

Security Awareness Update

BOC Work Session

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Key Terms

- **Malware:** “hacking” software designed to disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system.
- **Ransomware:** malware that encrypts files on a server or computer. The attacker then demands payment to unlock the files.
- **Phishing:** an email scam by which a user is duped into revealing passwords, personal or confidential information or unwittingly enabling illegal access to a network
- **Spear Phishing:** phishing focused on a specific individual, organization or business, often intended to steal data or install malware on a targeted computer.

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- **Whaling Attacks:** a phishing attack that targets high-profile employees, such as the CEO or CFO, in order to steal sensitive information.
- **Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs):** an attack in which an unauthorized user gains access to a system or network and remains there for an extended period of time without being detected.
- **Social-Engineering:** an attack that relies on human interaction in order to manipulate users into breaking security procedures in order to gain access to systems, networks or physical locations.

City of Atlanta

March 23, 2018

Hackers Are Holding The City of Atlanta Hostage

August 6, 2018

Atlanta ransomware recovery cost now at \$17 million, reports say

October 4, 2018

Why us? 6 months after ransomware attack Atlanta has no answers

Georgia Charges Iranians In Ransomware Attack On Atlanta

December 5, 2018 · 9:15 PM ET

Across the Country

October 12, 2018

Recovery Has Not Come Cheap for the Alaskan Borough Targeted by Hackers

November 21, 2018

City of Valdez, Alaska admits to paying off ransomware infection

January 14, 2019

Ransomware attack sends City of Del Rio back to the days of pen and paper

January 23, 2019

Sammamish declares emergency in response to ransomware attack

January 31, 2019

Spartanburg Co. library system refuses to pay ransomware

March 9, 2019

Jackson County paid online criminals \$400,000 to stop cyber-attack, officials say

March 12, 2019

Ryuk Ransomware Attack Causes Delays at Boston Public Defenders' Office

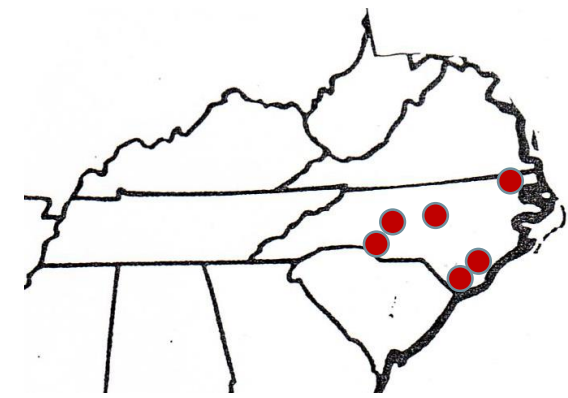
March 25, 2019

Oregon Agency Reports Phishing Attack Affecting 350,000

April 2, 2019

City of Albany Latest Local Government Hit With Ransomware

In The Local News



October 15, 2018

Hackers hit Onslow County utility with ransomware attack

October 16, 2018

In County Crippled by Hurricane, Water Utility Targeted in Ransomware Attack

December 21, 2018

Pasquotank-Camden EMS Hacking Incident Impacts 40,000 Patients

March 18, 2019

Orange County computer network hit by ransomware attack

March 19, 2019

Hackers demand ransom from Orange County for 3rd time in 6 years

March 21, 2019

North Carolina County Suffers Repeat Ransomware Infections



- ~1.2 million citizens
- 10,000+ Connected Devices
- 3,800 Employees
- 17,000+ User Accounts
- 430TB Data Onsite
- Cloud Hosted Applications
- Regulatory Fines (HIPAA, PCI, CJIS, etc.)

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What Are We Doing To Protect the County?

People



Information Risk Management Core Team



Security Awareness Training



Phishing Simulations

Process



Policies & Procedures



Incident Detection and Response



Security Risk Assessments

Technology



Firewalls



Intrusion Detection Systems



Intrusion Prevention Systems



Internet Content Filtering



Email Security



Endpoint Protection



Multi-Factor Authentication



Vulnerability Management



Encryption

Security Awareness Program



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Countywide Phishing Simulations (Quarterly)
Departmental Phishing Simulations (Random)

Mandatory Training Modules (Quarterly)



Security Articles



Security Awareness Program

>98%

Users that have completed
mandatory security awareness
training



Users reporting
suspicious emails



Users susceptible
to phishing
simulations*

**5% lower than the baseline for governmental agencies.*