



**WELCOME TO THE DEC. 7, 2022**

**ISOAG MEETING**

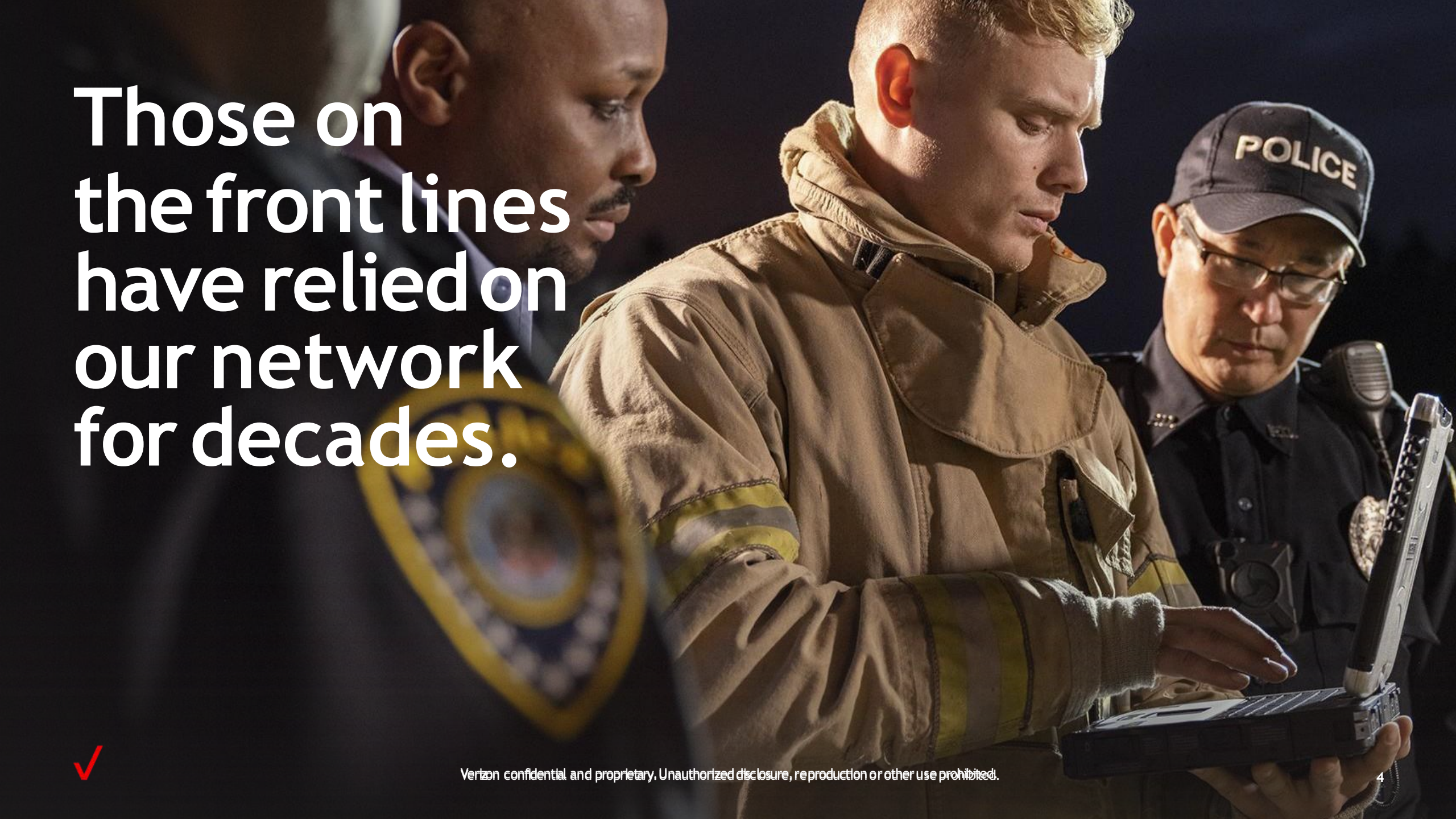


<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ed Miller / VITA</b>
<b>Crisis Response</b>	<b>Tetoya Gibson/ Verizon</b>
<b>Website Modernization Program</b>	<b>Joshua Jones/ VITA</b>
<b>Security Heroes: Empowering employees in cyber defense</b>	<b>Dan Han/ VCU</b>
<b>AlgoSec Firewall Analyzer</b>	<b>Darrell Raymond, Rob Sullivan &amp; Kevin McLess/ ATOS</b>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Ed Miller/ VITA</b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	

# Verizon Frontline

**Tetoya Gibson**  
**Crisis Response Manager**  
**Virginia/W. Virginia/DOD**



A firefighter in a tan jacket with reflective yellow stripes is in the center, looking down at a rugged laptop. To his right, a police officer in a dark uniform and a cap with 'POLICE' written on it is also looking at the laptop. In the background, a man in a dark suit is partially visible. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an emergency or field setting.

Those on  
the front lines  
have relied on  
our network  
for decades.



# Who is the Verizon **Frontline** Crisis Response Team?

## Ready to Respond to the Frontline

We support first responders, the military, public safety professionals, government agencies and their communities. Our mission is to help them stay connected with Verizon Frontline technology during emergencies and planned events 24/7

## Verizon **Frontline** Crisis Response Team

### Support includes:

- Nationwide 24/7 hotline: **(800) 981-9558**
- Loaner phones, data devices, & first responders solutions
- Enterprise grade 4G LTE routers with antenna solutions
- In-building solutions, COW/COLT, MCT
- Emergency Communications and Charging Centers
- Pre-event planning site assessments and exercise support
- VSAT Support - Missing Persons / SAR



# Support Model



**1K+**  
YTD '22  
Customer  
Engagements

**600+**  
YTD '22  
Customer  
Deployments

**5K+**  
YTD '22  
Solutions  
Loaned

**42**  
YTD '22  
States  
Supported

## Prepare Respond

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Training with First Responder Agencies</li> <li>• Proactive Customer Engagements</li> <li>• Augmented Solutions to Adapt to Changing/ Scaled Needs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Responder Emergency Support</li> <li>• Virtual Emergency Operation Center Activation</li> <li>• Enhanced Connectivity &amp; Coverage Solutions</li> </ul> |
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## Mitigate Recover

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Event Debrief with Emergency Management</li> <li>• Customer Awareness Meetings</li> <li>• Virtual Environment Planning &amp; Disaster Response Planning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA Emergency Support Function</li> <li>• Pre-staged Evacuation &amp; Shelter Support</li> <li>• Testing Center Support</li> <li>• After Action Reviews</li> </ul> |
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# Disaster Response

## Priorities

- SAR Operations
- EOC Support
- Shelter Support - Private/State
- Rebuild Phase - Utilities

## Assets Available

- Satellite Communications
- Phones/MiFi's/Tablets
- Enterprise Routers
- sUAS Support
- Complete EOC Communications



# Remote Area Support

## Priorities

- SAR Operations
- EOC Support
- Rebuild Phase - Utilities

## Assets Available

- Satellite Communications
- Phones/MiFi's/Tablets
- Enterprise Routers
- sUAS Support
- Complete EOC Communications





# Verizon **Frontline** Crisis Response

## Hurricane Ian Response:

Engagements: 200+

Agencies: 70+

Deployments: 90+

Verizon Frontline Solutions: 400+

States: 5

## Verizon Frontline Solutions:

Deployables

Drones

Routers

eFemtos

Phones

PDNs

Jetpacks

Charging Stations

LEO

Dejero



# Verizon **Frontline**

*Innovation Through Partnerships*



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# Operation Allies Welcome (OAW)

Overview On August 29, 2021, President Biden directed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to lead implementation of ongoing efforts across the federal government to support vulnerable Afghans, including those who worked alongside us in Afghanistan for the past two decades, as they safely resettle in the United States.

These coordinated efforts will be known as Operation Allies Welcome. At the President's direction, the Secretary of Homeland Security will work with representatives from across the government to coordinate our response and ensure unity of effort across the federal government.\*



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# Problem:

*Lack of network connectivity to support the Afghan Nationals and the representatives from federal agencies supporting OAR efforts*

## DOS / DHS / HHS / DOD

- Ability conduct screening and in processing of the Afghan Nationals as they arrive
- Help with applying for immigration status, workforce authorization & essential coverage
- COVID-19 Testing, Vaccinations, and Other Medical Services
- Relocation Support / Resettlement Processing



# Marine Corps Base Quantico - Camp Upshur, Virginia

## Teams Deployed:

Crisis Response Team

5G Response Innovation

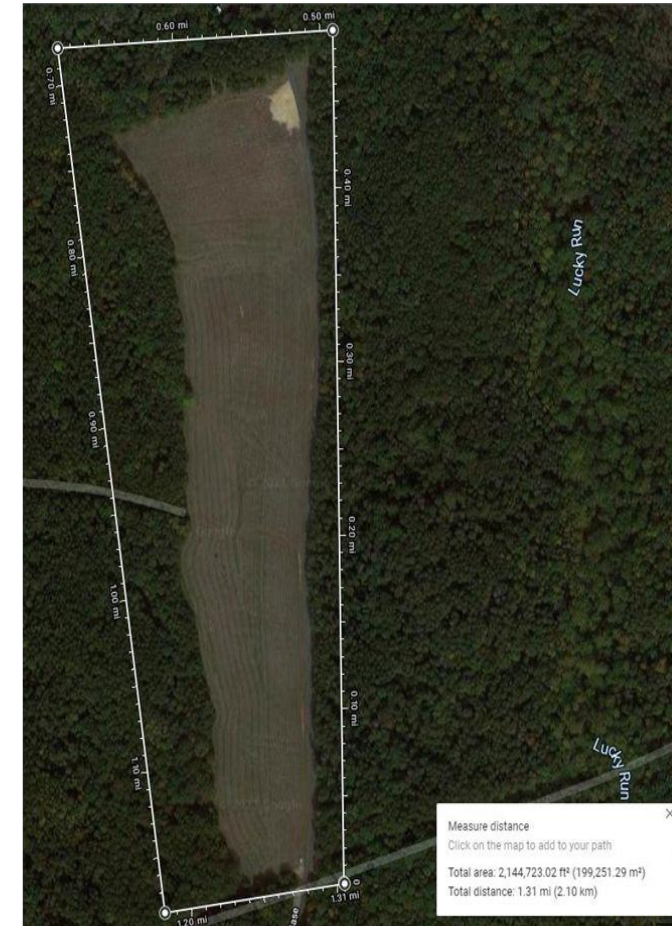
CradlePoint

Wireless Network Ops

AWS

## Assets Deployed:

SNOW • THOR • 2x SATCOM Trailers • ICARUS • Enterprise 5G Adapters & Routers • Wi-Fi Access points • Wi-Fi Mesh • AWS Snowball • Ubiquiti Mesh • Osmosis Mesh • MANET



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# ICARUS (Incident Command Asymmetric Response Unmanned Systems)



**Monitoring mesh networks Resource platform for unconventional communications deployment**



# SNOW (Small Network on Wheels)

- Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS)
- Fiber Backhaul 12 miles + last 200m aerial
- 10 GB circuit
- 4G LTE
- 5G



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# Verizon Frontline Innovation Program Ashburn, VA

The Program will focus on new, innovative technologies that provide solutions to public safety agencies.

- Provide Public Safety with hands-on experience on new technologies
- Develop new public safety partnerships

Real solutions, real deployments. **Verizon Frontline Innovation Program** will do more than just enable technology; we'll make sure that technology is what first responders truly need, and we'll make sure it's available for every agency. That's our commitment to public safety





# MUTT (Mobile Utility Technology Transport)

Cruiser of the future allowing multiple connectivity options for mission critical communications



# THOR (Tactical Humanitarian Operations Response)

First Private 5G / MEC Disaster Response Command Center Vehicle.



