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#### **Module CSE202:**

# Introduction to Cybersecurity for Transportation Agencies

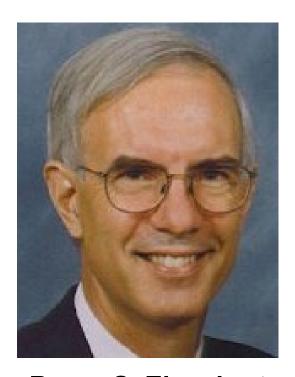


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## **Learning Objectives**

Recognize the need for cybersecurity

Describe the NIST Cybersecurity Framework

Apply the Cybersecurity Framework to your organization

Identify resources for information sharing

## **Learning Objective 1**

Recognize the need for cybersecurity

## **Cybersecurity Terminology**

#### Cyberspace

- The interdependent network of information technology infrastructures
- Includes the Internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers in critical industries



- Cyber Attack
  - An attack, via cyberspace, targeting an enterprise's use of cyberspace for the purpose of
    - disrupting
    - disabling,
    - destroying, or
    - maliciously controlling a computing environment/infrastructure; or
  - Destroying the integrity of data or stealing controlled information



- Cybersecurity
  - The process of protecting information by preventing, detecting, and responding to attacks
  - The ability to protect or defend the use of cyberspace from cyber attacks



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#### Resilience

- The ability to continue to:
  - Operate under adverse conditions or stress, even if in a degraded or debilitated state, while maintaining essential operational capabilities; and
  - Recover to an effective operational posture in a time frame consistent with mission needs
- The ability to quickly adapt and recover from any known or unknown changes to the environment through holistic implementation of risk management, contingency, and continuity planning

- Attack Vector
  - A path or means by which an attacker can gain unauthorized access to a computer or network to deliver a payload or malicious outcome
  - Examples email attachments, pop-up windows, chat rooms, viruses, text messages, etc.



#### **Critical Infrastructure**

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has identified 16 critical infrastructure
  - Chemical Sector
  - Commercial Facilities Sector
  - Communications Sector
  - Critical Manufacturing Sector
  - Dams Sector
  - Defense Industrial Base Sector
  - Emergency Services Sector
  - Energy Sector
  - Financial Services Sector

- Food and Agriculture Sector
- Government Facilities Sector
- Healthcare and Public Health Sector
- Information Technology Sector
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector
- Transportation Systems Sector
- Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

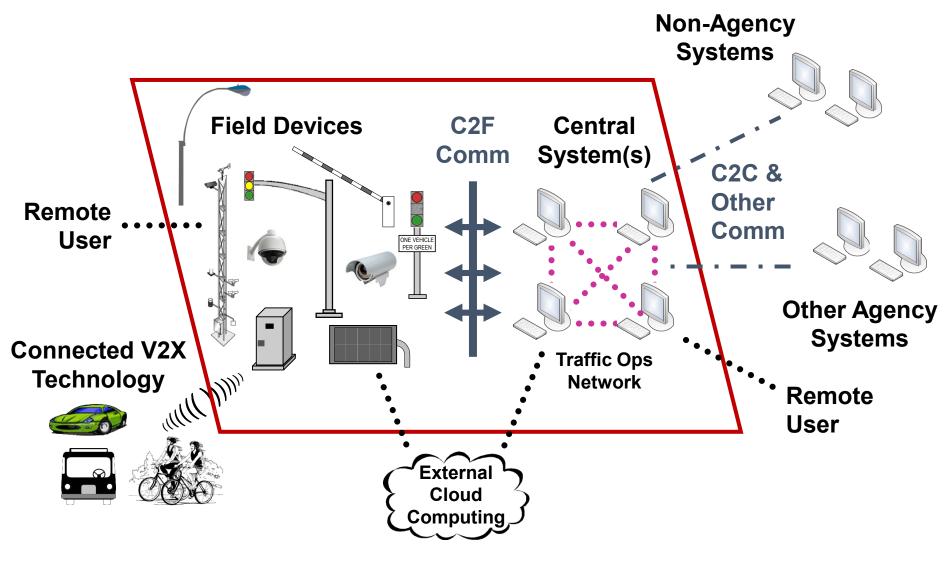
#### **Critical Infrastructure**

- Transportation Systems Sector
  - Aviation
  - Highway and Motor Carrier
  - Maritime Transportation
  - Mass Transit and Passenger Rail
  - Pipeline Systems
  - Freight Rail
  - Postal and Shipping

