

# 2015 Transit Safety Summit

## Cybersecurity In Transit



## Vulnerable Systems



Cyber attacks may be targeted toward one or more of the \**system layers* that Transit agencies depend on:

- Operational systems which are dependent upon SCADA and manufacturer (OEM) technologies.
- Business systems ('enterprise systems') which are used to manage the organizational needs of the agency.
  - websites, servers
  - payroll programs
  - enterprise, IT systems
- And 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems which are interconnected or share dependencies with operational and business platforms.

## TRANSIT CASE STUDIES



### May 2008 - Fare collection vulnerability

College students created a report demonstrating weaknesses in a transit agency automated fare collection system.

- Revealed the Crypto RFID's and Magstripes of Ticketing Systems vulnerabilities.
- Proposed releasing report to public & the DEF CON hacker convention which claimed to review and demonstrate how to reverse engineer the data on the magstripe card.

Litigation later occurred which eventually resulted with the agency working with security experts to address the vulnerability.

## TRANSIT CASE STUDIES



### August 2011 – “Anonymous” attack

- A transit agency cut off cell phone service to interrupt protestor communications.
  - “Anonymous” responded by launching a DDoS attack on the agency public website.
- A second attack stole contact information and passenger data. At least 120 law enforcement officers’ personal information was posted online.

## TRANSIT CASE STUDIES



### December 2012 – Payroll system hacked

- 16 Fake employees were added to the payroll
  - Resulted in \$26,000/month in potential losses

## TRANSIT CASE STUDIES



### January 2014 – Fare collection vulnerability

- Seven individuals are facing charges of theft, fraud, and racketeering for allegedly selling counterfeit fare cards.
  - The \$1 cards were purchased and the security features were hacked to boost the cards' values.
  - The agency, supplier are working together to identify and hotlist any additional fraudulent cards.

## Intent



- **Political:** Defending violations specific to perceived social injustices, censorship, and restrictions on Internet freedoms: Stop Online Piracy Act; Occupy support; Arab Spring
- **Retaliation:** Members of “Anonymous” and associated groups conduct cyber attacks in retaliation : FBI; CIA; Interpol ; Law Enforcement
- **Security Awareness:** Exploiting vulnerabilities to demonstrate that they exist : Pr0f/C4d4 and Industrial Control Systems
- **Criminal /Financial:** Bypassing fare cards, theft of credit card information for personal gain or for bribery.

