

# Cybersecurity Operational Plan: Manager and Team Lead Implementation Guide

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## Executive Summary for Managers

This document provides a **practical implementation guide** for cybersecurity measures at the team and department level. Based on the security audit conducted on December 30, 2025, critical vulnerabilities have been identified that require **immediate operational action** from middle management and team leads.

⚠ **CRITICAL ALERT:** Data exposure vulnerability discovered. Your teams must implement protective measures within 72 hours.

### Key Management Priorities

Priority	Task	Responsible Team	Deadline
<b>Critical</b>	Block vulnerable API endpoints	Backend/DevOps teams	24 hours
● <b>High</b>	Implement security headers	Frontend teams	48 hours
<b>Medium</b>	Deploy monitoring systems	SRE/Ops teams	1 week
<b>Low</b>	Team security training	All teams	2 weeks

### Team Responsibility Matrix

#### Immediate Actions (0-72 hours):

- **Backend teams:** Close REST API vulnerabilities
- **DevOps teams:** Configure secure server settings
- **QA teams:** Validate security fixes

#### Short-term Tasks (1-4 weeks):

- **Frontend teams:** Implement CSP and SRI
- **Infrastructure teams:** Set up security monitoring
- **Security teams:** Establish incident response procedures

## Technical Situation and Team Priorities

### Critical Vulnerabilities by Team

#### Backend/API Teams - CRITICAL PRIORITY

**Issue:** Personal data exposure through REST API

- **Vulnerability:** /wp-json/wp/v2/users accessible without authentication
- **Risk:** All user data publicly accessible

- **CVSS Score:** 9.1 (Critical)

#### Immediate Actions:

*// URGENT: Add to functions.php*

```
add_filter('rest_endpoints', function($endpoints) {
    if (isset($endpoints['/wp/v2/users'])) {
        unset($endpoints['/wp/v2/users']);
    }
    return $endpoints;
});
```

#### Backend Team Lead Checklist:

- ☐ Immediately block access to /wp-json/wp/v2/users
- ☐ Audit all REST API endpoints
- ☐ Implement authentication for sensitive endpoints
- ☐ Set up API request logging
- ☐ Test changes on staging environment

#### Frontend Teams - HIGH PRIORITY

**Issue:** Missing basic security headers

- **Vulnerabilities:** No CSP, X-Frame-Options, SRI
- **Risk:** XSS attacks, clickjacking, supply chain attacks

#### Practical Solutions:

##### 1. Content Security Policy (CSP)

*<!-- Add to <head> -->*

```
<meta http-equiv="Content-Security-Policy"
    content="default-src 'self';
            script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com;
            style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' https://fonts.googleapis.com;">
```

##### 2. Subresource Integrity (SRI)

*<!-- For all external resources -->*

```
<script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.6.0/jquery.min.js"
    integrity="sha384-
vtXRMe3mGCB0eY7I30alg8H9p3GdeSe4IFIP6G8JMa7o7IXvnz3GFKzPxzJdPfGK"
    crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
```

#### Frontend Team Lead Checklist:

- ☐ Implement CSP headers
- ☐ Add SRI for all external resources
- ☐ Configure X-Frame-Options: DENY
- ☐ Test browser compatibility
- ☐ Update CI/CD pipeline for header validation

## DevOps/Infrastructure Teams - HIGH PRIORITY

**Issue:** Insecure web server configuration

- **Vulnerabilities:** Missing HSTS, software version disclosure
- **Risk:** Man-in-the-middle attacks, information reconnaissance

### Server Configurations:

#### Apache (.htaccess):

```
<IfModule mod_headers.c>
  # Basic security headers
  Header always set X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff"
  Header always set X-Frame-Options "DENY"
  Header always set X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block"
  Header always set Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains"

  # Hide server information
  Header always unset Server
  Header always unset X-Powered-By
</IfModule>

# Disable server signature
ServerTokens Prod
ServerSignature Off
```

