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INTEGRATED SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER (ISOC) FOR CYBERSECURITY COLLABORATION

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Background – City of Los Angeles



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- 4 Million people, 465 sq mi, 15 Council District
- 2nd largest city in US
- Employment: 1.81 million
- Annual visitors: 42.21 Million
- 43 departments, 35,000 FTE
- Port of LA, Airport, Water and Power (3 Proprietary Departments) managing their own networks
- Information Technology Agency (ITA) manages the rest



Mayor's Executive Directive on Cybersecurity



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"I'm creating this Cyber Intrusion Command Center (CICC) so that we have a single, focused team responsible for implementing enhanced security standards across city departments and serving as a rapid reaction force to cyber-attacks,"

Mayor Eric Garcetti



Business Challenge



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- IT Security Team is understaffed
- Dispersed log capturing capabilities
- Minimal use of collaboration tools
- Lack of Incident Management platform
- No integrated threat intelligence program
- Limited situation awareness (SA) and operational metrics for City as a whole
- Imbalance in Detection and Response capability
- “Siloed” SOC/NOCs





Integrated Security Operations Center (ISOC)



Know yourself, Know the enemy



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“If you know the enemy
and know yourself, you
need not fear the result
of a hundred battles.”

— Sun Tzu, The Art of War



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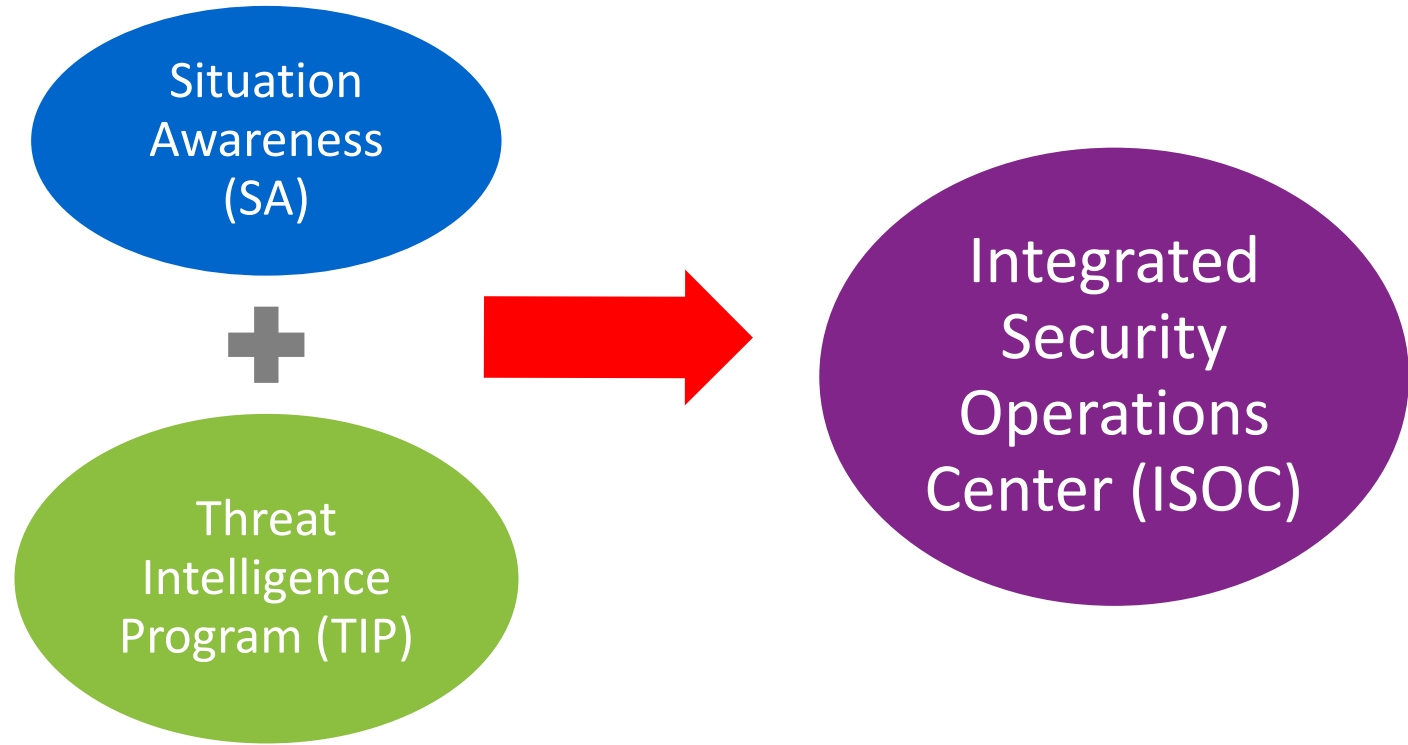
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Know Yourself
Situation
Awareness (SA)

Know Enemy
Threat
Intelligence (TI)



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- ***Knowing What is going on***



What is Situation Awareness ?