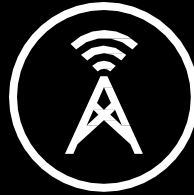
# VerizonFrontline Portfolio Evolution

Today

Evolution

Future

## Network Connectivity



- Dedicated Private Core
- QoS, Priority and Preemption (QPP)
- Fixed Wireless Access (FWA)
- LTE / 5G and Private Networks



- Dedicated Public Safety Network Slice
- QPP Expansion
- FWA with Priority Access
- 5G C-Band Coverage

## Advanced Response



- THOR / Hammer / MUTT
- Deployables
- Fleet Management
- 5G Mobile Edge Compute (MEC)



- Purpose Built Devices
- In-building Services Expansion
- Low Earth Orbit Satellite Alliance
- 5G MEC Solutions

## Secure Communications

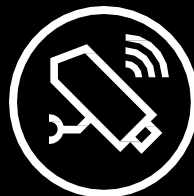


- Interoperability Solutions
- Mission Critical Push to Talk (MCPTT)
- Mobile Device Management



- Remote Device Management
- SIM Security Enhancements
- Mobile Private Networks with MCPTT

## Situational Awareness

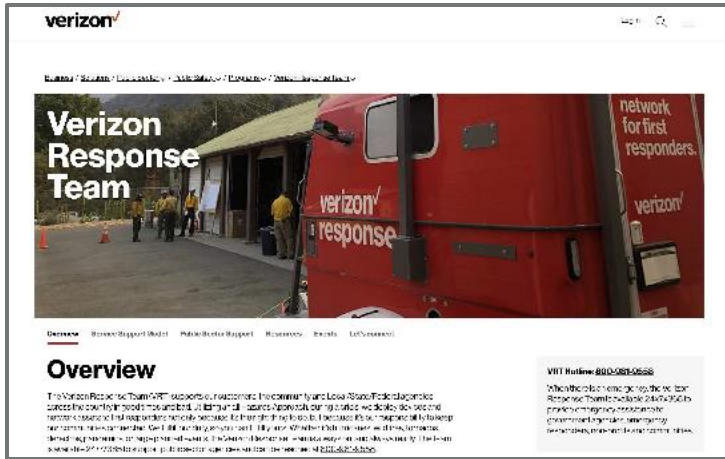


- Location Based Services
- Video Surveillance
- Wireless Network Performance Tool



- Data Plan Optimization
- Verizon Frontline Management Tools
- Emergency Preparedness Solutions

# Stay Connected with the Verizon **Frontline** Crisis Response Team



## Website

[verizon.com/responseteam](https://www.verizon.com/responseteam)



## Social

#Verizonfrontline

@vzfrontline

#VerizonResponse



## Verizon Response Hotline

1 (800) 981-9558







# WEBSITE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM ISOAG MEETING

**JOSHUA JONES**  
Program Manager

DECEMBER 8, 2022



## Vision

- Build trust in Virginia government websites by using standards which will ensure secure, accessible, and easily identifiable state websites

## Goals

- Improve the citizen user experience across all Commonwealth public-facing websites
- Establish or clarify cybersecurity requirements for protecting state websites and public access
- Brand Virginia state websites for a world-class look and feel that is easily recognizable, with common design elements and the use of standard naming, such as .gov addresses
- Improve access to information and services on state government websites by providing language options and accessibility support
- Consolidate website footprint and retire underused old websites
- Train executive branch agencies how to create and maintain modern websites and provide all necessary knowledge resources, including templates, checklists, on-site demos, tools, and scans

## Program Oversight: Accenture as our Partner

- VITA Program Manager, Joshua Jones
- Accenture Project Manager, Accessibility, Security and UX Experts
- Four main website focus items:
  - Manage Website Inventory, Scans, & Monthly Remediation
  - Identify, Estimate & Track Prioritized List Of Websites That Need Wholesale Remediation
  - Manage Remediation Efforts With eGov Vendors & Cloud Based CMS Vendors. Capture Need & Costs.
  - Train Agencies On Updated Enterprise Standards For Websites
- Other Key Activities
  - Monthly Status Meetings With Agencies; Individual And Group
  - In Depth Analysis With Agencies Of The State Of Their Websites; Strategy for modernization.
  - Branding Bar & Website Template Rollout
- Oversee Quarterly Scanning
  - CSRM for Security
  - Accenture for 508/Accessibility Compliance
  - VITA Web Team for Banner Compliance

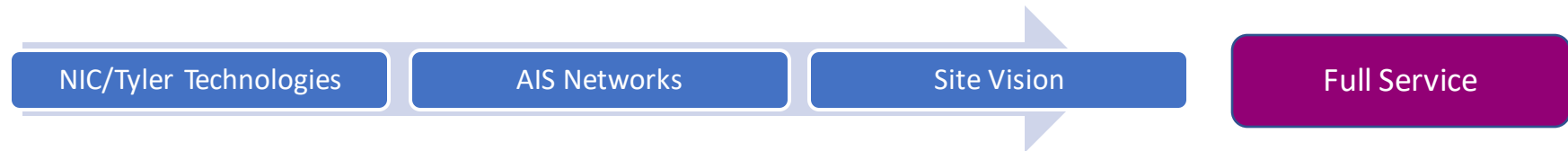




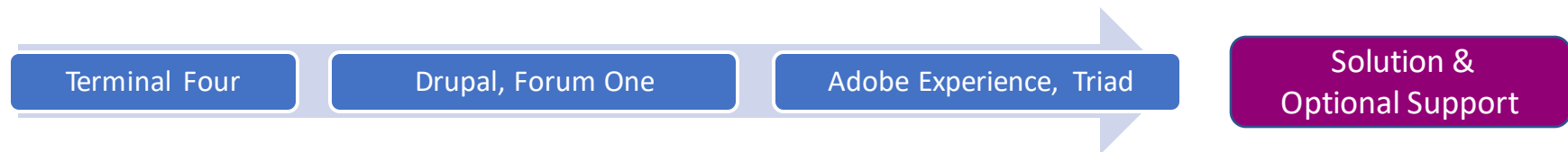
Modernization Program Office will work with seven suppliers to help agencies modernize their websites.

Leveraging existing website support ecosystems including offering each of the suppliers the new branding bar as well as the Virginia.gov website template:

1. Three eGov Website Vendors Offering Turnkey Website Design, Support, and Hosting. CMS Optional. **Work already begun on fixes.**



2. Three Website Content Management Systems, Hosted in AWS, (T4, Drupal, and Adobe) With Optional Professional Services \* New, March 2022.



3. Computer Aid Associates: Offering SOW operational support or individual specialty staff.  
Adding overall remediation SOW with multiple vendors to help with the effort.





## Concierge Web Modernization Service

- New eGov Manager to work with agencies on best fit solution and remediation for their websites. Guided process to help with the vendors.
- Industry standard process to implement modern websites with focus groups, useability (UX), security, accessibility, and information architecture designs.
- Free, secure, accessible and modern website template to be used by any of the vendors.
- Template below is a sample mockup. Colors are not final. Key components were state logo, agency logo, square services, main agency search and enterprise search.



## Completed Efforts

- Initial assessment of all agency websites for security, accessibility, and design issues
- Security scan results shared with agencies for remediation
- Draft Web Standards completed and posted to ORCA for public review and comment
- Draft branding bar, color palette and website template prototype completed and approved
- Accenture on-boarded to provide program support
- 10 agencies identified for pilot program, with additional 10 agencies prioritized for remediation

## In Progress

- Prioritized list of all remaining agencies being finalized
- Executive Order to require agency website modernization under review
- VITA Website Modernization Concierge Service being created
- Contract negotiation for expanded use of Security, Accessibility and Design scanning tools in progress
- Governance framework, compliance checklist and training materials being developed

# Security Heroes

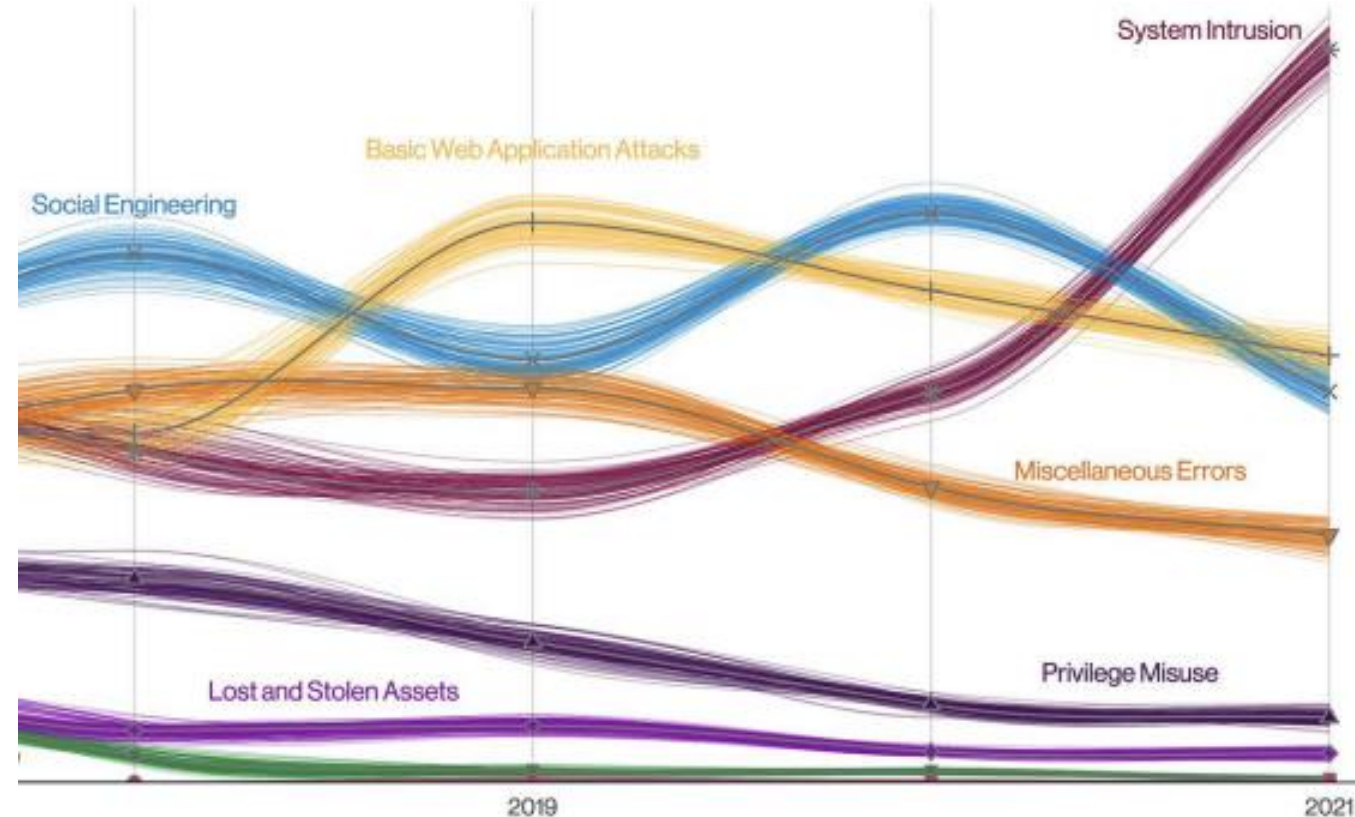
Empowering employees in cyber defense

Dan Han

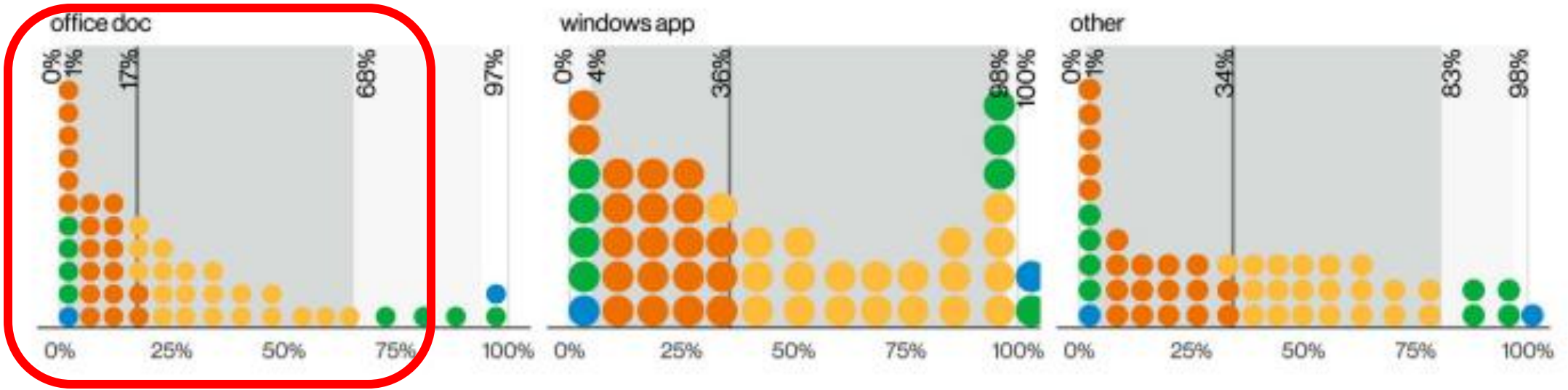
Virginia Commonwealth University

# DBIR on breaches

- The **human element continues to be a key driver of 82% of breaches** and this pattern captures a large percentage of those breaches. Additionally, **malware** and **stolen credentials** provide a great second step after a social attack gets the actor in the door, which emphasizes the importance of having a strong security awareness program



### Malware filetypes (n=4,908)



### Malware Delivery Methods (n=3,961)

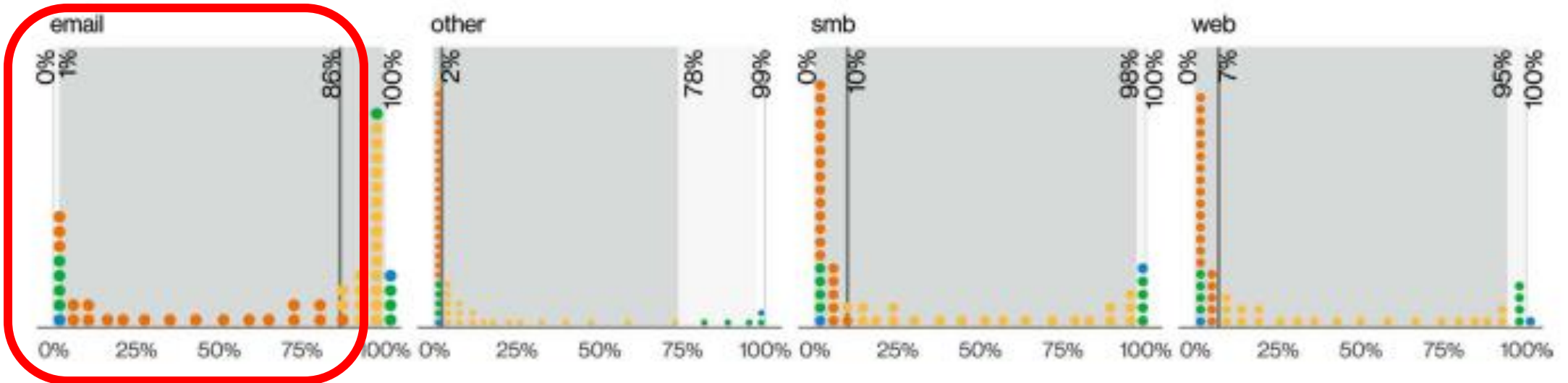


Figure 37. Malware delivery method proportion per organization

# CrowdStrike on Security Culture

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### **Build a Cybersecurity Culture**

While technology is clearly critical in the fight to detect and stop intrusions, the end user remains a crucial link in the chain to stop breaches. User awareness programs should be initiated to combat the continued threat of phishing and related social engineering techniques. For security teams, practice makes perfect. Encourage an environment that routinely performs table top exercises and red/blue teaming to identify gaps and eliminate weaknesses in your cybersecurity practices and response.