#### Nginx:

```
server {
  # Security headers
  add_header X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff" always;
  add_header X-Frame-Options "DENY" always;
  add_header X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block" always;
  add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains" always;

  # Hide version
  server_tokens off;
  more_clear_headers Server;
}
```

### DevOps Team Lead Checklist:

- ☐ Apply security configurations
- ☐ Enforce HTTPS
- ☐ Hide server software versions
- ☐ Set up security logging
- ☐ Test configurations

# Tools and Technologies

## Essential Tools for Teams

### Monitoring and Alerting

#### 1. Security Log Monitoring

```
# Configure rsyslog for security events
echo "local0.* /var/log/security.log" >> /etc/rsyslog.conf
systemctl restart rsyslog
```

#### 2. Configuration File Monitoring

```
#!/bin/bash
# security_monitor.sh - Monitor configuration changes
inotifywait -m /etc/apache2/ /etc/nginx/ -e modify,create,delete \
  --format '%w%f %e %T' --timefmt '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S' \
  >> /var/log/config_changes.log
```

#### 3. Automated Header Validation

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
# header_check.py - Security header validation
import requests
import sys

def check_security_headers(url):
    required_headers = {
        'X-Content-Type-Options': 'nosniff',
        'X-Frame-Options': ['DENY', 'SAMEORIGIN'],
        'Strict-Transport-Security': 'max-age=',
        'Content-Security-Policy': 'default-src'
    }

    try:
        response = requests.get(url, timeout=10)
        headers = response.headers

        print(f"Checking headers for {url}:")
        for header, expected in required_headers.items():
            if header in headers:
                print(f"  {header}: {headers[header]}")
            else:
                print(f"  x {header}: MISSING")

    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error: {e}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    if len(sys.argv) != 2:
```

```
print("Usage: python3 header_check.py <url>")
sys.exit(1)
```

```
check_security_headers(sys.argv[1])
```

## Development Tools

### 1. Pre-commit Security Hooks

*# .pre-commit-config.yaml*

repos:

- repo: <https://github.com/PyCQA/bandit>  
rev: 1.7.4  
hooks:
  - id: bandit  
args: ['-r', '.']
- repo: <https://github.com/Yelp/detect-secrets>  
rev: v1.4.0  
hooks:
  - id: detect-secrets  
args: ['--baseline', '.secrets.baseline']

### 2. Automated SRI Generation

*// sri-generator.js - Automatic SRI generation*

```
const crypto = require('crypto');
```

```
const fs = require('fs');
```

```
const https = require('https');
```

```
function generateSRI(url) {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
    https.get(url, (response) => {
      let data = "";
      response.on('data', chunk => data += chunk);
      response.on('end', () => {
        const hash = crypto.createHash('sha384').update(data).digest('base64');
        resolve(`sha384-${hash}`);
      });
    }).on('error', reject);
  });
}
```

*// Usage in build process*

```
async function updateSRI() {
```

```
  const externalResources = [
```

```
    'https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.6.0/jquery.min.js',
```

```
    'https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Roboto:wght@300;400;700'
```

```
  ];
```

```

for (const url of externalResources) {
  try {
    const sri = await generateSRI(url);
    console.log(` ${url}: integrity="${sri}" `);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error(` Error for ${url}: `, error.message);
  }
}
}
}

```

updateSRI();

## CI/CD Integration

### GitLab CI Configuration:

*# .gitlab-ci.yml - Security in CI/CD*

stages:

- security-check
- build
- test
- deploy

security\_headers\_check:

stage: security-check

script:

- python3 scripts/header\_check.py \$CI\_ENVIRONMENT\_URL

only:

- main
- develop

dependency\_check:

stage: security-check

script:

- npm audit --audit-level moderate
- composer audit

allow\_failure: false

sri\_validation:

stage: security-check

script:

- node scripts/sri-generator.js
- git diff --exit-code *# Check that SRI hashes are current*

only:

- main

### GitHub Actions Configuration:

*# .github/workflows/security.yml*

name: Security Checks