#### **Critical Infrastructure**

- Highway and Motor Carrier
  - Over 4 million miles of interstate highways, strategic highways, arterial roadways and intermodal connectors
  - □ 614,387 bridges
  - □ 519 tunnels
  - Trucks (incl. those with hazardous materials)
  - Commercial Vehicles (incl. Motorcoaches and School Buses)
  - Vehicle and licensing systems
  - Traffic management systems
  - Cyber systems for operational management

### Scope of Concern for Traffic Operations (Traffic Ops)



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## Scope of Concern for Traffic Operations (Traffic Ops) (cont.)

### **Cybersecurity Concerns for Traffic Ops**

- Central Systems
- Transportation Field Devices including the infrastructure side of vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications
- Traffic Ops network and networked devices
- Center-to-field (C2F) communications and equipment
- Any interfaces to systems outside the Traffic Ops network including center-to-center (C2C) and other communications
- Interfaces to Remote Users to devices and of Traffic Ops network
- Interfaces to cloud-based systems not resident on the Traffic Ops network

## Scope of Concern for Traffic Operations (Traffic Ops) (cont.)

## **Cybersecurity Concerns Outside of Traffic Ops Control**

- Vehicles, transit, cyclists, and other modes of transportation
- Systems outside of those used in the Traffic Ops network
- Non-agency systems used by remote users
- Cloud-based systems not resident on the Traffic Ops network

## **Sources of Cyber Attacks**

- Criminal groups
- Foreign intelligence services
- Hackers
- Insiders
- Others



## **Types of Attacks and Threats**

- Denial-of-service (DoS) and distributed denial-ofservice (DDoS) attacks
- Malware attack (including Ransomware)
- Password attack
- Eavesdropping attack
- Others





## **Types of Hackers**

- Black Hat
- Grey Hat
- White Hat
- Other types of hackers vary depending on source









#### **Vulnerabilities to Traffic Ops Technology**

- Use of advanced computing, sensing and communications in roadway systems is increasing to meet operational needs
- Transportation (Traffic) Controllers
  - Older controllers in this environment may not have critical operating system and software patches
  - Modern controllers are Linux computers that may support multiple and concurrent on-street applications
    - Greater capability but more vulnerability than older units
- Modern communications increase attack vectors
  - Protocols commonly used do not have security built in (e.g., National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol, NTCIP)
  - Communications are generally not encrypted by other means

#### Vulnerabilities to Traffic Ops Technology (cont.)

- State-sponsored attack
  - Could result in signal timing changes, blocked sensor calls and flash conditions
  - 2009 report estimated that traffic delays in Los Angeles cost
     \$12.8B per year (approx. \$1.46M per hour)
- Physical vulnerabilities
  - Most transportation field cabinet systems use #2 key
  - Field equipment sometimes left unlocked
- Infrastructure owner/operators (IOOs) must include cybersecurity in their design and operation of transportation infrastructure

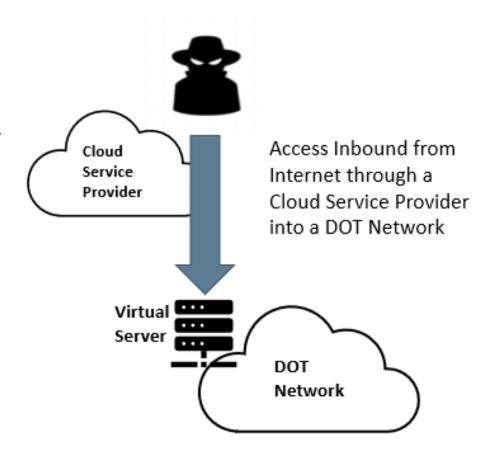
So far, all known hacking into traffic signal systems has been done in a white hat capacity