# The threats against an organization

- Phishing and social engineering is still very much at the core of many security incidents and data breaches



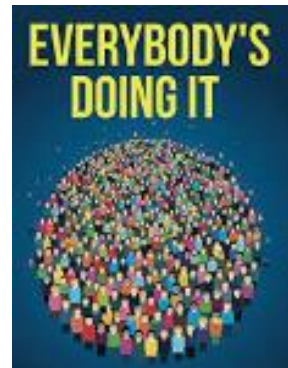


# What have we done?

- Training and Education?
- Multi-Factor Authentication?
- Monitoring and Response?



But why are we doing these things?



# From a pure defense perspective

- Increase our resiliency against threats?
- Decrease the dwell time of existing threats?
- Ideally Time needed for compromise > Dwell time
- We will focus on the reduction of dwell time today...



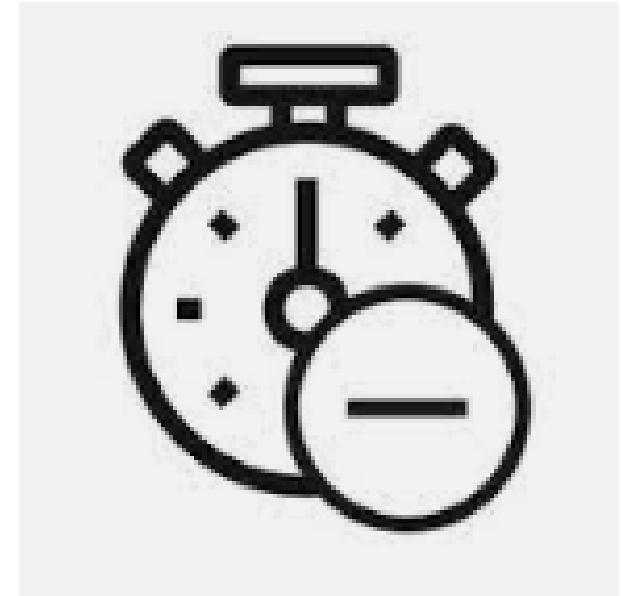
# From a threat perspective

- Dwell Time is the amount of time a threat exists in your environment.

**Dwell Time = Time until discovery + Time until completion of response**

# Therefore...

- To reduce dwell time, we have a couple of options:
  - **Reduce the time of discovery**
  - **Reduce the time of completion of your response**



# Time of discovery

- Time until discovery is closely related to the probability of discovery.
  - *If a threat is present for an infinite amount of time, then eventually it will be discovered... As the probability of discovery is unlikely zero*
  - The attacker's goal is to **increase the time a threat can be present** so the attacker can complete its operations.
  - The defender's goal is to **increase the time it will take for attackers to achieve their goal while decreasing the time a threat can be present.**
- An overly simplified equation for time until discovery:
  - **Time until discovery = 1 / Probability of discovery (%)**

# From a threat perspective

- Probability of discovery has a proportional relationship to your monitoring capabilities and the impact caused by the adversaries

**Probability of discovery = Efficacy of monitoring x Impact of threat**

# Probability of discovery

- **The two factors:**

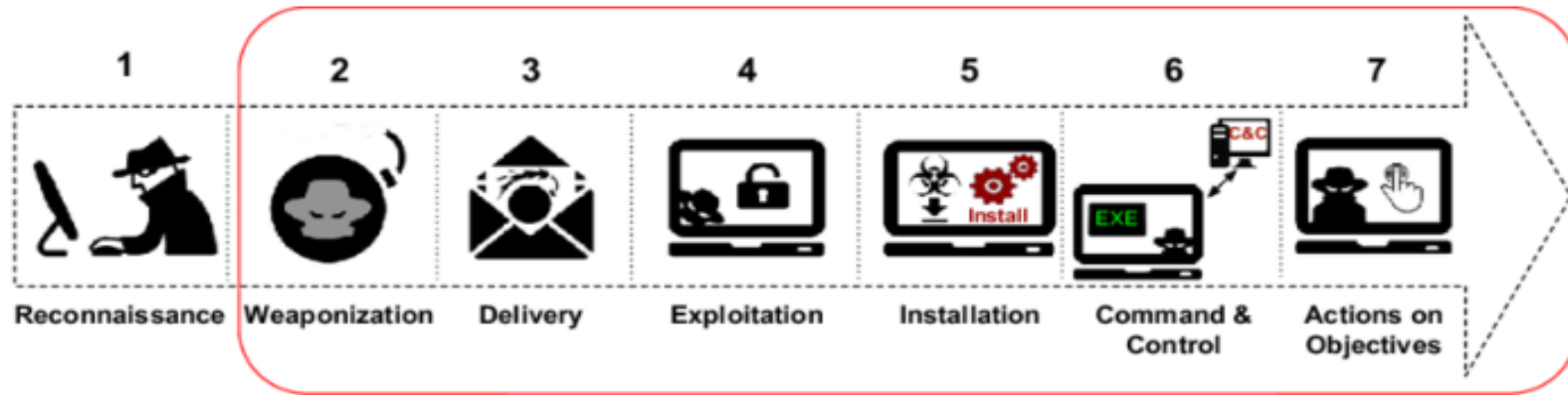
- **Impact of Threat** – This is mostly controlled by the attacker...
- **Efficacy of Monitoring** – This is controlled by the defender and is largely related to monitoring capabilities.
- Detection likelihood increases when:
  - Impact of threat increases
  - Detection efficacy increases

- **Monitoring capabilities = non-human reporting + human reporting**

- Efficacy of non-human reporting is largely related to the position and efficacy of sensors you put in place
- Probability of human reporting is related to **the knowledge, ability, and will of the human.**



# Shifting left with the kill chain...



- Just like with other things in IT, the earlier we can detect issues, the cheaper it is for us to recover and remediate
- The first three phases of the kill chain are Recon, Weaponization, and Delivery
- **From a defender's view point, we won't know of a definitive threat until delivery...**

# With social engineering attacks...

- Ideally, the attacker should achieve the following:
  - Have at least one of the targets perform the attacker's desired action
    - Enticement of the lure
    - Vulnerability of the target
  - Trigger no detection, whether through technology or human reporting
    - The size of the target population
    - The obfuscation quality of the attack
- Ideally, for the defender:
  - Detect the threat through at least one form of control, whether technology or human reporting.
  - Have no targets fall for the attempt

# From a technical controls perspective

- Mail gateways
- Anti-spam/anti-malware tools
- Threat detection tools such as EDR/NDR/XDR
- Multi-factor authentication
- Sure, all of these things are effective in their own means... but

But is that enough?

**YEAH IF WE COULD JUST**

**STOP CLICKING ON PHISHING  
EMAILS, THAT'D BE GREAT.**

# Empowering employees in cyber defense

- Since Phishing is still one of the primary methods for attackers to launch their campaign...
- The target of phishing are humans
- Dwell time can be reduced when:
  - Rapid detection and response is achieved at this stage.
  - Enhanced resiliency at this stage
- **Ultimately, the humans are both the initial targets and the greatest IDS/IPS with the highest fidelity data**

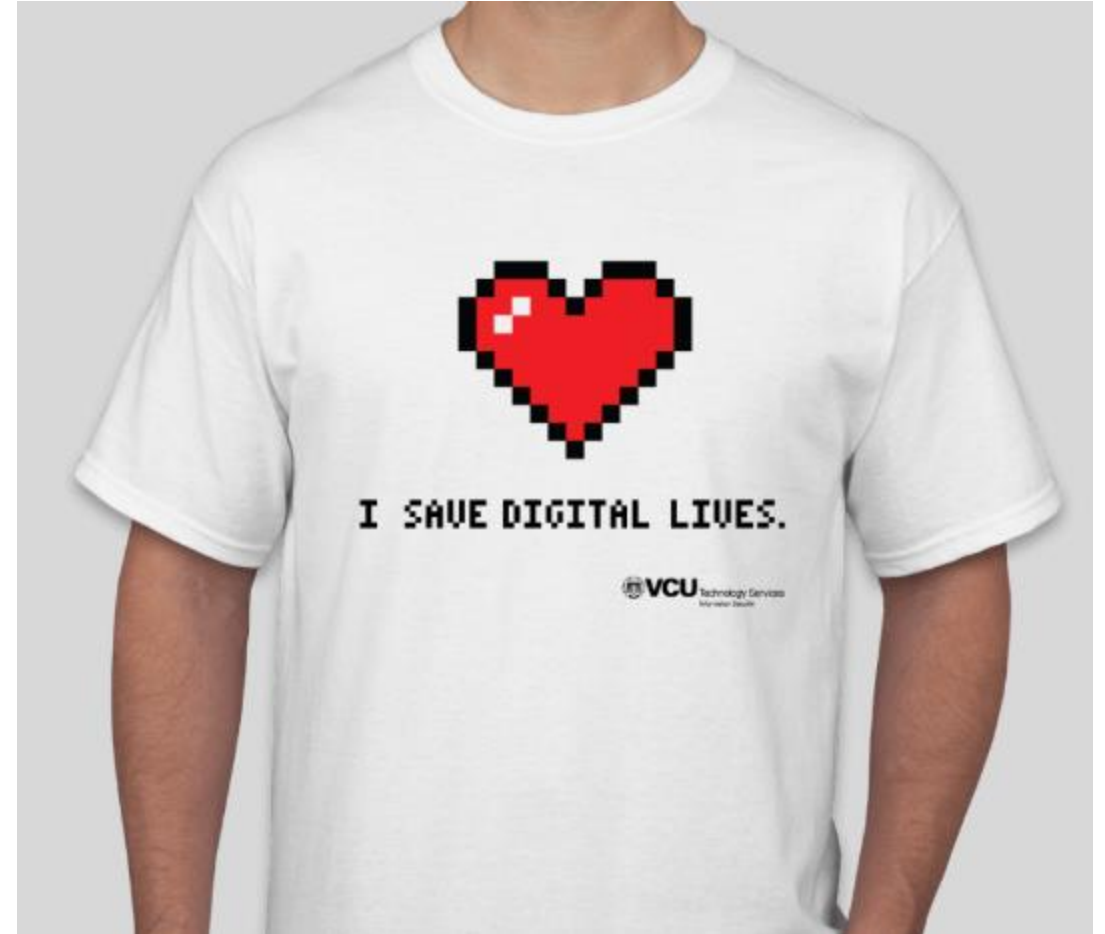
# The social experiment

- Hypothesis
  - Positive reinforcement for threat reporting can decrease the mean time to report and increase the likelihood of reporting among employees
- Method
  - Establish a series of positive reinforcements for reporting of security threats
  - Measure the longitudinal impact of positive reinforcements on user behavior



# The Security Heroes Project

- <https://go.vcu.edu/securityhero>
- Rewards program for phishing reporting
  - All reporters receive thank you email with the number of “**digital lives**” they saved.
  - All reporters are offered to participate in a monthly raffle for exclusive prizes
  - All consented winners are offered a spotlight on our website for public recognition.





# The email

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## Thank you for reporting

1 message

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**VCU Information Security Office** <infosec@vcu.edu>

Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 5:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Evening [REDACTED]

Thank you for reporting the email titled "[REDACTED]" to us. As you correctly suspected, this email is a scam. You have done the right thing by reporting this message to us and your swift actions have helped to [save 37 digital lives](#).

As a token of appreciation, we would like to enter you into the November raffle for our Security Heroes program, this will give you the opportunity to win some exclusive Security Hero prizes. For more information on the program, you can visit <https://go.vcu.edu/securityhero>.

Please let us know if you would like to participate in this raffle, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns at [infosec@vcu.edu](mailto:infosec@vcu.edu). Thank you again for being our friendly neighborhood Security Hero!

Information Security Office  
Office of Technology Services  
Virginia Commonwealth University

Don't be a Phishing Victim - Report suspected phishing scams to [infosec@vcu.edu](mailto:infosec@vcu.edu) for a chance to win exclusive prizes!

# The website

## The Security Hero program has been resumed, prizes will be mailed directly to the winners now.

[What is a security hero?](#)

[Prizes](#)

[Security Hero Winners](#)

A security hero is someone who actively helps keep the university environment and data safe and secure from harm. Information security is a collective responsibility, and the VCU Information Security Office needs help from the VCU community to defend our university against various threats that may jeopardize the safety and security of university information.

This could be as simple as reporting phishing emails or help others with security best practices. Some examples of what qualifies someone as a security hero are:

- Report phishing or email scams to [infosec@vcu.edu](mailto:infosec@vcu.edu)
- Report suspicious behavior (someone using a PC they should not be etc.)
- Report lost / stolen equipment
- Report potential unauthorized access

By reporting potential security incidents to the information security office quickly, the information security team may be able to substantiate and respond to the potential threat quickly. Therefore, a security hero can potentially save the digital lives of many others, whether they are targets of a scam or have their information included in datasets targeted by the cyber villains.