```
on:
  push:
    branches: [ main, develop ]
  pull_request:
    branches: [ main ]

jobs:
  security-scan:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v3

      - name: Security Header Check
        run: |
          python3 scripts/header_check.py https://staging.example.com

      - name: Dependency Audit
        run: |
          npm audit --audit-level moderate

      - name: SAST Scan
        uses: github/super-linter@v4
        env:
          DEFAULT_BRANCH: main
          GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
```

## Processes and Procedures

### Incident Response Procedures

#### Level 1: Detection (Development Teams)

##### Incident Indicators:

- Unusual activity in logs
- Monitoring system alerts
- User reports of suspicious behavior
- Automated security check failures

##### Immediate Actions (first 15 minutes):

1. **Stay calm** - document all actions
2. **Isolate** - disable suspicious services
3. **Notify** - inform team lead and security team
4. **Preserve** - take snapshots of logs and system state

##### Notification Template:

## SECURITY INCIDENT

Time: [YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM]

Discovered by: [Name]

System: [System/service name]

Description: [Brief problem description]

Actions taken: [What has been done]

Status: [Active/Contained/Resolved]

### Level 2: Analysis (Team Leads)

#### Analysis Procedure (30-60 minutes):

##### 1. Information Gathering

*# Incident data collection script*

*#!/bin/bash*

INCIDENT\_ID=\$(date +%Y%m%d\_%H%M%S)

INCIDENT\_DIR="/var/log/incidents/\$INCIDENT\_ID"

mkdir -p \$INCIDENT\_DIR

*# Collect logs*

cp /var/log/apache2/access.log \$INCIDENT\_DIR/

cp /var/log/apache2/error.log \$INCIDENT\_DIR/

cp /var/log/security.log \$INCIDENT\_DIR/

*# System state*

ps aux > \$INCIDENT\_DIR/processes.txt

netstat -tulpn > \$INCIDENT\_DIR/network.txt

df -h > \$INCIDENT\_DIR/disk\_usage.txt

*# Recent changes*

find /var/www -type f -mtime -1 > \$INCIDENT\_DIR/recent\_changes.txt

echo "Incident data collected in \$INCIDENT\_DIR"

##### 2. Incident Classification

- **Level 1:** Informational (logging, monitoring)
- **Level 2:** Warning (potential threat)
- **Level 3:** Critical (active attack, data breach)

##### 3. Escalation Decisions

Level 1 → Team Lead → Documentation

Level 2 → Team Lead + Security → Enhanced monitoring

Level 3 → Immediate escalation → Management + external experts

### Security Update Procedures

#### Weekly Security Checks (Every Monday)

#### Team Lead Checklist:



## ## Weekly Security Review

### ### System Updates

- [ ] Check for available security updates
- [ ] Schedule critical patch installation
- [ ] Update project dependencies (npm, composer, pip)

### ### Monitoring

- [ ] Review security logs for the week
- [ ] Analyze monitoring alerts
- [ ] Verify backup functionality

### ### Configurations

- [ ] Validate security headers
- [ ] Check SSL certificate expiration
- [ ] Audit user access permissions

### ### Team

- [ ] Discuss security incidents in retrospective
- [ ] Plan security training
- [ ] Update procedure documentation

## Monthly Security Audits

### Department Manager Procedure:

#### 1. Technical Audit

```
#!/bin/bash
# monthly_security_audit.sh
echo "=== Monthly Security Audit ==="
echo "Date: $(date)"

# Check users with sudo privileges
echo "Users with sudo privileges:"
grep -Po '^sudo.+:\K.*$' /etc/group

# Check open ports
echo "Open ports:"
nmap -sT -O localhost

# Check failed login attempts
echo "Failed login attempts this month:"
grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log | wc -l

# Check security log size
echo "Security log size:"
du -sh /var/log/security.log
```

#### 2. Team Process Audit

- Security procedure compliance

- Incident response effectiveness
- Documentation quality
- Team knowledge level

## Monitoring and Control

### Monitoring Systems for Teams

#### Basic Monitoring (Required for All Teams)

##### 1. Availability and Performance Monitoring