# CASE STUDY



### Colorado DOT Ransomware Attack (CDOT) 2018

- Ransomware called SamSam found on CDOT's internal IT system
- 2,000 computers taken offline for several weeks to prevent further damage
- State formed command group to implement a 4-phase approach over several weeks to restore operations
- \$1.5 million to undo the damage after refusing to pay the ransom



### Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) 2017

- Destroyed 30 million of the system's 100 million files
- 2,000 computers taken offline for several weeks to prevent further damage
- Threatened to do more unless 1 Bitcoin paid (approx. \$8,000)
- State formed command group to implement a 4-phase approach over several weeks to restore operations
- \$1.5 million to undo the damage after refusing to pay the ransom – about 80% of deleted files recovered

# A C T I V I T Y



#### Question

### Which of the following is a true statement?

#### **Answer Choices**

- a) Modern transportation controllers are less sophisticated than other cyber devices and easier to protect
- b) Cybersecurity is an IT responsibility only
- c) Traffic Ops needs to protect any external cloud-based systems used
- d) Transportation infrastructure could be a target for a state-sponsored cyber attack

#### **Review of Answers**



a) Modern transportation controllers are less sophisticated than other cyber devices and easier to protect

Incorrect. Modern transportation controllers are Linux computers.



b) Cybersecurity is an IT responsibility only

Incorrect. Cybersecurity is the responsibility of everyone in the organization.



c) Traffic Ops needs to protect any external cloud-based systems used



Incorrect. Traffic Ops needs to protect the <u>interface</u> to any external cloud based systems used.

d) Transportation infrastructure could be a target for a statesponsored cyber attack

Correct. Such an attack could have a high economic impact on a large metropolitan area due to the cost of delay.

## **Learning Objective 2**

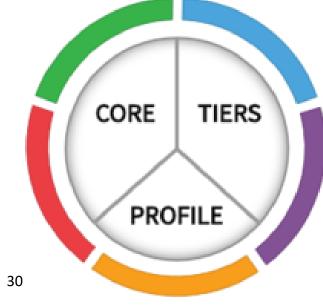
Describe the NIST Cybersecurity Framework

## **NIST Cybersecurity Framework**

- Created by Executive Order 13636 (EO), "Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity," 2013
- Provides
  - Approach to identify, assess, and manage cybersecurity risk of critical infrastructure services

 Guidance to organizations on how to plan for and deal with cybersecurity risk

- Composed of:
  - Core
  - Implementation Tiers
  - Profiles



- Identifies cybersecurity activities and desired outcomes
- Applied across all critical infrastructure sectors

 Consists of five concurrent and continuous Functions



- Each Function broken into:
  - Categories: Subdivisions of a Function related to needs and activities
  - Subcategories: Specific outcomes of activities
  - Informative References: Section-level references into 6 key technical documents

Function	Categories	Subcategories	References
Identify (ID)	6	29	6
Protect (PR)	6	39	6
Detect (DE)	3	18	6
Respond (RS	5	16	6
Recover (RC)	3	6	5

- Categories Example (for Identify Function)
  - Asset Management (ID.AM)
    - The data, personnel, devices, systems, and facilities that enable the organization to achieve business purposes are identified and managed consistent with their relative importance to organizational objectives and the organization's risk strategy
  - Business Environment (ID.BE)
  - Governance (ID.GV)
  - Risk Assessment (ID.RA)
  - Risk Management Strategy (ID.RM)
  - Supply Chain Risk Management (ID.SC)

- Example Subcategory under Asset Management
  - ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried
- Example Informative Reference
  - CIS Critical Security Controls (CIS CSC) defines 20 controls that are best practices to mitigate the most common attacks against systems and networks

IDENTIFY	Asset Management (ID.AM):	ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems	CIC CCC 1
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### Framework Core- Identify Function

- Develop an organizational understanding to manage cybersecurity risk to systems, people, assets, data, and capabilities.
- Categories
  - Asset Management
  - Business Environment
  - Governance
  - Risk Assessment
  - Risk Management Strategy
  - Supply Chain Risk Management