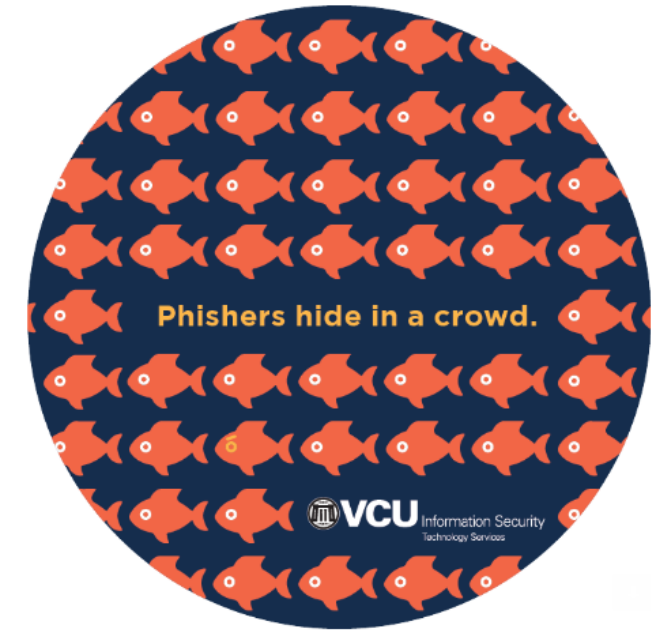
Please send all reports to [infosec@vcu.edu](mailto:infosec@vcu.edu). Reporting of potential security incidents will enter you into the security hero of the month raffle, and the security hero award will go out at the end of the month to the security hero that VCU Information Security Office selects from the entries.

**Security Hero Spotlight: March 2022 Winner [REDACTED]!**



# Program details

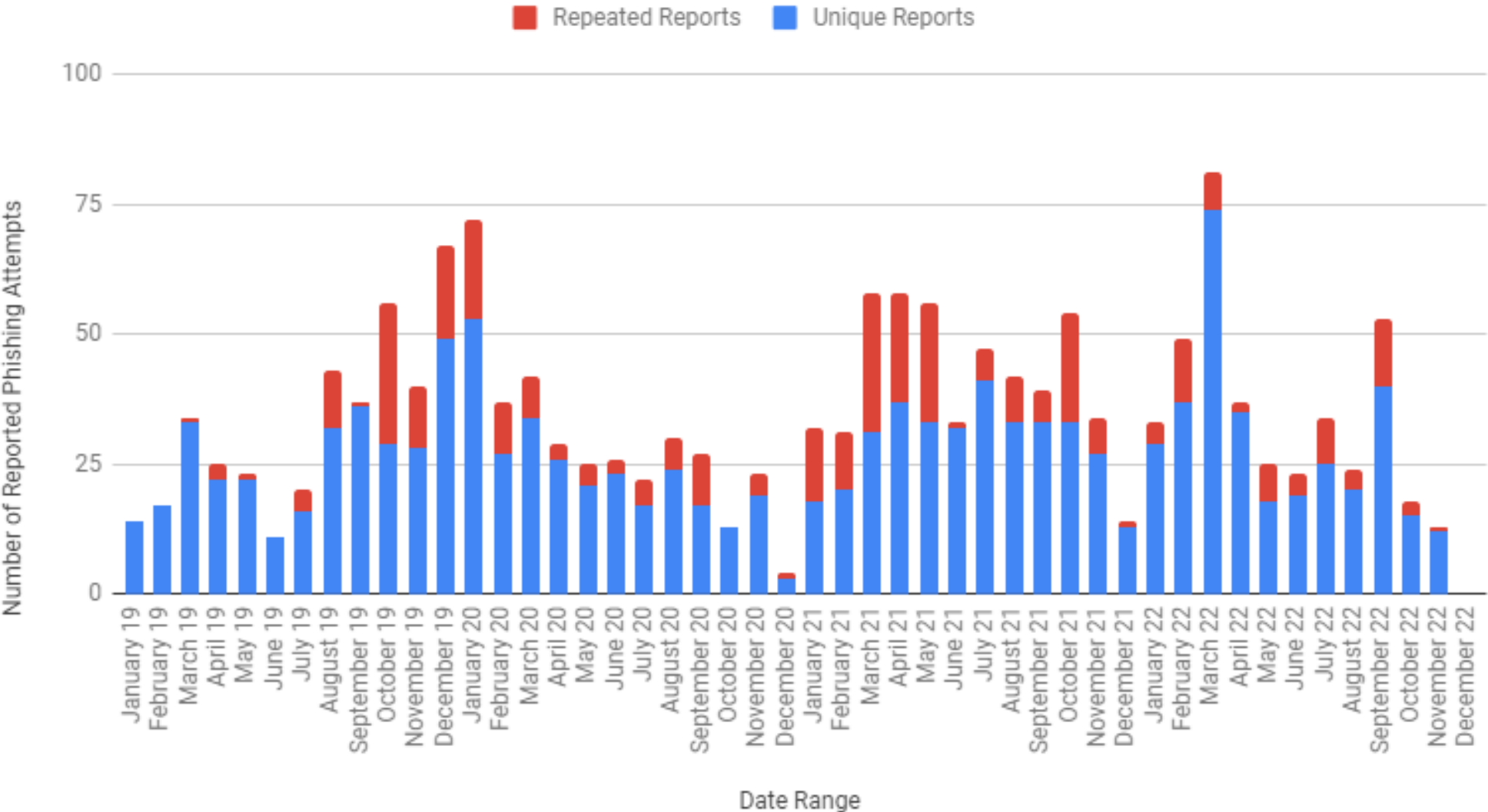
- Concept started in November of 2018
- Program launch and data tracking started in January 2019
- Continued until late 2020, due to staffing changes and pandemic, prize distribution paused
- Resumed in late 2021
- **Total of 1,635 threats reported, 1,271 unique (77.7%)**
- Tracked the following information:
  - Time of entry for the threat
  - Time of reporting for the threat
  - Time of response for the threat



**I am a security hero.**

# Number of reports

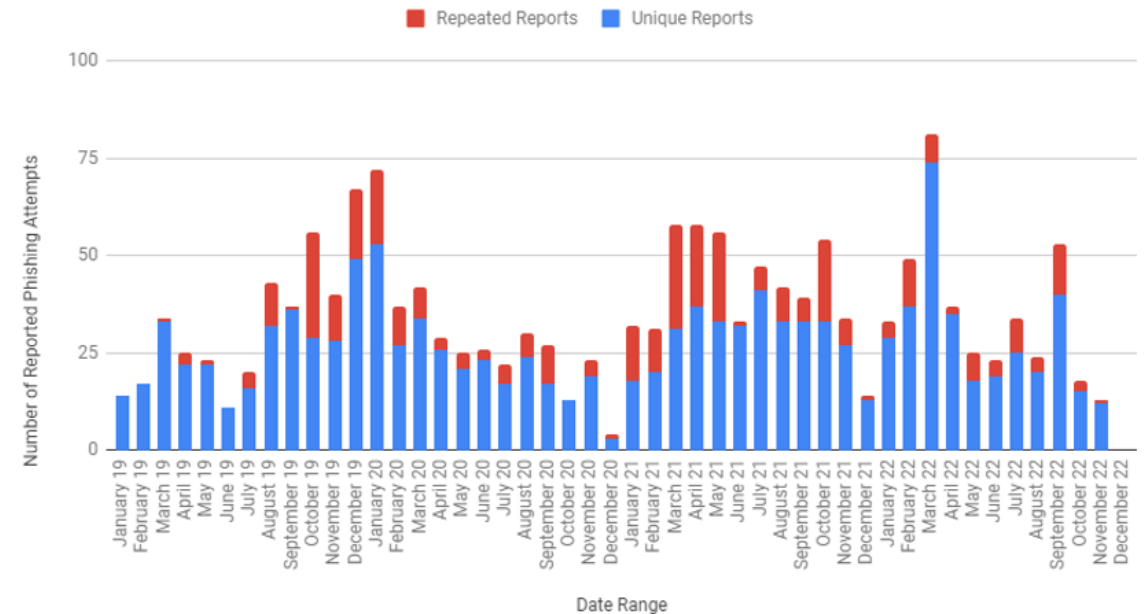
## Phishing Reporting Statistics



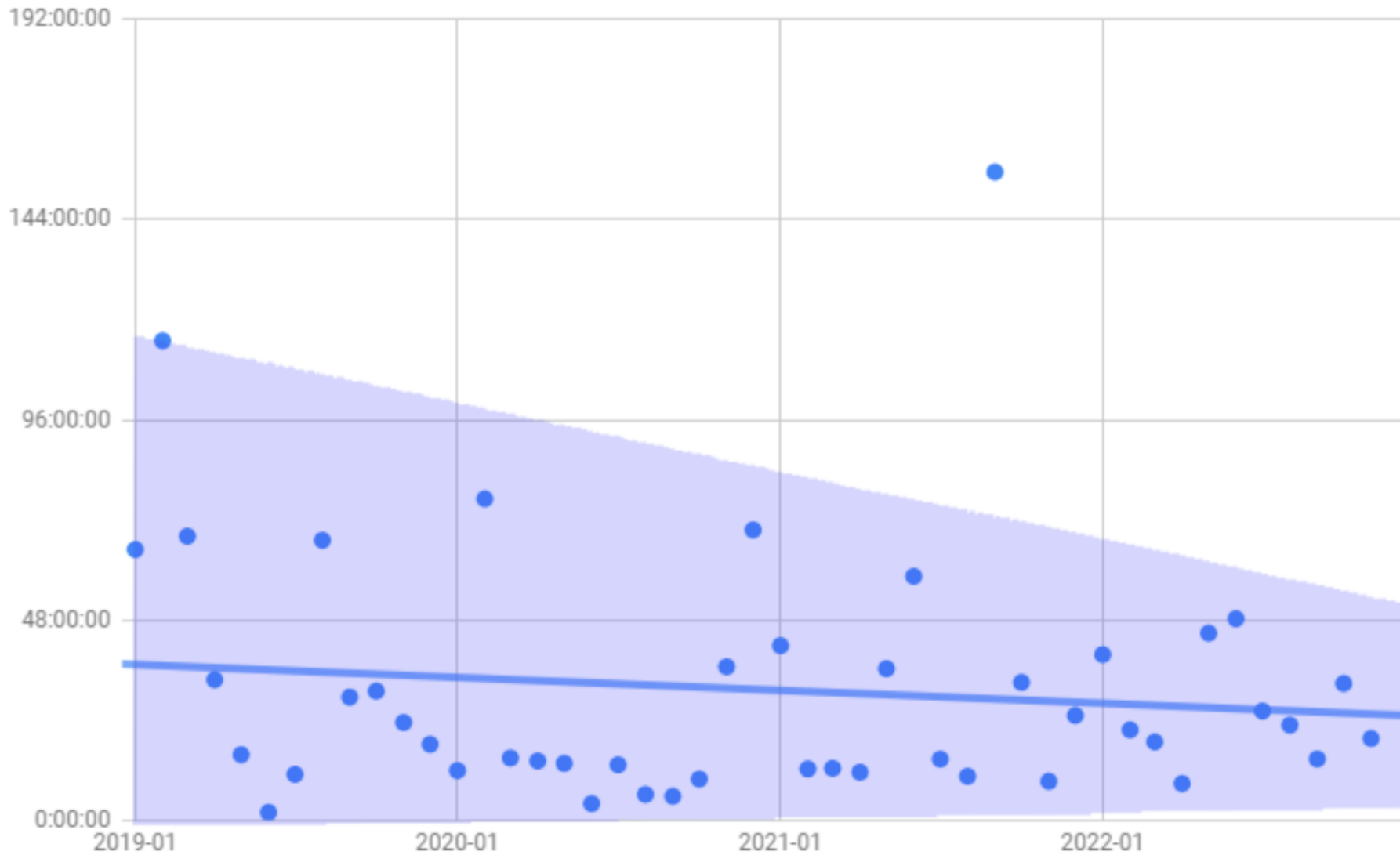
# Number of reports - Takeaways

- No major increase or decrease in reporting
- Program ramp up may have led to some additional repeated reporting
- Participants at one point started to report emails in their spam box and their personal emails to increase their chances at winning