```
#!/bin/bash
# basic_monitoring.sh - Basic monitoring
WEBSITE="https://example.com"
LOG_FILE="/var/log/monitoring.log"

# Check availability
if curl -s --head $WEBSITE | head -n 1 | grep -q "200 OK"; then
    echo "$(date): $WEBSITE - OK" >> $LOG_FILE
else
    echo "$(date): $WEBSITE - DOWN" >> $LOG_FILE
    # Send alert
    echo "Website is down!" | mail -s "ALERT: Website Down" admin@company.com
fi

# Check security headers
HEADERS=$(curl -s -I $WEBSITE)
if echo "$HEADERS" | grep -q "X-Content-Type-Options"; then
    echo "$(date): Security headers - OK" >> $LOG_FILE
else
    echo "$(date): Security headers - MISSING" >> $LOG_FILE
fi
```

##### 2. Security Log Monitoring

```
#!/bin/bash
# log_monitor.sh - Monitor suspicious activity
SECURITY_LOG="/var/log/security.log"
ALERT_EMAIL="security@company.com"

# Search for suspicious patterns
SUSPICIOUS_PATTERNS=(
    "union.*select"
    "<script"
    "\"\\.\\.\/"
    "eval\"("
    "base64_decode"
)
```

```

for pattern in "${SUSPICIOUS_PATTERNS[@]}; do
    if grep -i "$pattern" $SECURITY_LOG | tail -100 | grep -q "$(date +%Y-%m-%d)"; then
        echo "Suspicious activity detected: $pattern" | \
        mail -s "ALERT: Suspicious Activity" $ALERT_EMAIL
    fi
done

```

## Advanced Monitoring (For DevOps Teams)

### 1. Prometheus + Grafana Configuration

```

# prometheus.yml
global:
    scrape_interval: 15s

scrape_configs:
    - job_name: 'security-metrics'
      static_configs:
        - targets: ['localhost:9090']
      metrics_path: /metrics
      scrape_interval: 30s

    - job_name: 'web-security'
      static_configs:
        - targets: ['example.com:443']
      metrics_path: /security-check
      scheme: https

```

### 2. Custom Security Metrics

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3
# security_metrics.py - Custom metrics for Prometheus
from prometheus_client import start_http_server, Counter, Gauge
import time
import requests
import re

# Metrics
failed_logins = Counter('failed_logins_total', 'Total failed login attempts')
security_headers = Gauge('security_headers_present', 'Security headers present', ['header'])
response_time = Gauge('security_check_response_time', 'Security check response time')

def check_security_headers(url):
    """Check security headers"""
    try:
        response = requests.get(url, timeout=10)
        headers = response.headers

        # Check for important headers
        security_headers.labels(header='x-content-type-options').set(

```

```

    1 if 'X-Content-Type-Options' in headers else 0
)
security_headers.labels(header='x-frame-options').set(
    1 if 'X-Frame-Options' in headers else 0
)
security_headers.labels(header='strict-transport-security').set(
    1 if 'Strict-Transport-Security' in headers else 0
)

return response.elapsed.total_seconds()
except Exception as e:
    print(f"Check error: {e}")
return 0

def count_failed_logins():
    """Count failed login attempts"""
    try:
        with open('/var/log/auth.log', 'r') as f:
            content = f.read()
            failed_count = len(re.findall(r'Failed password', content))
            failed_logins._value._value = failed_count
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Log reading error: {e}")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Start HTTP server for metrics
    start_http_server(8000)

    while True:
        # Update metrics every 60 seconds
        response_time_val = check_security_headers('https://example.com')
        response_time.set(response_time_val)

        count_failed_logins()

        time.sleep(60)

```

## Dashboards and Reporting

### Weekly Reports for Team Leads

#### Automated Report Generator:

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3
# weekly_security_report.py
import datetime
import json
from collections import defaultdict

def generate_weekly_report():

```

```

"""Generate weekly security report"""