### Framework Core- Identify Function

- Addresses Information Security and Risk Management
  - Information Security Policy
    - Defines processes
    - Identify roles and responsibilities
    - Consider centers, field devices, and communications between them
  - Risk Management
    - Perform risk assessment
    - Identify threats and vulnerabilities
    - Document risk management processes or strategies



#### Framework Core- Protect Function

- Develop and implement appropriate safeguards to ensure delivery of critical services.
- Categories
  - Identity Management,
     Authentication and Access
     Control
  - Data Security
  - Information Protection Processes and Procedures
  - Maintenance
  - Protective Technology
  - Awareness and Training



#### **Framework Core- Protect Function**

#### Addresses

- Device and system configuration management
- Identify Management, Authentication and Access Control
- Data Security
  - At rest and in transit
  - Integrity
- Information Protection Processes and Procedures
  - Backup
  - Data destruction
- Protective technology
  - Log and audit records
- Training



#### **Framework Core- Detect Function**

- Develop and implement appropriate activities to identify the occurrence of a cybersecurity event
- Categories
  - Anomalies and Events
  - Security Continuous Monitoring
  - Detection Processes



#### **Framework Core- Detect Function**

- Addresses
  - Defining system baseline
    - Network operations and expected data flows
  - System Monitoring
  - Detecting malicious cyber events
  - Assessing events



## Framework Core- Respond Function

- Develop and implement appropriate activities to take action regarding a detected cybersecurity incident.
- Categories
  - Response Planning
  - Communications
  - Analysis
  - Mitigation
  - Improvements



## Framework Core- Respond Function

- Addresses
  - Devise and implement response plan
    - Incident response
    - Operations continuity
  - Assess attack severity
  - Incident Reporting (internal and external)



#### Framework Core- Recover Function

- Plan for and implement activities to restore any capabilities or services that were impaired due to a cybersecurity incident.
- How resilient are your operations?
- Categories
  - Recovery Planning
  - Improvements
  - Communications



#### Framework Core- Recover Function

#### Addresses

- Disaster recovery plan that is specific to cyber-attack
- Executing the plan following an attack- get your systems back online
- Who to communicate with both internally and externally



# A C T I V I T Y



## Question

## Which of the following is NOT one of the NIST Functions?

#### **Answer Choices**

- a) Identify
- b) Defend
- c) Detect
- d) Respond
- e) Recover

#### **Review of Answers**



a) Identify

Incorrect. One of 5 Framework Functions



b) Defend

Correct. The actual Framework Function is Protect, which covers a wider range of topics than "defend"



c) Detect

Incorrect. One of 5 Framework Functions



d) Respond

Incorrect. One of 5 Framework Functions



e) Recover

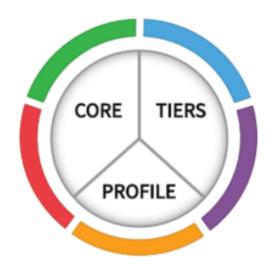
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## **Learning Objective 3**

Apply the Cybersecurity Framework to your organization

## **Framework Implementation Tiers**

- Framework Implementation Tiers
  - Provides context on how an organization views cybersecurity risks and the processes in place to manage that risk
  - Describes the degree to which cybersecurity risk management meet the characteristics defined in the Framework
- Four Tiers
  - Tier 1: Partial
  - Tier 2: Risk Informed
  - Tier 3: Repeatable
  - Tier 4: Adaptive



## Tiers Describe Rigor and Sophistication in Cybersecurity Risk Management

- Risk Management Process
  - The functionality and repeatability of cybersecurity risk management practices
- Integrated Risk Management Program
  - The extent to which cybersecurity is considered in broader risk management decisions
- External Participation
  - The degree to which the organization:
    - a) monitors and manages supply chain risk
    - b) benefits sharing or receiving information from outside parties

