsor Opening Remarks – Segra	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
9:25 AM – 10:15 AM	Keynote: Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Chard <i>Cybersecurity Warfare</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
10:20 AM – 11:10 AM	Wendy Goodenough, JD, MA <i>A Tale of Two Cities: How High-Profile Ransomware Attacks in Columbus & Cleveland Helped Prompt State-Wide Cybersecurity Requirements in Ohio</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
11:10 AM – 12:00 PM	Brett White <i>The Sovereign Stack: Defense in Depth for the Self-Hosted, AI-Powered Smart Home</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Ian Frist (Virtual) <i>Bring Your Appetite: Aligning Cybersecurity Risk with Enterprise Strategy</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch Break (45 min)	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
1:15 PM – 2:05 PM	PANEL_02: Women in Tech <i>Behind the Terminal</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
2:10 PM – 3:00 PM	Luke Brumfield <i>Architectural Frameworks for Cryptographic Provenance and Runtime Attestation</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing

3:05 PM – 3:55 PM	Steve Payerle <i>When Every Minute Matters: Leadership, Decision-Making, and Collaboration During a Cyber Crisis</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Vincent Smith, Trang “Moon” Bui & Maria Albores <i>Evaluating Information Leakage and Persistence in ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot</i>	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
4:40 PM – 5:30 PM	PANEL_01: University of Charleston Student Showcase	Vendor Floor & Lock Lab Ongoing
5:30 PM	Day 1 Concludes	—

Saturday Conference Schedule

Time	Main Stage	Activities
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Check-in	Vendor Floor Opens
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Keynote Day 2: Nathaniel Delanoy <i>DDoS Impacts on ISPs</i>	WV Ham Radio Testing (Classrooms 205/210)
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Sam Vance <i>Threat Vectors From the Trenches</i>	WV Ham Radio Testing (Continues)
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Jaidie Vargas (Virtual) <i>Lights Out: Defending the Power Grid in a Cyber Crisis</i>	WV Ham Radio Testing (Concludes)
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break	Vendor Floor Networking
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	Shekinah Apedo, Esq. <i>The Blockchain Attack Lab</i>	Vendor Floor Ongoing
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM	PANEL_03: Red Team Operations <i>Breaching the Perimeter</i>	The Blockchain Attack Lab
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	Mike Stockman <i>Zero Trust for Autonomous AI (45 min, confirmed)</i>	Vendor Floor Ongoing
4:25 PM – 4:35 PM	Closing Remarks <i>Adam Beatty / CZD Board / KDE Technology</i>	Vendor Floor Ongoing
4:35 PM	Conference Concludes	—