# Report period
end_date = datetime.datetime.now()
start_date = end_date - datetime.timedelta(days=7)

report = {
    'period': f"{start_date.strftime('%Y-%m-%d')} - {end_date.strftime('%Y-%m-%d')}",
    'summary': {},
    'incidents': [],
    'metrics': {},
    'recommendations': []
}

# Analyze security logs
security_events = analyze_security_logs(start_date, end_date)
report['summary']['security_events'] = len(security_events)

# Check header compliance
headers_status = check_headers_compliance()
report['metrics']['headers_compliance'] = headers_status

# Recommendations
if security_events:
    report['recommendations'].append("Security events detected - analysis required")

if not headers_status['all_present']:
    report['recommendations'].append("Not all security headers are configured")

return report

def analyze_security_logs(start_date, end_date):
    """Analyze security logs for period"""
    events = []
    try:
        with open('/var/log/security.log', 'r') as f:
            for line in f:
                # Simple parsing - real implementation needs more complexity
                if 'SECURITY' in line:
                    events.append(line.strip())
    except FileNotFoundError:
        pass

    return events

def check_headers_compliance():
    """Check security header compliance"""
    import requests

```

```

try:
    response = requests.get('https://example.com', timeout=10)
    headers = response.headers

    required_headers = [
        'X-Content-Type-Options',
        'X-Frame-Options',
        'Strict-Transport-Security',
        'Content-Security-Policy'
    ]

    present = [h for h in required_headers if h in headers]

    return {
        'total_required': len(required_headers),
        'present': len(present),
        'missing': [h for h in required_headers if h not in present],
        'all_present': len(present) == len(required_headers)
    }
except Exception as e:
    return {'error': str(e)}

if __name__ == '__main__':
    report = generate_weekly_report()

    # Save report
    filename = f"security_report_{datetime.datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d')}.json"
    with open(filename, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
        json.dump(report, f, indent=2, ensure_ascii=False)

    print(f"Report saved: {filename}")