#### **Tier 1: Partial**

- Risk Management Process
  - Risk management practices not formalized
  - Ad hoc and sometimes reactive
  - Inadequate prioritization of cybersecurity activities
- Integrated Risk Management Program
  - Limited awareness of cybersecurity risk at organizational level
  - Implementation is irregular, case-by-case basis
  - May not have internal processes to share cybersecurity information
- External Participation
  - Organization does not understand its role in the larger ecosystem
  - Does not collaborate with or receive information from other entities

#### **Tier 2: Risk Informed**

- Risk Management Process
  - Prioritization of cybersecurity activities is directly informed by risk objectives, threat environment, or mission requirements
  - Risk management practices but not organization-wide policy
- Integrated Risk Management Program
  - Awareness of cybersecurity risk at organizational level
  - Cybersecurity information is shared internally on an informal basis
  - Cybersecurity consideration occurs at some but not all levels
- External Participation
  - Organization understands role in the larger ecosystem with respect to dependencies or dependents, but not both
  - Collaborates with and <u>receives some information</u> from other entities

### Tier 3: Repeatable

- Risk Management Process
  - Practices are formally approved and expressed as policy
  - Practices regularly updated based on changes in mission requirements and changing threat landscape
- Integrated Risk Management Program
  - Organization-wide approach to manage cybersecurity risk
  - Policies, processes, and procedures are defined, implemented, and reviewed
  - Cybersecurity risk of assets consistently and accurately monitored
  - Senior executives communicate regularly regarding cybersecurity risk

### Tier 3: Repeatable (cont.)

- External Participation
  - Organization understands role, dependencies, and dependents in the larger ecosystem
  - Collaborates with other entities regularly receiving information and may share internally-generated information

## Tier 4: Adaptive

- Risk Management Process
  - Continuously improves cybersecurity technologies and practices adapting to a changing threat landscape
- Integrated Risk Management Program
  - Manages cybersecurity risk using risk-informed policies, processes, and procedures to address <u>potential</u> cybersecurity events
  - Senior executives monitor cybersecurity risk in the same context as financial risk and other organizational risks
  - Organizational budget based on understanding of current and predicted risk environment and risk tolerance

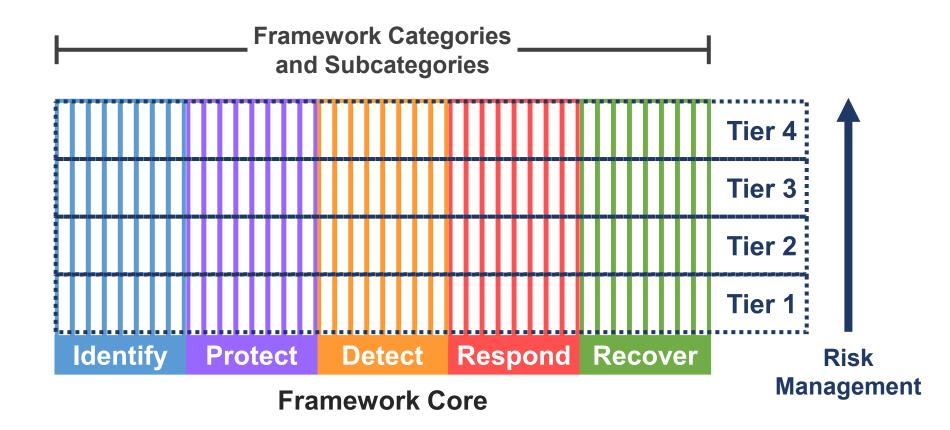
### Tier 4: Adaptive (cont.)

- External Participation
  - Organization understands role, dependencies, and dependents in the larger ecosystem
  - Collaborates with other entities regularly receiving information and sharing internally generated information

## **Tier Progression**

- When selecting a tier consider the following:
  - Current security practices
  - Threat environment
  - Legal/regulatory environment
  - Business/mission objectives
  - Agency constraints
- Progression to a higher tier is desirable, but only encouraged when cost-benefit analysis indicates that it is feasible and cost effective
- Tiers support organizational decision making in regards to managing cybersecurity risk