## SECURITY STANDARDS

### Addressing Cybersecurity



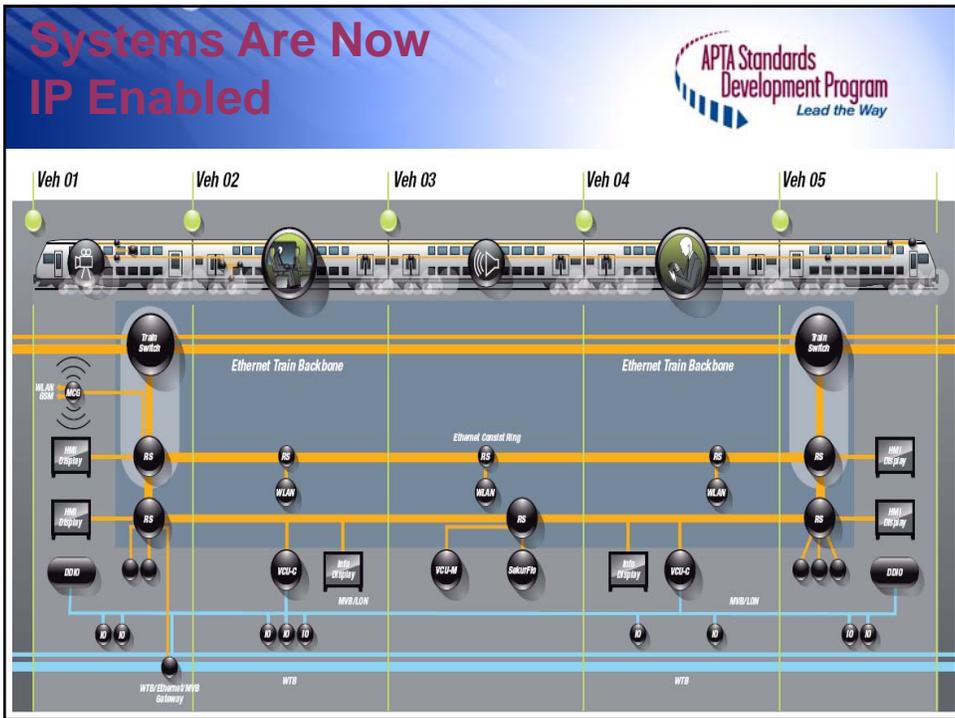
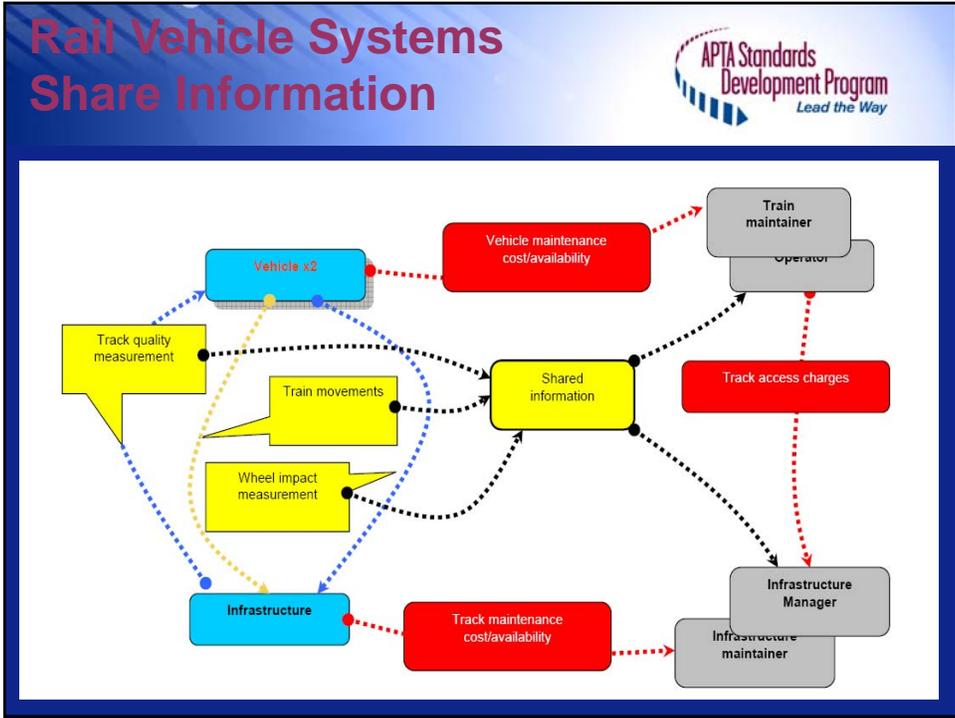
## Control & Communications Cybersecurity Workgroup Update



## Rail Vehicle Systems



- Safety / Security
  - CCTV
  - Fire Detection
  - Emergency PIS
  - Train Operation – Propulsion, Braking
  - Signalling Interface
  - PA system
  - Door Control
- Maintenance
  - Remote Diagnostics/Fault Monitoring
  - Remote Software Updates
- Passenger Interfaces
  - Real-time Travel Information
  - Wi-Fi Internet Access
  - On-board Entertainment
- Management
  - Passenger Counters
  - E-Ticketing
  - Fleet Tracking and Asset Control