    # Send via email (optional)
    # send_report_email(report)

```

## Team Collaboration and Delegation

### Responsibility Matrix (RACI)

Task	Backend	Frontend	DevOps	QA	Security
<b>Block API vulnerabilities</b>	R	I	C	A	C
<b>Implement CSP/SRI</b>	I	R	C	A	C
<b>Configure server headers</b>	I	I	R	A	C
<b>Security monitoring</b>	I	I	R	I	A
<b>Team training</b>	C	C	C	C	R
<b>Incident response</b>	C	C	C	C	R

**Legend:**

- **R** (Responsible) - Responsible for execution
- **A** (Accountable) - Accountable for results
- **C** (Consulted) - Consulted
- **I** (Informed) - Informed

## Team Action Plans

### Backend Team (Priority 1)

**Backend Team Lead:** [Name] **Completion Deadline:** 24-48 hours

#### Tasks:

1. **Immediate (0-4 hours)**
  - Block access to /wp-json/wp/v2/users
  - Audit all REST API endpoints
  - Create list of all public APIs
2. **Short-term (1-2 days)**
  - Implement authentication for sensitive endpoints
  - Set up rate limiting
  - Add API request logging
3. **Medium-term (1 week)**
  - Conduct full API security review
  - Implement input validation
  - Set up automated security tests

#### Resources:

- 2 senior developers
- 1 junior for testing
- Security team consultations

#### Completion Criteria:

- ☐ All vulnerable endpoints blocked
- ☐ Authentication working correctly
- ☐ Logging configured
- ☐ Tests passing successfully

### Frontend Team (Priority 2)

**Frontend Team Lead:** [Name] **Completion Deadline:** 48-72 hours

#### Tasks:

1. **Immediate (0-8 hours)**
  - Implement basic security headers
  - Add CSP in report-only mode
  - Test on staging
2. **Short-term (1-3 days)**

- Add SRI for all external resources
- Switch CSP to enforcement mode
- Update build process

### 3. **Medium-term (1 week)**

- Automate SRI generation
- Set up CSP violation monitoring
- Train team on best practices

#### **Resources:**

- 2 frontend developers
- 1 DevOps for CI/CD setup
- QA team support

#### **Completion Criteria:**

- ☐ CSP configured and working
- ☐ SRI added for all resources
- ☐ No browser violations
- ☐ CI/CD checks headers

#### **DevOps Team (Priority 2)**

**DevOps Team Lead:** [Name] **Completion Deadline:** 72 hours

#### **Tasks:**

##### 1. **Immediate (0-4 hours)**

- Apply security configurations to web servers
- Hide server software versions
- Configure forced HTTPS

##### 2. **Short-term (1-3 days)**

- Set up centralized logging
- Implement security monitoring
- Automate configuration checks

##### 3. **Medium-term (1 week)**

- Set up security event alerting
- Implement Infrastructure as Code
- Audit all servers

#### **Resources:**

- 2 DevOps engineers
- 1 SRE for monitoring
- Production server access

#### **Completion Criteria:**

- ☐ Security headers configured
- ☐ HTTPS enforced



- ☐ Monitoring operational
- ☐ Alerts configured

## Communication Plan

### Daily Standups (During Crisis)

**Time:** 9:00 AM daily **Participants:** All team leads + Security lead **Format:** 15 minutes maximum

#### Structure:

1. **Critical task status** (5 min)
2. **New issues and blockers** (5 min)
3. **Daily plans** (3 min)
4. **Questions and coordination** (2 min)

### Weekly Retrospectives

**Time:** Friday, 4:00 PM **Participants:** Extended team **Duration:** 1 hour

#### Agenda:

1. **What went well** (15 min)
2. **What can be improved** (20 min)
3. **Security lessons learned** (15 min)
4. **Next week plans** (10 min)

## Communication Channels

#### Slack Channels:

- #security-incident - Emergency notifications
- #security-general - General security questions
- #security-updates - Updates and patches

#### Email Lists:

- security-team@company.com - Security team
- team-leads@company.com - All team leads
- security-alerts@company.com - Critical alerts

## Conclusion and Next Steps

### Critical Actions for Next 72 Hours

#### Day 1 (0-24 hours):

- Backend: Block vulnerable API endpoints
- DevOps: Apply basic security headers
- All teams: Set up emergency communication

#### Day 2 (24-48 hours):

- Frontend: Implement CSP and basic headers
- Backend: Complete API security audit
- QA: Validate all changes

#### **Day 3 (48-72 hours):**

- DevOps: Set up monitoring and alerting
- Frontend: Add SRI for external resources
- All teams: Document changes

### **Medium-term Goals (1-4 weeks)**

#### **Week 1:**

- Complete implementation of all basic security measures
- Set up automated monitoring
- Train teams on security procedures

#### **Week 2-3:**

- Implement advanced monitoring tools
- Automate security checks in CI/CD
- Conduct internal penetration testing

#### **Week 4:**

- Complete audit of implemented measures
- Document all procedures
- Plan long-term strategy

### **Success Metrics**

#### **Technical Metrics:**

- Threat detection time: < 1 hour
- Incident response time: < 4 hours
- Security header coverage: 100%
- Vulnerability count: 90% reduction

#### **Process Metrics:**

- Security procedure compliance: > 95%
- Security task completion: within SLA
- Documentation quality: complete coverage
- Team knowledge level: regular testing

### **Resources and Support**

#### **Internal Resources:**

- Security team: consultations and support
- DevOps team: infrastructure support
- QA team: testing and validation

#### **External Resources:**

- Security consultants (if needed)
- Specialized monitoring tools
- Training materials and courses

**Emergency Contacts:**

- Security Lead: [contact details]
- DevOps Lead: [contact details]
- On-call Administrator: [contact details]

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*This document is a living guide and should be updated as threats evolve and our security processes mature. All team leads are responsible for keeping it current in their areas of expertise.*