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Situation Awareness (SA) is the **perception** of the elements in the environment within a volume of time and space, the **comprehension** of their meaning, and the **projection** of their status in the near future.

Mica Endsley, 1988



Endsley SA Model



Situation Awareness

Level 1
Perception

Level 2
Comprehension

Level 3
Projection

Decision

Action

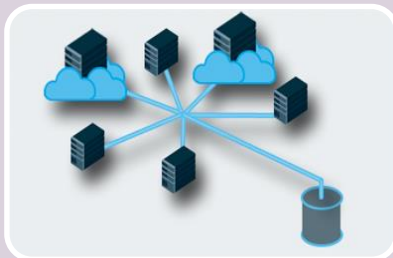
**State Of The
Environment**



Situation Awareness



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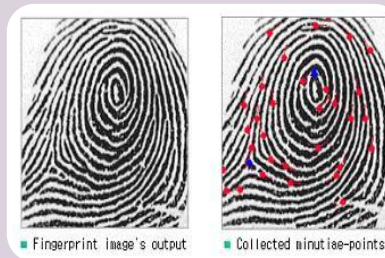
PERCEPTION

- *Log Collection*
- *Threat Intel Feeds*
- *SOC Incident Feeds*
- *Security Posture Dashboard*



COMPREHENSION

- *Event Correlation and Analysis*
- *Threat Intelligence Analysis*



PROJECTION

- *Pattern Matching*
- *Threat Forecast*



What Is Threat Intelligence (TI)?



What is intelligence?

Information that can aid decisions with the aim of preventing an attack or decreasing the time taken to discover an attack.

What is threat intelligence?

A new field. Applies traditional intelligence to cyber threats. Targets defences, increases threat awareness and improves responses to potential attacks.

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What is Threat Intelligence?



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- **S**pecific
- **M**eaningful
- **A**ctionable
- **R**elevant
- **T**imely





- **Internal – SOCs, NOCs, Sysadmins, CIRTs**
- **External – Trusted partners, Law Enforcements, Vendors**
- **Standards – IODEF, YARA, OpenIOC, IF-MAP, STIX, TAXII, VERIS, CyBOX, TLP, OTX, CIF etc.**





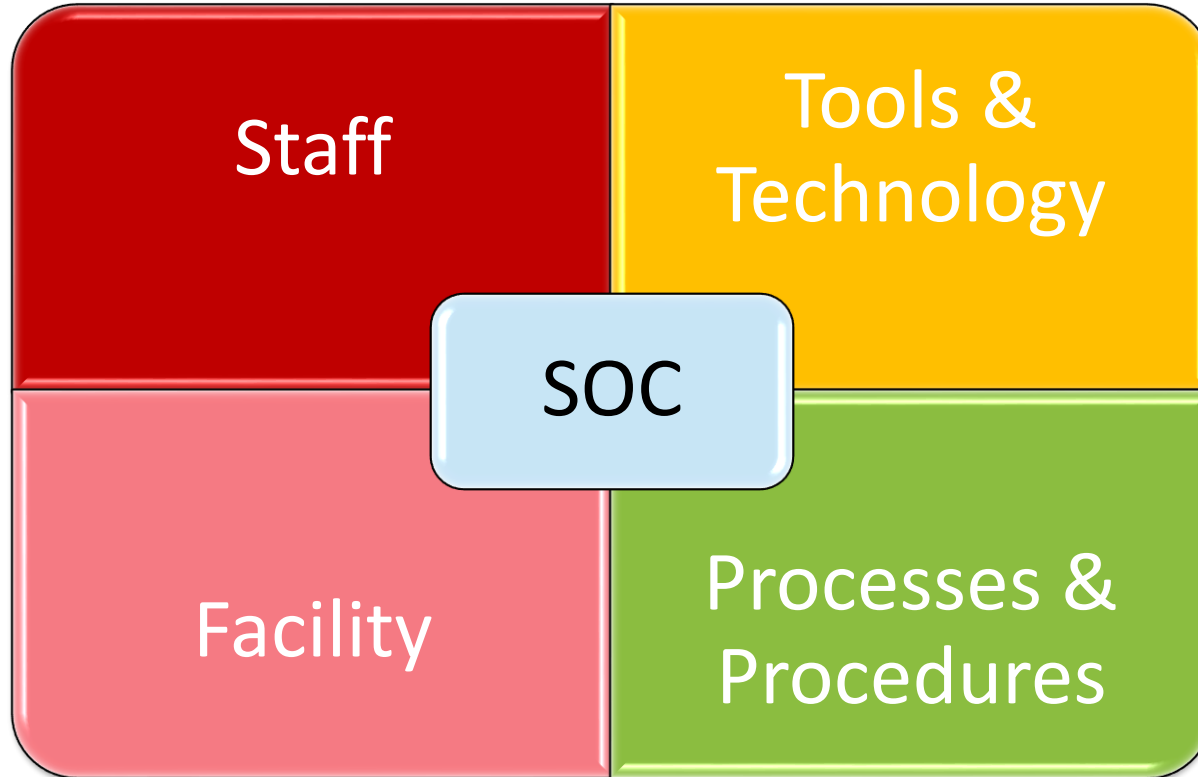
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Security Operations Center (SOC)



