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K12 SIX Updates Cybersecurity Guidance

K12 SIX has publicly released the 2023 – 2024 school year updates to its Essential Cybersecurity Protections series. Developed by K-12 IT practitioners, for K-12 IT practitioners—and aligned to cybersecurity risk management best practices—the series establishes baseline cybersecurity standards for U.S. school districts and provides guidance and tools to support their implementation. The series includes:

- What K-12 Leaders Need to Know- a list of actionable cybersecurity protections that districts should prioritize
- Implementation Standards- implementation standards for each of the K12 SIX recommended protections
- District Self-Assessment Tool- helps K-12 leaders prioritize time and resources in addressing cybersecurity risks

Learn more

2024 K12 SIX Conference

If you're a school district IT employee interested in strengthening your cybersecurity, consider traveling to Savannah in February for the 2024 National K-12 Cybersecurity Leadership Conference. The in-person-only event is designed to identify and share solutions and best practices to better defend the K-12 education sector from emerging cybersecurity threats, including ransomware and data breaches. Learn more

New Team Member

GRF welcomed a new addition to the Member Services team. Monica Robinson has more than 10 years of experience working in customer service and marketing, as well as event and nonprofit fundraising. She holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Peru State University.

ORF Introduces Maturity Model

The multi-sector Operational Resilience Framework (ORF) working group has expanded the framework to include a maturity model and several practical examples. The maturity model serves as a vital tool for organizations to assess their progress and readiness in implementing operational resilience practices.

Moving beyond theory, the ORF offers a suite of practical applications. The framework of rules and tools is tailored to bolster the resilience of organizations of all sizes. The ORF allows for business continuity with swift recovery of critical data, systems and processes, aiming to minimize service disruptions from adverse events and destructive attacks. In doing so, it mitigates systemic damage and the risk of cascading disruptions.

Visit the ORF website to access the framework rules, explore the new maturity model, participate in exercises, and discover additional resources. Learn more

Operational Resilience in the Real World

The multi-sector team behind the award-winning Operational Resilience Framework recently held a webinar offering an overview of the framework and highlighting its value in building or enhancing business continuity efforts based on real-world, practical examples. View the recording

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LS-ISAO TTX with CISA

Legal Services ISAO staff and a committee of members collaborated with the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to design a table top exercise for the full LS-ISAO community. The TTX will be delivered by CISA on December 7. The goal of the event is to enhance LS-ISAO members' cybersecurity resilience and readiness posture by examining their coordination, collaboration, information sharing, and response capabilities in reaction to a cybersecurity incident. Member law firms may contact Raquel Santiago for more information: rsantiago@grf.org

Third-Party Risk Management: TPRA Guidebook & GRF Security Connection

On November 9 at 2pm ET join GRF and the Third Party Risk Association (TPRA) for a joint webinar that outlines the new TPRA Guidebook on phases of the TPRM lifecycle and practical tools for implementation, and GRF's Third-Party Security Connection, a place for vendors to gather to engage industry and help with mitigation in the event of a security breach. Learn more

BRC Hosting Exercise Development Meeting

The Business Resilience Council (BRC) is a multi-sector, all-source threat information sharing community that seeks to minimize impacts to business operations. On November 15 at 2pm ET members will meet to provide input on the development of an exercise to test the operational resilience of sectors as they disburse and collect payments. Member input is vital to building an exercise that will ultimately help protect organizations' ability to maintain minimal viable service levels for accounts payable and accounts receivable systems during a major attack on the banking system. Contact Chris Denning if you would like to participate: cdenning@grf.org

OT-ISAC and CSA Leaders Discuss Cybersecurity

John Lee of OT-ISAC and Lim Thian Chin of Cyber Security Agency of Singapore recently discussed cybersecurity information sharing. They dived into:

- Types of shared info
- Bridging cultural & knowledge gaps
- Transition from buzzwords to reality
- Defining success

Watch the interview

Manufacturing ISAC Hosts Palo Alto Networks on Threat Landscape Research

On November 16 at 2pm ET, Palo Alto Networks Senior Security Researcher Adam Robbie will share new highlights from research data collected from ten thousand organizations in fifty countries over the past three years. The data has illuminated some interesting findings that will be shared about ICS network intrusions, and how zero trust architecture can be an effective tool to stop many of these threats. Learn more

Future Cyber Leaders

GRF Chairman Bill Nelson recently spoke to the Loyola Blakefield high school Cyber Science program. Bill shared insights into the evolution of cyber threats during his career and gave his thoughts on the future of the industry.

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