Phishing Reporting Statistics

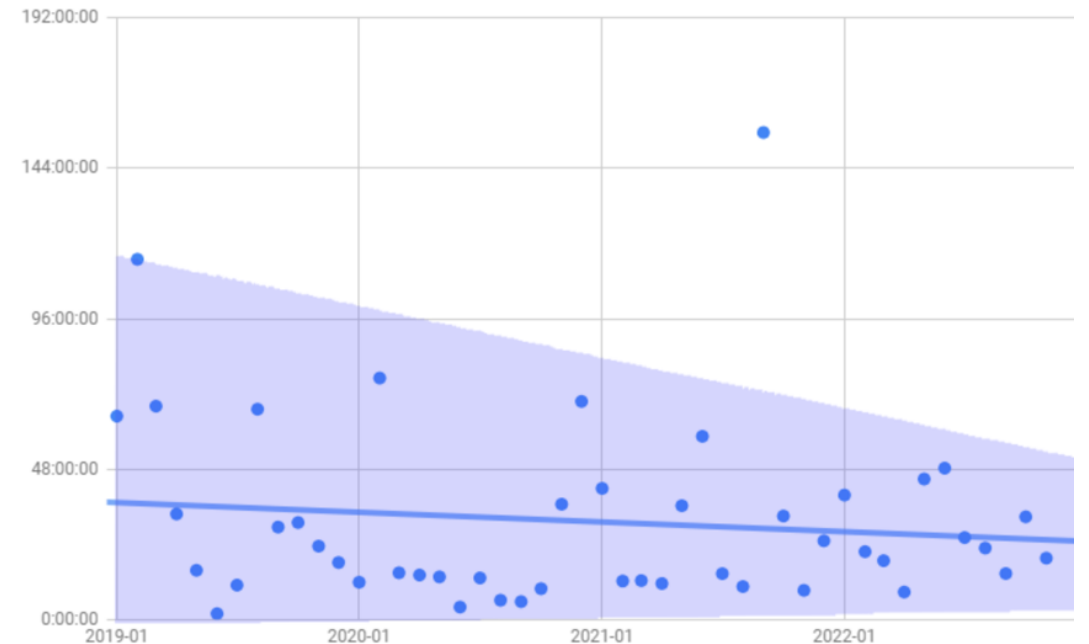


# Monthly mean time to report

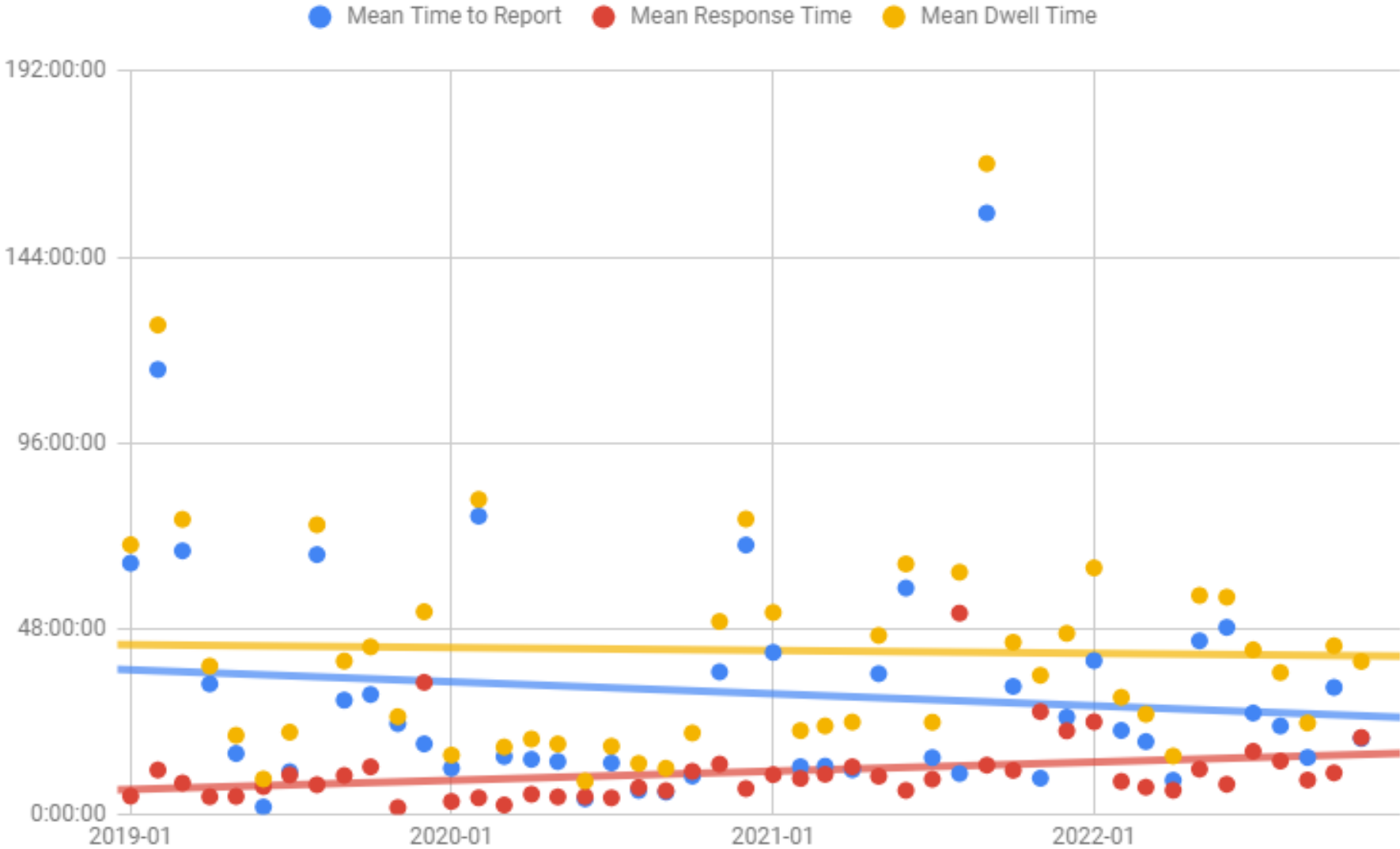


# Monthly mean time to report – Takeaways

- Gradual decrease in monthly mean time to report. Trend started around **36 hours** for mean time to report, the time is reduced to less than **24 hours**
- Better clustering of individual and mean report times
- More predictability for half of the dwell time equation



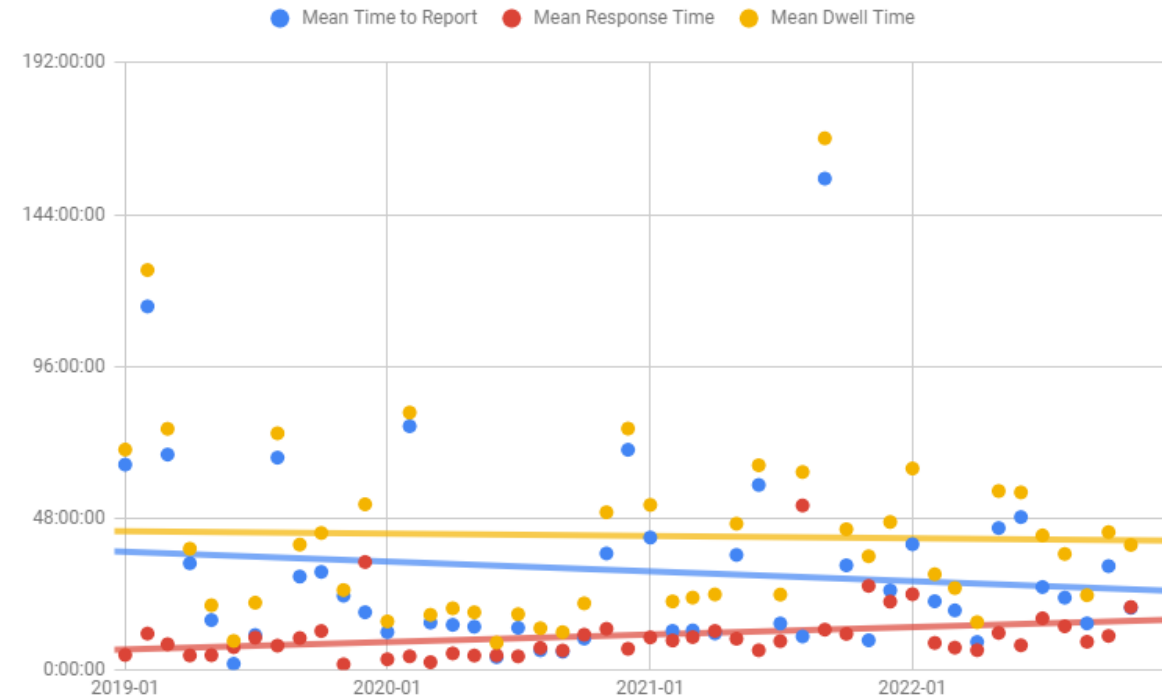
# Measurement of mean dwell time





# Mean dwell time - Takeaways

- More consistent average dwell time
- Increasing average response time (due to staffing changes)



# Analysis of median values



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## **Improving Your Business Impact Analysis**

How to Use BIA Data to Understand and Meet  
your Agency's Needs

# Assura and My Background

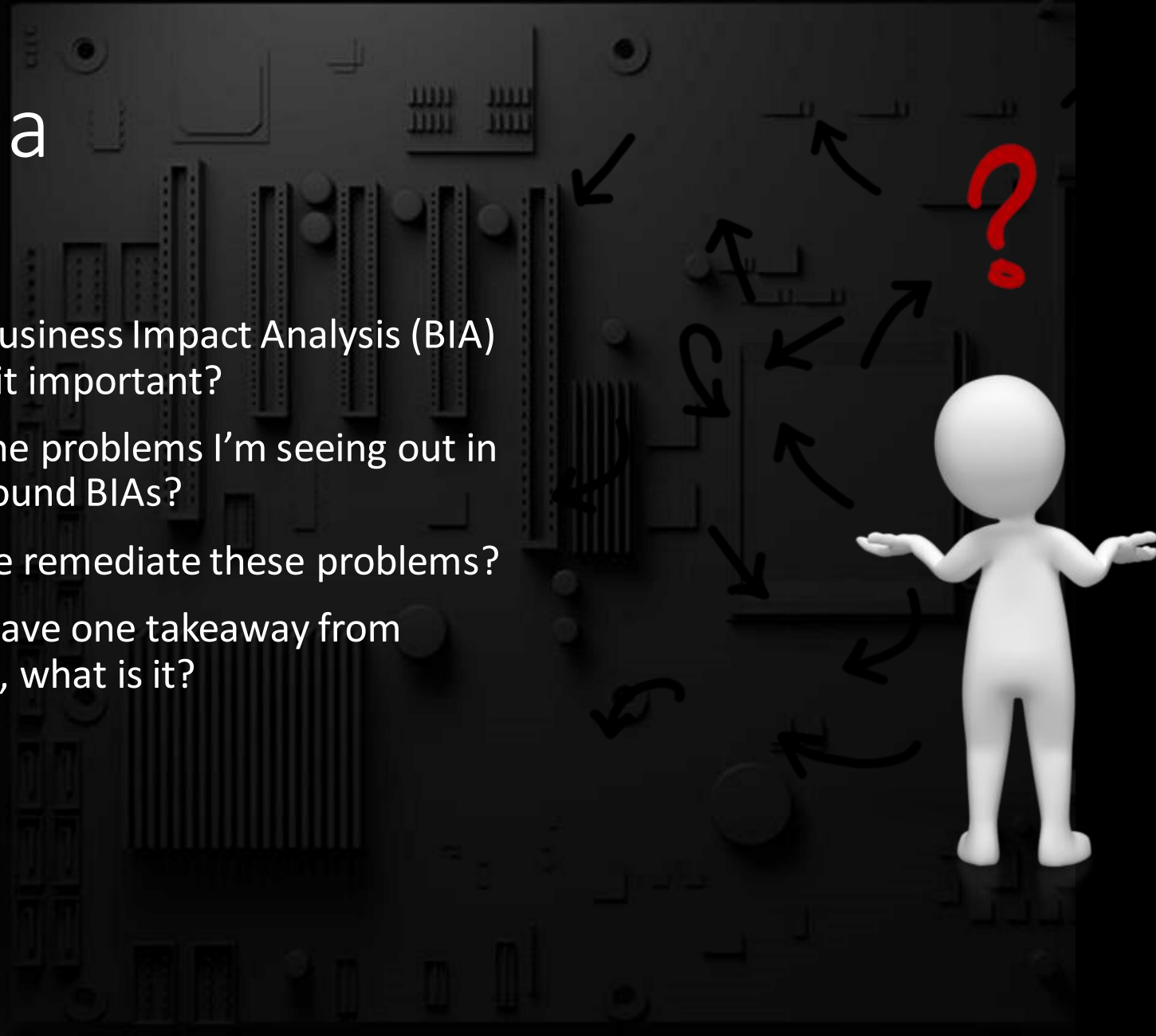
- Information Security and Risk Management Firm headquartered in Richmond, VA
- Assist organizations in development and management of their information security programs
- Technical Director of Governance, Risk, and Compliance at Assura
- Manage our team of Virtual ISOs in assisting public and private organizations



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# Agenda

- What is a Business Impact Analysis (BIA) and why is it important?
- What are the problems I'm seeing out in the wild around BIAs?
- How can we remediate these problems?
- If you can have one takeaway from today's talk, what is it?



# What is a BIA and Why is it Important?

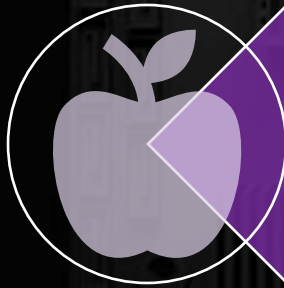
- An overview of all an organization's business functions
- Impact back to the organization if these functions are unavailable
- Recovery Time Objective (RTO) / Recovery Point Objective
- List of organization systems that support those functions
- Acts as the data of record for IT Disaster Recovery and Continuity Plans
- Informs Data Classifications and Risk Assessments



# The Problems I See in the Wild



BIAs that are only Technical  
Recovery Analysis



BIAs that aren't fresh



BIAs that can't communicate their  
data effectively to executives

# BIA vs Technology Recovery Analysis



On paper, there are a lot of similarities

- Core functions listed
- Functions tied to supporting systems
- RTOs and RPOs

In practice, we run into issues

- IT Recovery Checklist is owned by IT, not the business owners
- Blinders to business needs outside of IT requirements
- May inform the IT DR plan, but falls short of supporting full Continuity Plans



# How do we Fix it?

## **Ask around needs for full organizational continuity**

- What vendors do you rely on?
  - Do we have an agency contact with their information in the event of an emergency?
- Who are you dependent on internally? Who is dependent on you internally?
- How are records managed?
- Peak Time sensitivity?
- What are your equipment needs?