#### **Framework Core and Tiers**



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#### **Framework Profiles**

- Framework Profiles
  - Represents outcomes based on business needs selected from the Framework Functions, Categories and Subcategories
  - Enables organizations to establish a roadmap for reducing cybersecurity risk
  - "Current Profile" indicates the cybersecurity outcomes currently being achieved
  - "Target Profile" indicates the outcomes needed to achieve desired cybersecurity risk management goals
  - Comparing the profiles used to support prioritization and measure progress towards Target Profile

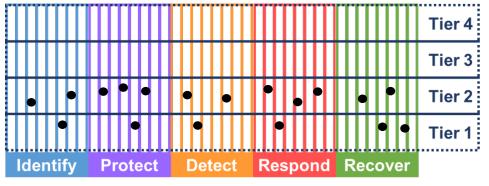
CORE

**PROFILE** 

TIERS

## Framework Core and Tiers Help Build Profiles

#### **Outcomes Currently Being Achieved \***

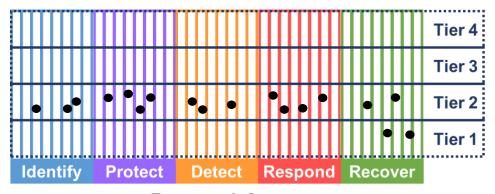


**Current Profile** 



**Framework Core** 

#### **Outcomes Needed To Achieve Goals \***



**Framework Core** 

## **Target Profile**



\* Charts are conceptual and not intended to reflect the specific contents of a profile.

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## **Establishing or Improving a Cybersecurity Program**

#### Step 1: Prioritize and Scope

- Identify business/mission objectives and high-level priorities
- Make decisions regarding cybersecurity implementations and determine the scope of systems and assets that support the selected business line or process

#### Step 2: Orient

- Identify related systems and assets, regulatory requirements, and overall risk approach
- Consults sources to identify threats and vulnerabilities applicable to those systems and assets

## Establishing or Improving a Cybersecurity Program (cont.)

#### Step 3: Create a Current Profile

- Develop a Current Profile by indicating which Category and Subcategory <u>outcomes</u> from the Framework Core are <u>currently being achieved</u>
- Noting outcomes that are partially achieved will help support subsequent steps

#### Step 4: Conduct a Risk Assessment

- Assessment can be guided by the organization's overall risk management process or previous risk assessment activities
- Analyze the operational environment in order to discern the likelihood of a cybersecurity event and the impact
- Important to identify emerging risks and use cyber threat information from internal and external sources

## Establishing or Improving a Cybersecurity Program (cont.)

#### Step 5: Create a Target Profile

- Develop a Target Profile that focuses on the Framework Categories and Subcategories describing the <u>cybersecurity</u> <u>outcomes desired</u>
- Target Profile should appropriately reflect criteria within the target Implementation Tier.

#### Step 6: Determine, Analyze, and Prioritize Gaps

- Compares Current Profile and Target Profile to determine gaps
- Create a prioritized action plan to address gaps reflecting mission drivers, costs and benefits, and risks – to achieve the outcomes in the Target Profile

## Establishing or Improving a Cybersecurity Program (cont.)

- Step 7: Implement Action Plan
  - Determine which actions to take to address the gaps, if any, identified in the previous step and then adjust current cybersecurity practices in order to achieve the Target Profile

#### **Use the Framework**

- Use the Framework as a key part of systematic process for identifying, assessing, and managing cybersecurity risk
- An organization can determine activities that are most important to critical service delivery and prioritize expenditures to maximize the impact of the investment
- The Framework can be applied to a system and used throughout the systems life cycle
  - Cybersecurity needs may be identified starting in the planning stage
  - System requirements and subsequent system design follow using a systems engineering process
- Cybersecurity outcomes determined through using the Framework should serve as a basis for ongoing operation of the system

# A C T I V I T Y



## Question

## Which of the following is a correct statement?

#### **Answer Choices**

- a) A Tier represents the maturity level of the organization
- b) Profiles always represent cybersecurity outcomes currently achieved
- c) Outcomes from using the Framework should reflect in operations
- d) Self-assessment is a one-time step at the beginning of a cyber program

#### **Review of Answers**



a) A Tier represents the maturity level of the organization Incorrect. Tiers provide context on how an organization views risks.



b) Profiles always represent cybersecurity outcomes currently achieved

Incorrect. A current profile and a target profile are used to improve cybersecurity risk management.



c) Outcomes from using the Framework should reflect in operations Correct! Without this follow-through the cybersecurity program is ineffective.



d)

Self-assessment is a one-time step at the start of a cyber program Incorrect. Self-assessment is used every time the cyber program is to be improved.