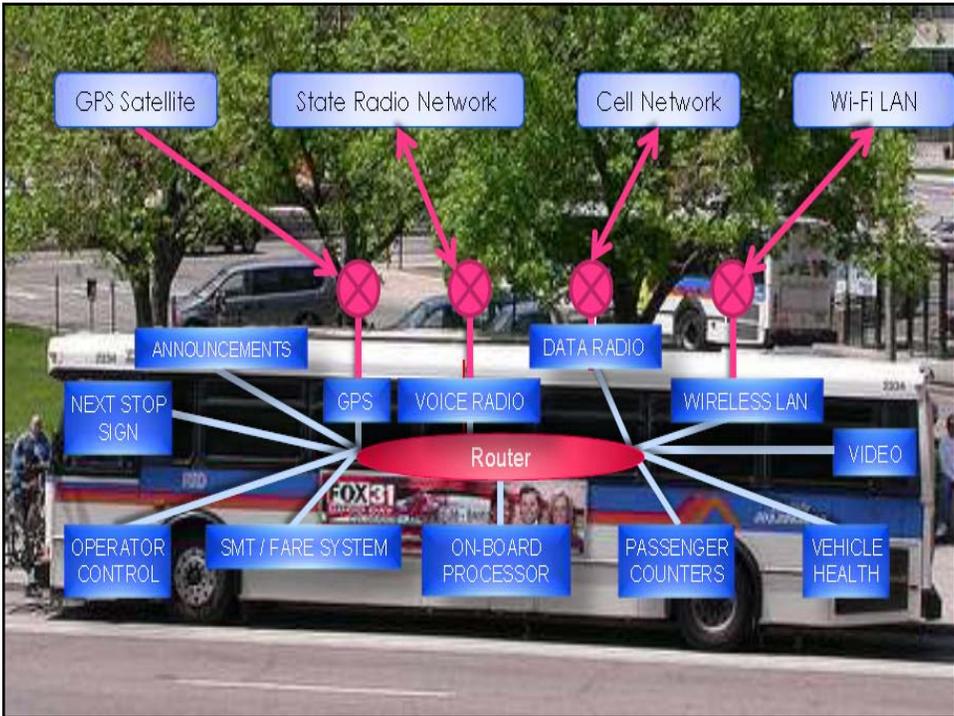




## Cyber WG developments



- Control & Communications Cybersecurity Standard Part I, II are published. Currently developing part IIIb.\
  - “Securing Control and Communications Systems in Transit Environments Part 1”
  - “Securing Control and Communications Systems in Rail Transit Environments Part 2”
- Enterprise Cybersecurity WG approved a draft;
  - “Cybersecurity Considerations for Public Transit” (published June 2014)
- Next Standards; Cybersecurity Considerations for Buses



## Stay Informed



### Utilize tools and resources

- Identify available resources, guidance (DHS, ICS-CERT, Cyber Alerts, etc.)
- Use available tools (CSET) for performing an agency specific risk assessment
- APTA Standards

## CSET



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## Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET)

Performing a Self-Assessment

The Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET) provides users with a systematic and repeatable approach for assessing the cybersecurity posture of their industrial control system networks. This tool also includes both high-level and detailed questions applicable to all industrial control systems (ICS). CSET was developed under the direction of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Control Systems Security Program (CSSP).

### What is it?

The CSET is a stand-alone desktop software tool that enables users to assess their network and ICS security practices against recognized industry and government standards, guidelines, and practices. The completed CSET assessment provides a prioritized list of recommendations for increasing the cybersecurity posture of an organization's ICS or enterprise network and identifies what is needed to achieve the desired level of security within the specific standard(s) selected.

### Security Standards

- DHS Catalog of Control Systems Security: Recommendations for Standards Developers, Revisions 6 and 7
- NIST SP800-82
- NIST SP800-53, revision 3
- NRC Regulatory Guide 5.71
- CFATS Risk Based Performance Standard (RBPS) 8
- NERC CIP-002-009 revisions 2 and 3
- ISO/IEC 15408 revision 3.1
- DoDI 8500.2
- Consensus Audit Guidelines 2.3.

After the user selects the applicable standard(s), CSET generates questions that are specific for those requirements.

**CSET Process Flow**

# CSET



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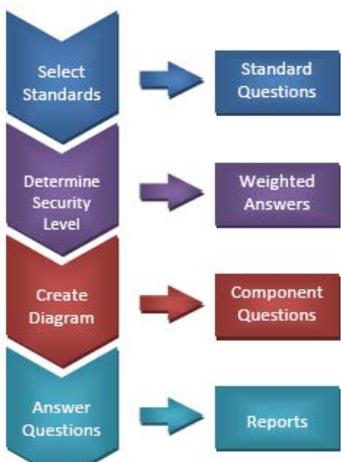
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[http://us-cert.gov/control\\_systems/csetdownload.html](http://us-cert.gov/control_systems/csetdownload.html)

### The Assessment Process

Four basic steps are available to complete an assessment using CSET. The process is shown in the CSET Process Flow figure.

**STEP 1-Select Standards:** Users are given the option to select one, several, or all the following industry and government-recognized cybersecurity standards.



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      A[Select Standards] --> B[Standard Questions]
      C[Determine Security Level] --> D[Weighted Answers]
      E[Create Diagram] --> F[Component Questions]
      G[Answer Questions] --> H[Reports]
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# Cyber Alerts



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**Ten Basic Cybersecurity Measures For The Public Transportation Industry**

Building Explicable Resilience and Effects to Communication and Control & Mitigation Requirements

**PURPOSE:**  
To provide transportation cyber security officials, transportation agency personnel and related stakeholder groups basic guidance and practice to help the reducing cyber risk to their assets. The guide provides an overview of common methods for establishing baseline practices for security improvement that is consistent with best practices and security objectives of the U.S. government.

**BACKGROUND:**  
Cyber attacks can occur under a variety of circumstances. As an example the 2012 DDoS Disruption Report reported that attacks were primarily of the "brute force" type, but not all other attacks are as easily explicable. Resilience is being proactively identified and that requires an awareness of the risk to the system. The guide provides an overview of common methods for establishing baseline practices for security improvement that is consistent with best practices and security objectives of the U.S. government.