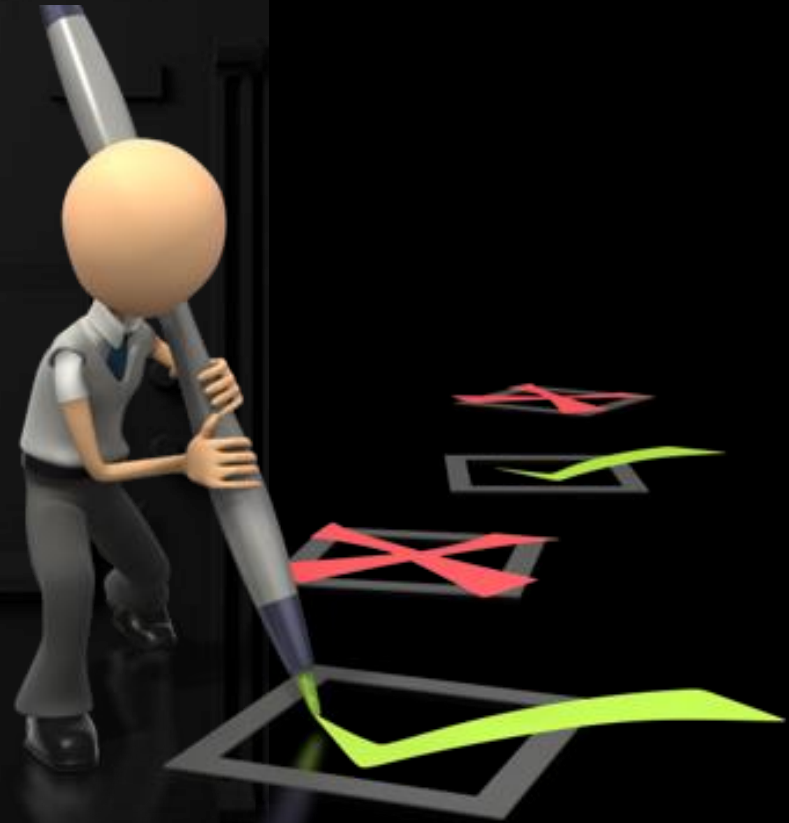
Remember:

BIA → IT DR → Continuity Plan

- Common audit finding
- There must be alignment from the BIA data with IT DR and IT DR with Continuity Plan
- Collect Continuity Data during the BIA
- Having the source of data start at the BIA avoids older plans corrupting current data

# Business Processes are Constantly Evolving

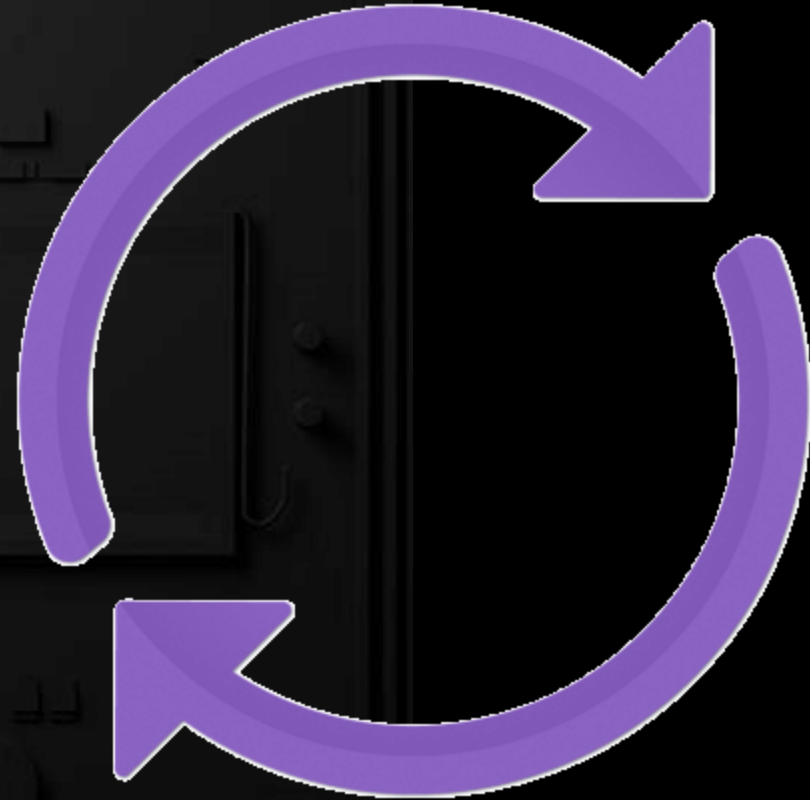
- How we work has shifted dramatically in the last 5-15 years
- That rate of change is accelerating
- New systems/applications improve efficiency and change underlying processes
- New business needs drive changes for everyone



# Problem: Out of Date BIAs

Tons of changes, but these aren't captured in the BIA

- “I can't capture that change; we don't have a column for that”
- “This process is a high impact because it was labeled that when I started in 2014”
- “I updated the BIA. John retired, and I put Patty as the owner of all his processes”



# Full BIA Every Three Years

Avoid Garbage In → Garbage Out

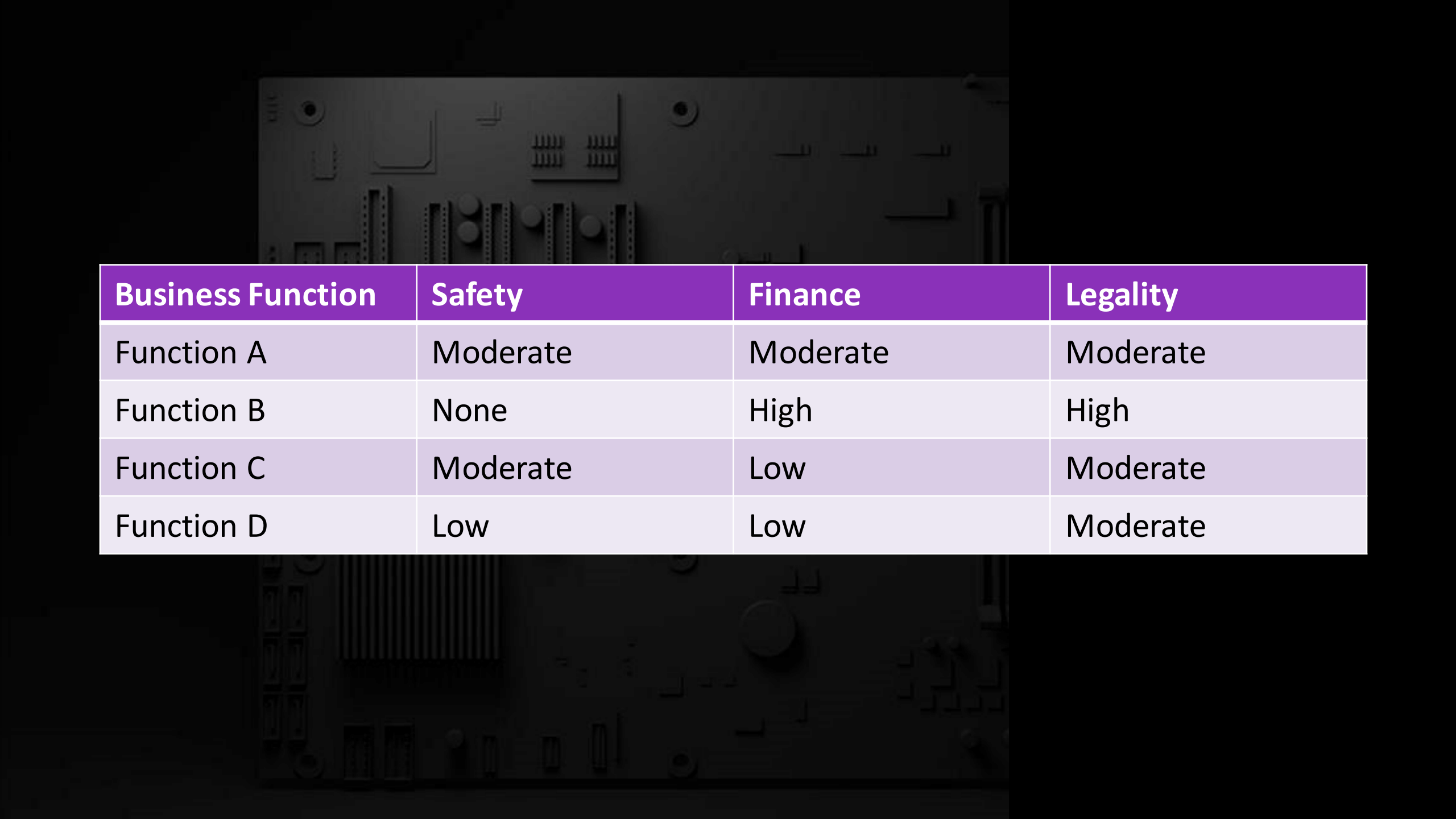
Identify systems that may have slipped under the radar

At a minimum, it's a SEC501 requirement.

# Executive Communication

- We've discussed expanding the data we're collecting and keeping it current.
- Now how do we communicate that data effectively to key parties?
- BIAs need to be reviewed by the Agency Head
- How is that data currently presented?
  - In a list?
  - Sorted by RTO or by Mission Essential Status?
  - GRC tool?





<b>Business Function</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Legality</b>
Function A	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Function B	None	High	High
Function C	Moderate	Low	Moderate
Function D	Low	Low	Moderate

# Problems With Listing

- Difficult to parse
- How, if at all, is function A more important than function B?
- Who makes that decision and why?
- Impact Statement can add context
- Assist Agency Head in making risk decisions





Business Function	Safety	Finance	Legality	Impact Statement
Function A	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Function A would have moderate financial and legal impacts for the agency, alongside introducing general safety risk for our users who rely on the availability of the Function.
Function B	None	High	High	Function B is vital to the agency performing its assigned mission, with heavy financial and legal impacts if services become unavailable.

# Closing Tip

- Do the BIA data collection through interview, not an emailed questionnaire
- You know the expected results and can provide context through conversation
- You'll end up saving more time from not having to go back and correct data input errors



# Conclusion

- The Business Impact Analysis is the data of record for all business recovery and information security program documentation.
- Expanding data collected, keeping that data fresh, and communicating it effectively will increase the data's effectiveness for your agency.

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DECEMBER 2022



AlgoSec firewall analyzer has been deployed in the VITA environment to provide the ability to view, analyze and report on firewall policies. This functionality is being made available to agency information security officers (ISOs) that have their own dedicated virtual system (V Sys) on the internet facing firewalls (not currently configured on agency specific remote firewalls).

Among the capabilities that will be enabled for agency users are:

- View agency-specific firewall policies
- Simulate traffic
- Determine if existing policy supports proposed traffic
- Determine if a policy has been implemented
- Review optimization options

- From the COV network, access AlgoSec: <https://qts-algo-mgmt-01.cov.virginia.gov>
- Username: first.last  
AlgoSec access is via two-factor authentication; your RSA Id will be your AlgoSec username.
- Password: 2-Factor authorization

OKTA integration in progress





Until a specific VITA service catalog entry is created, submit a [general service request](#) (GSR):

\* Short Description

Please create an Algosec account for [First Name, Last Name]

\* Service(s) Requested

Please create an Algosec account for [User Name, email address, phone#, RSA ID]

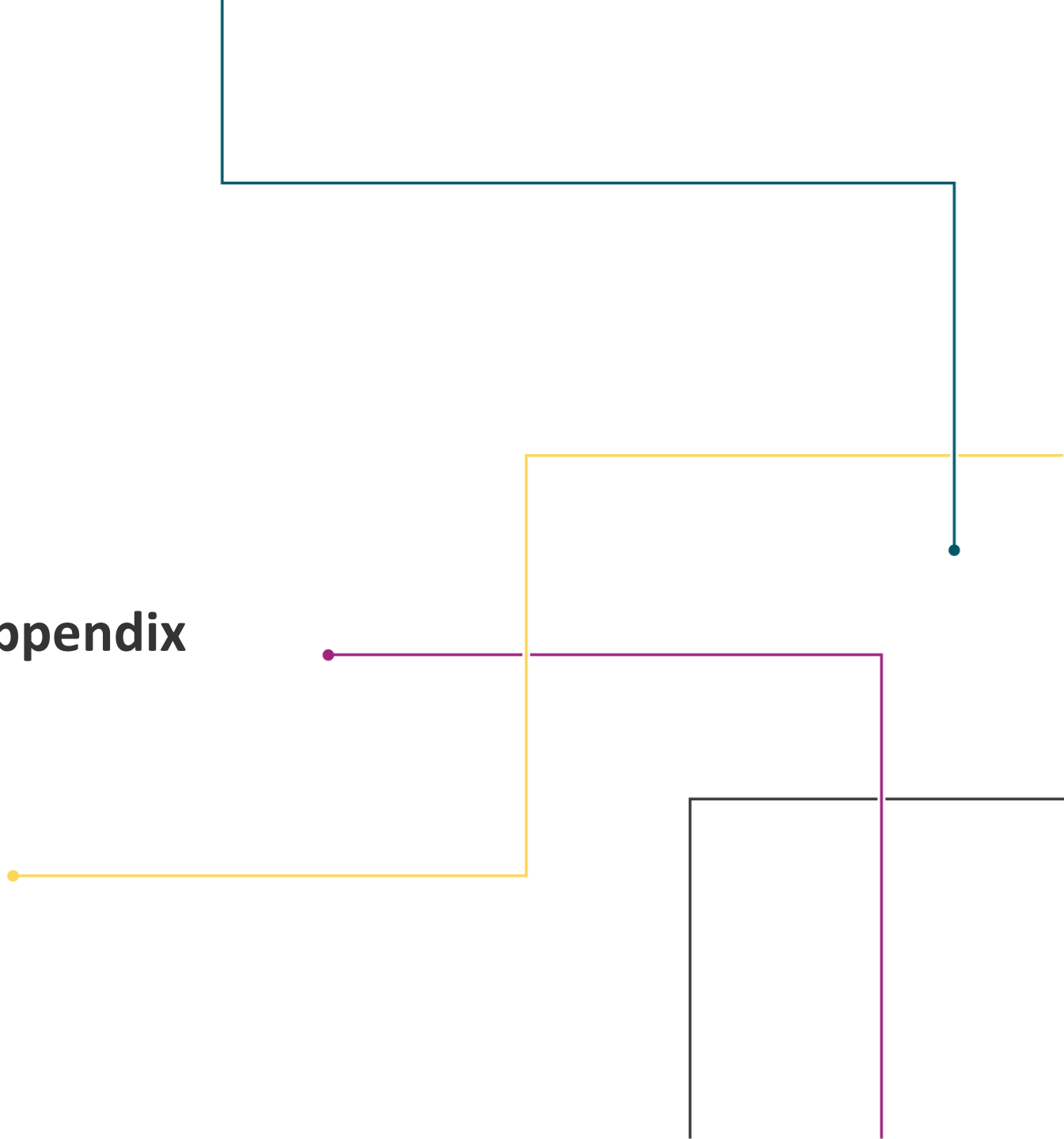
Other Customer Comments ?

