

# Incident Response

Chapter 16

# Episode 16.01

## Incident Response Process

Objective: 4.2 Given a scenario, apply the appropriate incident response procedure.

- Preparation
  - Training
  - Testing
  - Documentation of procedures
- Detection and analysis
  - Characteristics contributing to severity level classification
  - Downtime
  - Recovery time
  - Data integrity
  - Economic
  - System process criticality
  - Reverse engineering
  - Data correlation
- Containment
  - Segmentation
  - Isolation
- Eradication and recovery
  - Vulnerability mitigation
  - Sanitization
  - Reconstruction/reimaging
  - Secure disposal
  - Patching
  - Restoration of permissions
  - Reconstitution of resources
  - Restoration of capabilities and services
  - Verification of logging/communication to security monitoring
- Post-incident activities
  - Evidence retention
  - Lessons learned report
  - Change control process
  - Incident response plan update
  - Incident summary report
  - IoC generation

- Monitoring

# Incident Response (IR) Process

- NIST Special Publication 800-61
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
  - Provides publications & guidelines on technology standards

# Incident Response (IR) Process Phases

- Phase I: Preparation
  - Proactive measures (i.e., network segmentation & host hardening)
  - Formal risk assessment process
    - Vulnerabilities
    - Action steps
    - Communication
    - Activity & reporting

## IR Process Phases

- Phase 1: Preparation
- Phase 2: Containment
  - Stop all damage
  - Prevent or reduce spread of infection
  - Quarantine hosts

## IR Process Phases

- Phase 1: Preparation
- Phase 2: Containment
- Phase 3: Eradication
  - Return to known good state
  - Document carefully!

## IR Process Phases

- Phase 1: Preparation
- Phase 2: Containment
- Phase 3: Eradication
- Phase 4: Validation
  - Identify threat & attack vector
  - Identify preventive measures
    - Change controls
    - Update software/patches



## IR Process Phases

- Phase 1: Preparation
- Phase 2: Containment
- Phase 3: Eradication
- Phase 4: Validation
- Phase 5: Corrective actions
  - Implement patches
  - Update PPPs
  - Organizational policies & procedures
    - Network systems access
    - Authentication

## IR Process Phases

- Phase 1: Preparation
- Phase 2: Containment
- Phase 3: Eradication
- Phase 4: Validation
- Phase 5: Corrective actions
- Phase 6: Reporting
  - Take notes throughout
  - Compare to best practices
  - Ways to improve
  - Report to senior management

## IR Process Elements

- Communication
  - Important throughout IR process
  - Get everyone involved
- Analysis
  - Technical techniques
- Reporting
  - Document everything

## Who's Involved?

- Key roles
- Stakeholders
- Reporting policy