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Integrated Security Operations Center (ISOC)

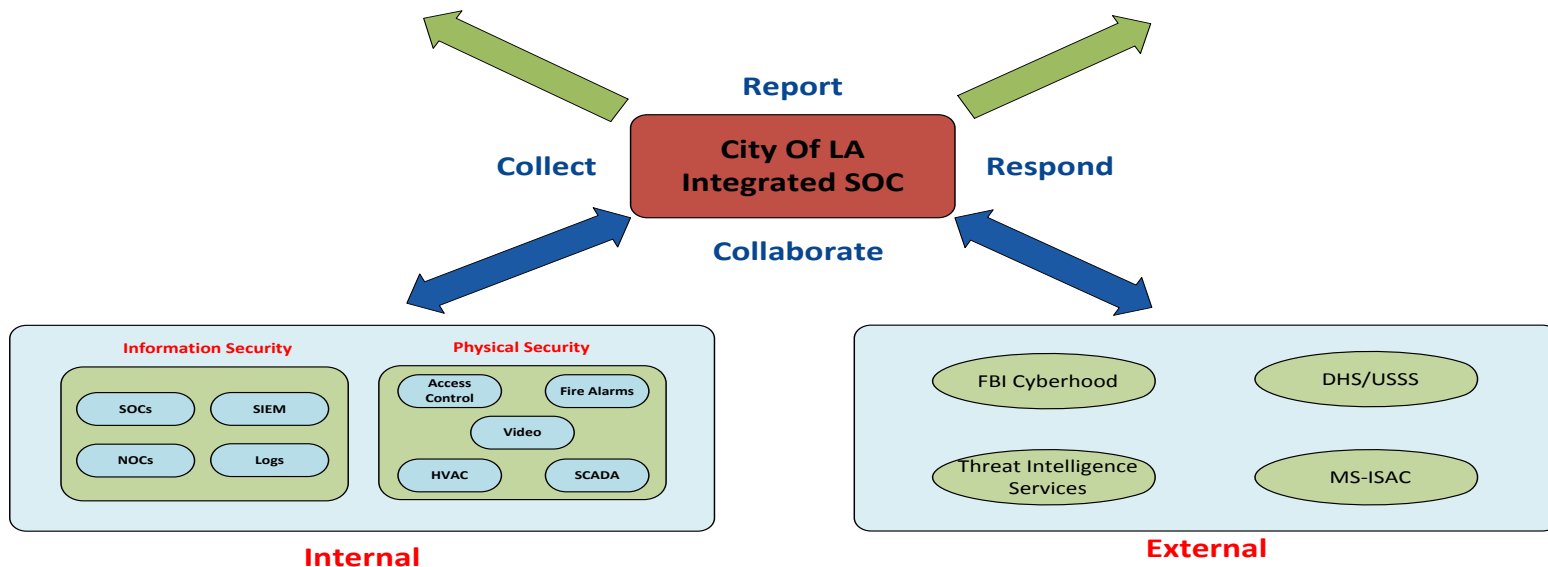
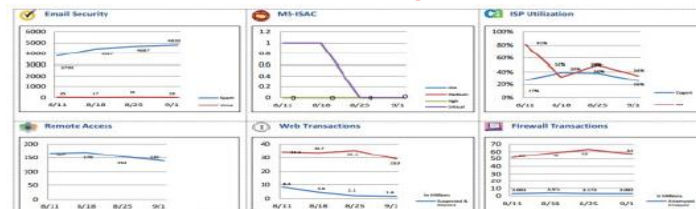


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Situational Awareness



Threat Intelligence



- ISOC SITUATION AWARENESS
 - Operational Framework
 - SOC Integration
 - ISOC Access Control
 - Security Posture Dashboard
 - Threat Level Indicator
 - ISOC On-boarding Requirements



- Threat Intelligence Portal (TIP)
 - Data Collection (Structured, Unstructured)
 - Data Sharing and Dissemination (Internal, External)
 - Data Integration
 - Classification
 - Alert Correlation
 - Access Control
 - Threat Map / Dashboard



ISOC Components



- Facility Design and Build
 - Display Wall
 - Display Wall Controller
 - Consoles
 - ISOC Dashboard Profiles



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