Provide comments that may assist with the implementation of this request. ✕

Requires agency information security officer (ISO) and CSRM approval, VITA customer care center (VCCC) please create approval tasks. Upon approval, please create fulfillment task for ENT-MSS-NETWORK-FW-TIER-II

# DEMO

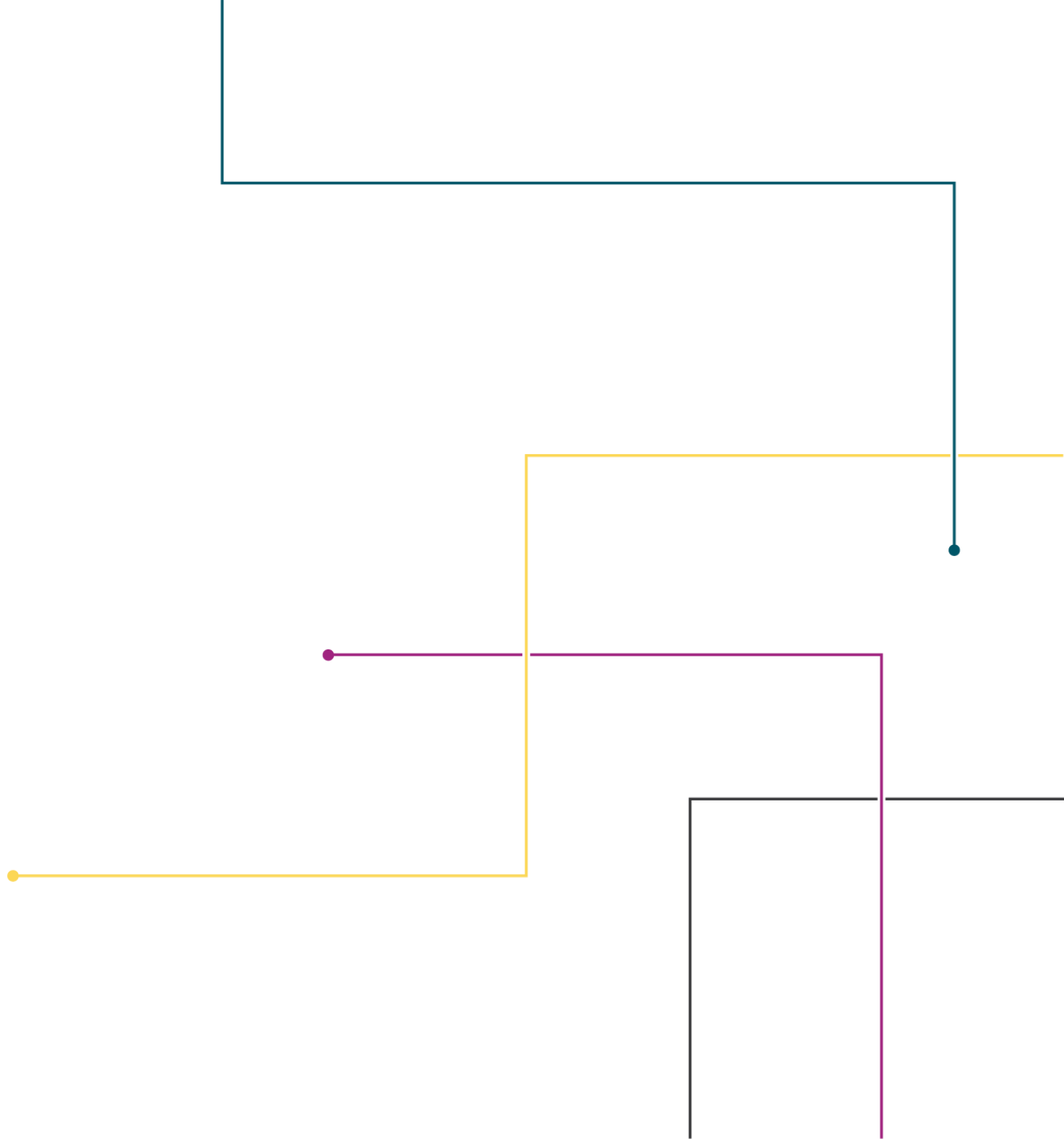
Live demo – screenshots in the appendix



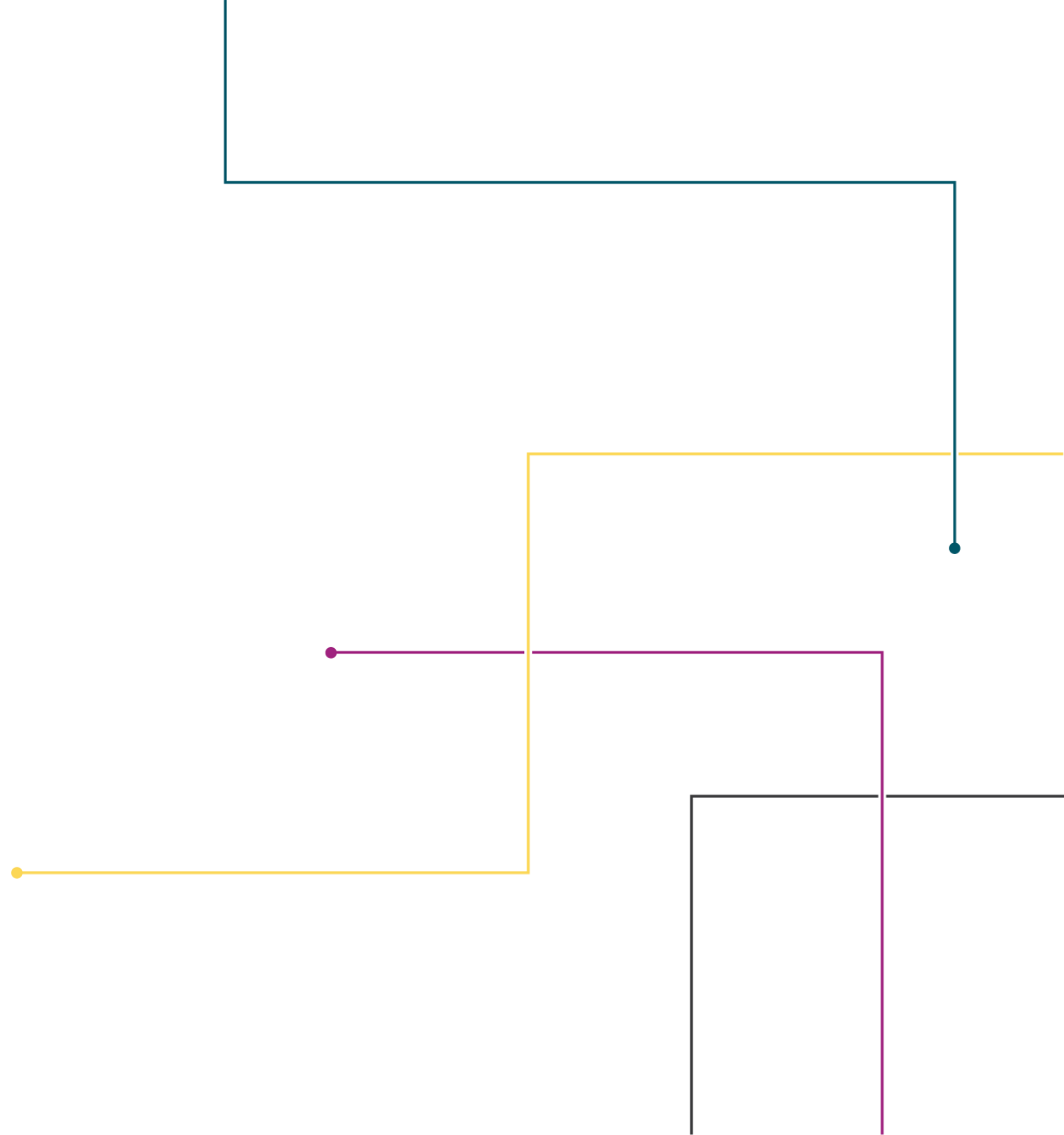


# QUESTIONS?

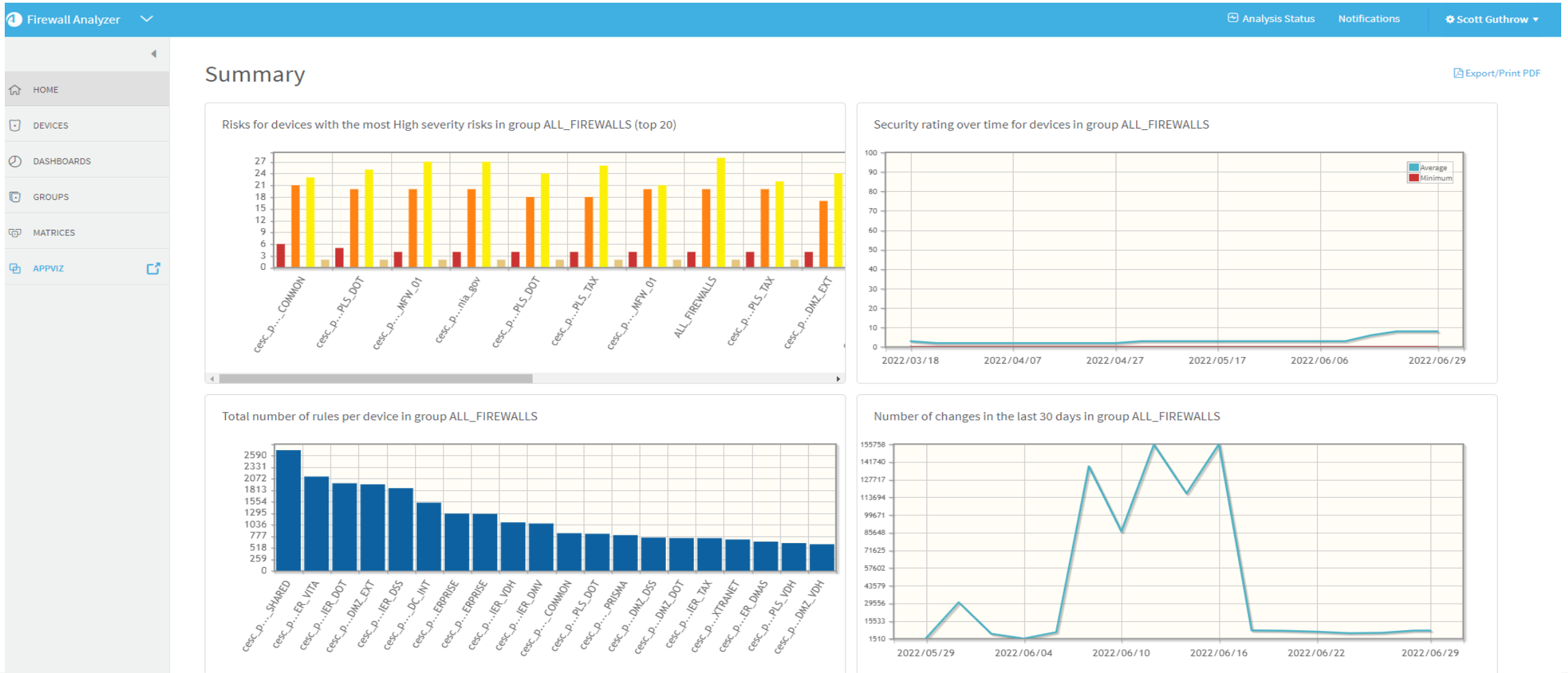
Thank you!



# APPENDIX



## Standard left-hand navigation – Agency-specific data views



- Selecting the **DEVICES** menu from the left navigation will display the firewalls you have access to
- Select the desired Firewall VSYS, then **POLICY**, which will display rules for the selected firewall
- You can customize the view as desired, then export the ruleset using the export function in the upper navigation

The screenshot shows the Firewall Analyzer interface. On the left, the 'DEVICES' menu is expanded, showing a tree view of firewalls under 'ALL\_FIREWALLS'. The main area displays the 'POLICY' view for the VSYS 'QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QTS-DMZ-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DMZ\_ATOS'. A search bar is present with the text 'Contains'. Below the search bar are buttons for 'Find Rules', 'Clear Search', and 'Advanced Search'. A table of rules is displayed below, with columns for Source, Destination, Application, Service, and Action. The table contains one visible row with a redacted source address and a list of services including TCP\_25, TCP\_80, TCP\_137, TCP\_139, TCP\_443, TCP\_445, TCP\_4343, TCP\_5007, TCP\_9535, TCP\_9593, TCP\_9594-9595, TCP\_9971-9972, TCP\_9982, TCP\_12174-12176, TCP\_16992-16994, TCP\_33354-33355, TCP\_38293, TCP\_44343, TCP\_44345, and UDP-139. The Action column shows a green checkmark and a lock icon.