## **Learning Objective 4**

Identify resources for information sharing

## What to Report

- Cyber attacks such as
  - Denial of Service or Malware (including Ransomware)
    - Mainly against IT Systems
  - Attacks against operational systems such as traffic signal controllers can have a safety impact and could include:
    - Signal timing changes
    - Blocked sensor calls
    - Flash conditions



## Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs)

- Help critical infrastructure owners and operators protect their facilities, personnel, and customers from cyber and physical security threats and other hazards.
- ISACs collect, analyze, and disseminate actionable threat information to their members and
- Provide members with tools to mitigate risks and enhance resiliency.
- Two key ISACs for Transportation
  - Multi-state ISAC: MS-ISAC
  - Surface Transportation ISAC: ST-ISAC

## MS-ISAC®

# Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center®

- Effort of Center for Internet Security (CIS) and the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications DHS
- Mission: To improve the overall cybersecurity posture of the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal (SLTT) governments through focused cyberthreat prevention, protection, response, and recovery.
- Members-
  - All states
  - All Fusion Centers
  - Hundreds of local agencies
- https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/

## **MS-ISAC** provides:

- Threat Details
- Identified solutions
- Threat Reporting -24/7 Systems Operations Center (SOC)
  - □ 866-787-4722
  - soc@cisecurity.org
- Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Caveat
  - MS-ISAC focused on IT issues, not ITS equipment issues

#### **Top Malware Last Month**

- 1. Emotet
- 2. Kovter
- 3. ZeuS
- 4. NanoCore
- 5. Cerber
- 6. Gh0st
- 7. CoinMiner
- 8. Trickbot
- 9. WannaCry
- 10. Xtrat

#### ST-ISAC

- Combination of 3 ISACS for
  - Rail
  - Public Transit
  - Over the Road Bus
- Provides Information:
  - Transit and Rail Intelligence Awareness Daily (TRIAD) Report
  - Over the Road Bus (OTRB) Daily Report
  - Daily Open Source Cyber Report
- Submit an Incident
  - Trans Alert & Information Network (TRAIN)
- http://www.surfacetransportationisac.org



#### **Fusion Centers**

- Fusion centers operate as state and major urban area focal points for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information
- Include Fire and EMS
  - Check with your contacts in public safety
- Learn More:
  - https://www.dhs.gov/state-and-major-urban-areafusion-centers
  - National Fusion Center Association https://nfcausa.org

## Where to get help?

#### Two additional Key Resources:

- National Cybersecurity and Communications and Integration Center (NCCIC)
  - DHS 24x7 operations watch center.
  - Cyber situational awareness, incident response, and management center
  - https://www.dhs.gov/national-cybersecurity-andcommunications-integration-center



- Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Readiness Team (ICS- CERT)
  - Alerts
  - Response Teams- can help recover systems
  - Focus on recovery
  - On-Line Training
  - https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/

# A C T I V I T Y



## Question

### Which group cannot be a member of MS-ISAC?

#### **Answer Choices**

- a) State Transportation Agencies
- b) Municipal Transportation Agencies
- c) ITS Vendors
- d) County transportation agencies

#### **Review of Answers**



a) State Transportation Agencies

Incorrect. MS ISAC members are made up of public sector agencies.



b) Municipal Transportation Agencies

Incorrect. MS ISAC members are made up of public sector

agencies.



c) ITS Vendors

Correct. MS ISAC only allows public sector members.



d) County transportation agencies

Incorrect. MS ISAC members are made up of public sector agencies.

## **Module Summary**

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## Thank you for completing this module.

## **Feedback**

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