CyberReady Florida

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Ransomware is Everywhere

The First Judicial Circuit of Florida was the victim of a cyber-attack that crippled court operations and leaked files with sensitive data. Two months after the incident, Chief Judge Miller reports that with assistance from the state Supreme Court, and many others, recovery is nearly complete. His remarks about the incident to the Florida Bar association remind Floridians to step up their cybersecurity game, "Because it can and will happened to anyone. Read more.

Fidelity National Financial, a major title and mortgage insurance provider based in Jacksonville, fell victim to a ransomware attack by the busy BlackCat group in late November. An updated filing with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) revealed that the records of 1.3 million customers were stolen. Fidelity has reported that they have $10 million in cyber insurance and protecting client data will continue to have priority in their technology budget. Read more here.

When your personal information is breeched head to Identitytheft.gov for help

It is tempting to become complacent when reports of breaches are commonplace, however there are steps you can take to protect yourself and your family. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) provides guidance at Identitytheft.gov where you can report an identity theft and learn practical steps to take when your data has been compromised. Visit Identitytheft.gov now.

Travel scams still work!

Beware of free vacations and bargain deals on flights or rental cars. Whether in an email, robo-call, social media post, or website they spell trouble for travelers. For guidance on how to avoid travel scams check out the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Advice article here.

Data Privacy Week

January 21 — 27, 2024

https://staysafeonline.org/programs/data-privacy-week/

2nd Annual Data Privacy Week

Your data is valuable. Learn to take control of the data you share.

Text Link

Water Resources are under threat nationwide

A Florida facility was hit as the threat increases for water and wastewater treatment facilities across the US. Late November attacks on water utilities in Florida, North Texas and Pennsylvania are among the nearly 10 recently reported incidents. Suspicious activity was detected in the network at the St. Johns River Water Management District. The attack was contained and has not affected daily operations there. Read more here.

Florida's Critical Infrastructure Protection Program

As part of the state's commitment to advancing cybersecurity, the free program is open to Florida's public and private critical infrastructure entities. Administered by CyberSecureFlorida it is designed to help establish an entity's current cybersecurity risk and provide tools and guidance to increase their cyber resilience. The first step is to complete a confidential, online risk assessment. Learn more at CyberFlorida.com.

CyberReady Florida Training Courses

All courses are FREE to any Florida-based public sector employee, including state, county, and municipal employees, elected officials, law enforcement personnel, public school teachers, and public college and university employees.

Cybersecurity Awareness Course

This course explores fundamental cybersecurity topics and current best practices. IT covers all the topics included in the curriculum of "Cybersecurity Awareness Training" as described in The Local Government Cybersecurity Resource Packet of FL[DS].

Mid-level Managers Course

This course is designed for managers, supervisors, and team leads, who have a solid understanding of their department's operations. While technical expertise is not required, participants should possess basic familiarity with cybersecurity concepts.

Technical Training for Industry Certification

This course prepares participants for the ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (ISC2-CC) exam. It is ideal for cybersecurity practitioners, IT managers, network administrators, system analysts, and individuals responsible for securing organizational assets.

Executive Training for Senior Leadership

This half-day workshop is tailored to meet the cybersecurity needs of department heads and senior-level administrators. This course empowers administrators to make informed decisions and provide strategic guidance in safeguarding their agencies against cyber threats.

Earn a Certificate of Completion

Upon successful course completion, participants earn a digital badge and certificate issued by the University of South Florida. Participants can showcase this certificate on their professional profiles to highlight their expertise.

Visit CyberSecureFlorida Training Initiative **for a complete listing of current training and other resources available to you.**

Please feel free to reach out to us at CyberReady@usf.edu for any questions or clarifications.

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