**SCOPE:**  
These measures provide basic guidance to help reduce the risk of cyber attacks to the public transportation system. The measures are intended to be used as a baseline for the public transportation system. The measures are intended to be used as a baseline for the public transportation system. The measures are intended to be used as a baseline for the public transportation system.

**REFERENCES:**  
The National Cyber Security Center (NCSC) provides a variety of information on the current state of the threat landscape. The NCSC provides a variety of information on the current state of the threat landscape. The NCSC provides a variety of information on the current state of the threat landscape.



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**ST & PT ISACs TRANSIT AND RAIL INTELLIGENCE AWARENESS DAILY REPORT (TRIAD)**

Wednesday, February 25, 2014

**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND INCIDENT REPORTS**

**COUNTERTERRORISM**

**Results Seen: Militant Family Behind Volgograd Bombing, Killed In Dagestan Shootout.**

**News: 2/25/14. MASCAROLA, Bruce.** Russian investigators say security forces killed a militant who fired the two suicide bombers who struck the southeast city of Volgograd. The bombing of a train station and an air bus December killed 34 people and wounded another 100. The attack was the deadliest in Russia since the September 11 attacks. The bomber was killed in a shootout with police in Dagestan. The suspect was killed in a shootout with police in Dagestan. The suspect was killed in a shootout with police in Dagestan.



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## What Your Agency Should Be Doing Now



- Update systems and software
- Strong passwords, secure any default passwords
- Apply firewalls to implement network segmentation
- Minimize network exposure for all control system networks
- Implement cybersecurity best practices to reduce likelihood of an attack
- Establish privileges to control account access
- Limit use of removable external drives
- Develop and reinforce policies on mobile devices
- Develop cybersecurity incident response plan

## CEO Considerations





**Homeland Security**  
Cybersecurity Questions for CEOs

Cyber threats constantly evolve with increasing intensity and complexity. The ability to achieve mission objectives and deliver business functions is increasingly reliant on information systems and the internet, resulting in increased cyber risks that could cause severe disruption to a company's business functions or operational supply chain, impact reputation, or compromise sensitive customer data and intellectual property.

Organizations will face a host of cyber threats, some with severe impacts that will require security measures that go beyond compliance. For example, according to a 2011 Ponemon Institute study, the average cost of a compromised record in the U.S. was \$104 per record and the loss of customer business due to a cyber breach was estimated at \$3 million.

This document provides key questions to guide leadership discussions about cybersecurity risk management for your company, along with key cyber risk management concepts.

**5 Questions CEOs Should Ask About Cyber Risks**

- 1) How Is Our Executive Leadership Informed About the Current Level and Business Impact of Cyber Risks to Our Company?
- 2) What Is the Current Level and Business Impact of Cyber Risks to Our Company? What Is Our Plan to Address Identified Risks?
- 3) How Does Our Cybersecurity Program Apply Industry Standards and Best Practices?
- 4) How Many and What Types of Cyber Incidents Do We Detect in a Normal Week? What is the Threshold for Notifying Our Executive Leadership?
- 5) How Comprehensive Is Our Cyber Incident Response Plan? How Often Is It Tested?

**Key Cyber Risk Management Concepts**

**Incorporate cyber risks into existing risk management and governance processes.** Cybersecurity is NOT implementing a checklist of requirements; rather it is managing cyber risks to an acceptable level. Managing cybersecurity risk as part of an organization's governance, risk management, and business continuity frameworks provides the strategic framework for managing cybersecurity risk throughout the enterprise.

**Elevate cyber risk management discussions to the CEO.** CEO engagement in defining the risk strategy and levels of acceptable risk enables more cost effective management of cyber risks that is aligned with the business needs of the organization. Regular communication between the CEO and those held accountable for managing cyber risks provides awareness of current risks affecting their organization and associated business impact.

**Implement industry standards and best practices, don't rely on compliance.** A comprehensive cybersecurity program leverages industry standards and best practices to protect systems and detect potential problems, along with processes to be informed of current threats and enable timely response and recovery. Compliance requirements help to establish a good cybersecurity baseline to address known vulnerabilities, but do not adequately address new and dynamic threats, or counter sophisticated adversaries. Using a risk based approach to apply cybersecurity standards and practices allows for more comprehensive and cost effective management of cyber risks than compliance activities alone.



Thank you!

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## Roundtable Discussion



What is your agency doing to prevent,  
and recover from an attack?