#	Name	Tag	Type	Zone	Address	User	HIP Profile	Zone	Address	Application	Service	URL Category	Action	Profile	Options	Target	Policy	Rulebase	Descrip
1	Ivanti-1	global	universal an		[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	any	TCP_25 TCP_80 TCP_137 TCP_139 TCP_443 TCP_445 TCP_4343 TCP_5007 TCP_9535 TCP_9593 TCP_9594-9595 TCP_9971-9972 TCP_9982 TCP_12174-12176 TCP_16992-16994 TCP_33354-33355 TCP_38293 TCP_44343 TCP_44345 UDP-139	any	✓			any	DG_QTS	Pre	

Export the ruleset using the export feature in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

- If you are not looking to export the entire ruleset for the agency, you can specify a specific address or address range
- You may also add custom fields to your search by clicking the + button in the basic search field

QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QTS-DMZ-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DMZ\_ATOS  
Latest Report Aug 31, 2022 | 09:08:41

Number of devices: 1  
Device Groups: DG\_QTS, DG\_QTS\_...

Analysis Log collection

OVERVIEW POLICY CHANGES REPORTS MAP

Documentations: + Add Values Clear Values

Export to: PDF File CSV File AppViz

Basic Search:  
All Fields Contains 10.11.12.13-18 Search Tips

Include 'Any'  Exact Match Find Rules Clear Search Advanced Search

	#	Name	Tag	Type	Zone	Address	User	HIP Profile	Zone	Address	Application	Service	URL Category	Action	Profile	Options	Target	Policy	Rulebase	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>												TCP_25 TCP_80 TCP_137 TCP_139								

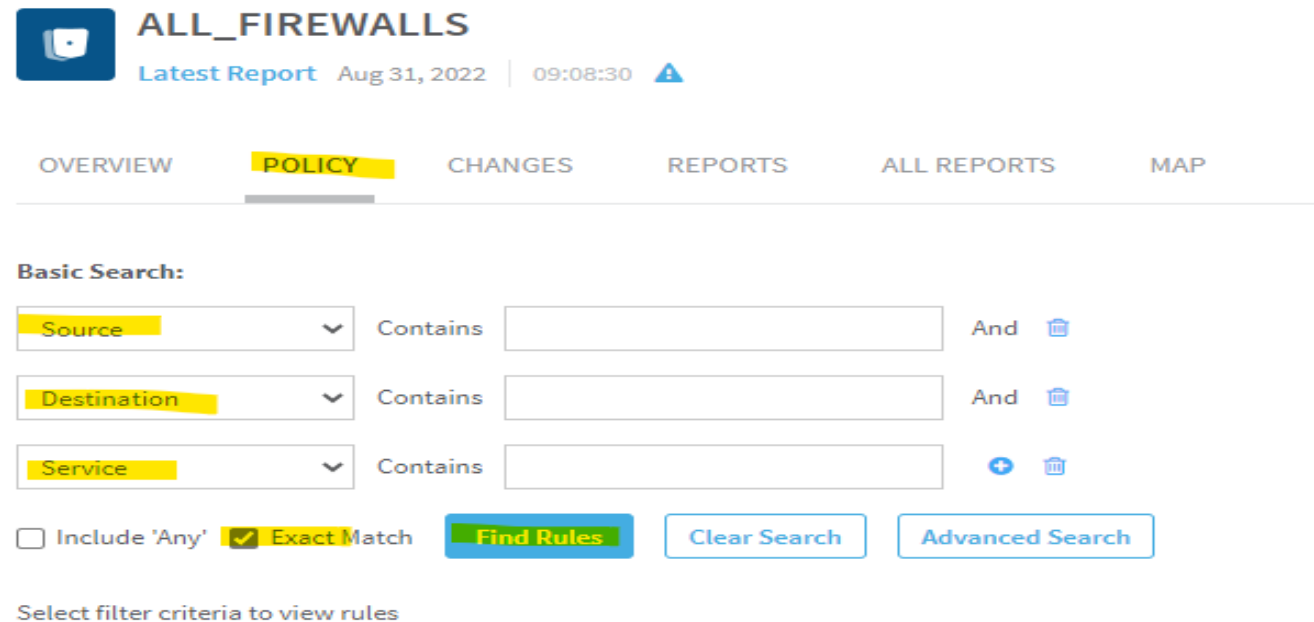
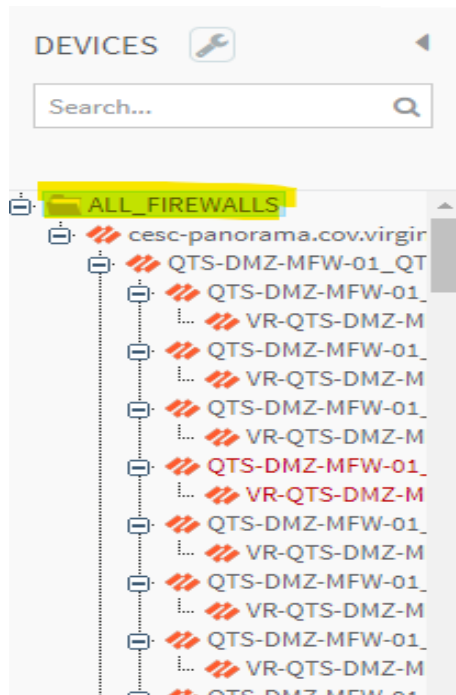
From the **HOME** screen, click on **DEVICES**

- From the **DEVICES** screen, click on **ALL\_FIREWALLS** and **POLICY**
- To enter multiple search criteria, you can click on the **+** symbol to add additional search fields.

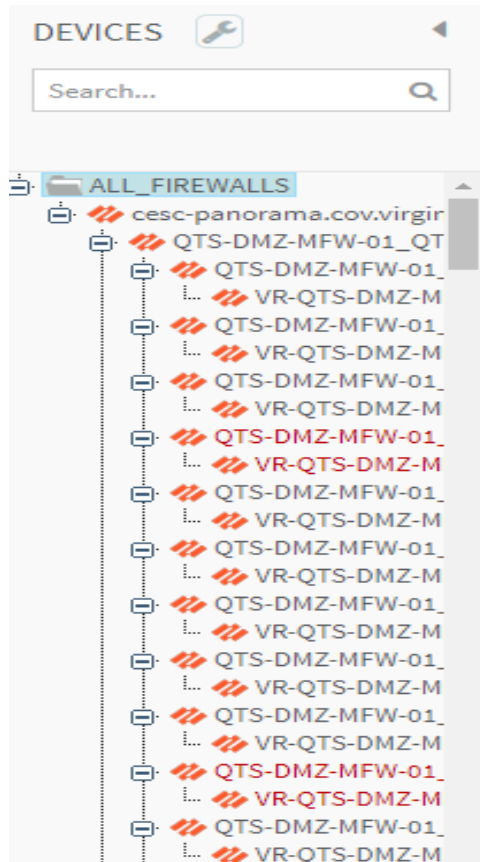
The screenshot displays the 'Firewall Analyzer' application interface. On the left, a navigation sidebar is visible with the following items: HOME, DEVICES (highlighted in yellow), DASHBOARDS, and GROUPS. The 'DEVICES' section is expanded to show a tree view of firewall configurations under the domain 'cesc-panorama.cov.virginia.gov'. The 'ALL\_FIREWALLS' folder is highlighted in yellow, and it contains a list of firewall rules, each with a red status icon and a name like 'QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QT' and 'VR-QTS-DMZ-M'. On the right, the main content area shows the 'ALL\_FIREWALLS' dashboard. The 'POLICY' tab is selected and highlighted in yellow. Below the tabs, there is a 'Basic Search' section with a dropdown menu set to 'All Fields', a 'Contains' input field, and a green plus icon to add more search criteria. There are also checkboxes for 'Include 'Any'' and 'Exact Match', and buttons for 'Find Rules', 'Clear Search', and 'Advanced Search'. Below the search section, it says 'Select filter criteria to view rules'.

Adding additional search fields to search with 3 search fields:

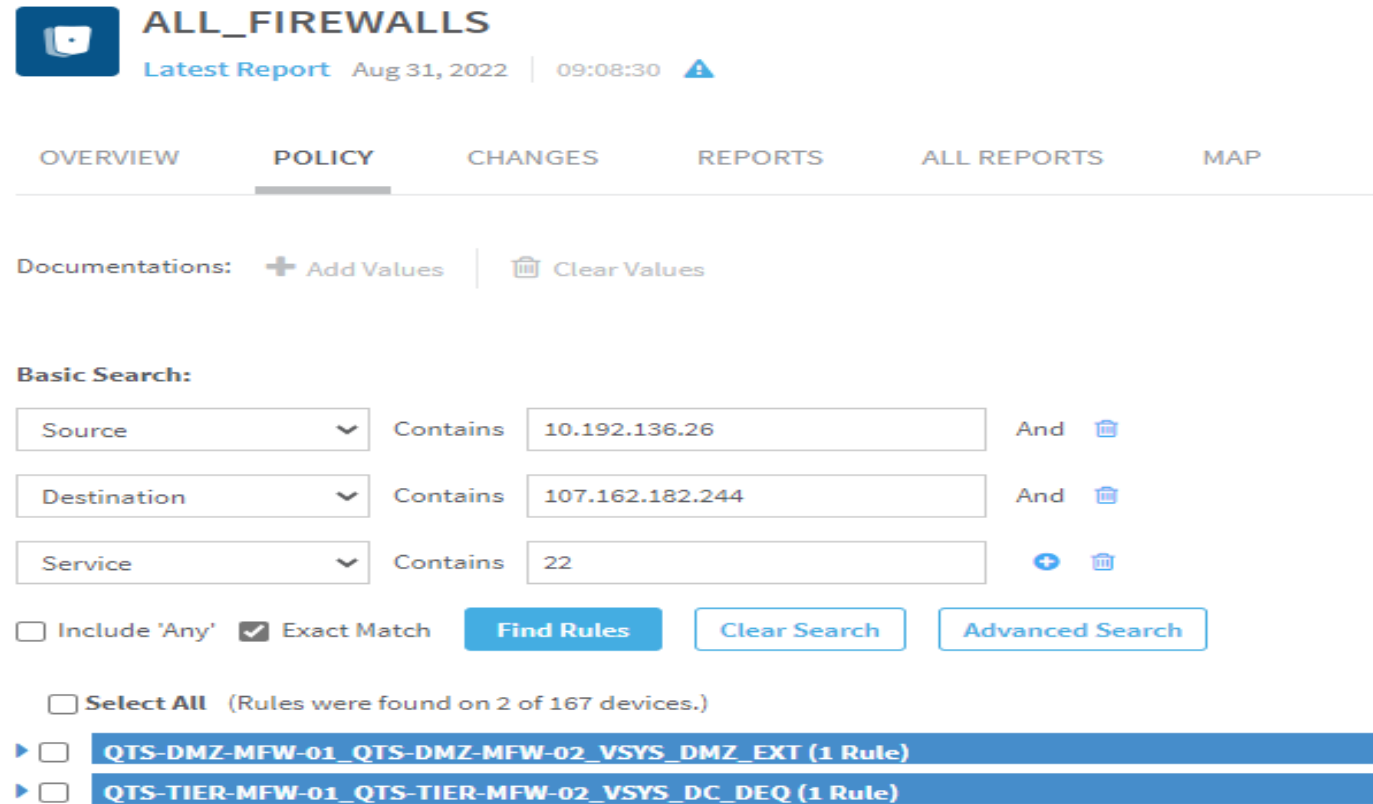
- Change “All Fields” pull down to “Source,” and enter Source IP, then click on the + symbol
- Change “All Fields” pull down to “Destination” and enter Destination IP, then click on the + symbol
- Change “All Fields” pull down to “Service” and enter Port #



Click on blue arrow to expand the search results



The screenshot shows a sidebar titled "DEVICES" with a search bar. Below the search bar is a tree view of firewall configurations. The root node is "ALL\_FIREWALLS", which is expanded to show a list of devices. The first device is "cesc-panorama.cov.virginia.gov", which is also expanded to show a list of firewall rules. The rules are organized into groups: "QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QT", "QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_VSYS\_DMZ\_EXT", and "QTS-TIER-MFW-01\_QTS-TIER-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DC\_DEQ". Each rule name is preceded by a red icon and a blue arrow, indicating that the rules are expandable.



The screenshot shows the "ALL\_FIREWALLS" search results page. The page title is "ALL\_FIREWALLS" with a sub-header "Latest Report Aug 31, 2022 | 09:08:30". Below the title are navigation tabs: "OVERVIEW", "POLICY", "CHANGES", "REPORTS", "ALL REPORTS", and "MAP". The "POLICY" tab is selected. Below the tabs is a search section with the following criteria:

- Source: Contains 10.192.136.26
- Destination: Contains 107.162.182.244
- Service: Contains 22

Below the search criteria are buttons for "Find Rules", "Clear Search", and "Advanced Search". There are also checkboxes for "Include 'Any'", "Exact Match", and "Select All (Rules were found on 2 of 167 devices.)". The search results are displayed as a list of rules, with the first two rules highlighted in blue:

- QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QTS-DMZ-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DMZ\_EXT (1 Rule)
- QTS-TIER-MFW-01\_QTS-TIER-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DC\_DEQ (1 Rule)



- You can click on any of the blue fields and additional info will be revealed.
- In this example, we use the SCTASK number in the description to cross reference, the rule has valid approval.

The screenshot shows the Firewall Analyzer interface. On the left, a tree view shows a hierarchy of devices under 'ALL\_FIREWALLS'. The main panel displays a search for 'QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QTS-DMZ-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DMZ\_ATOS' (24 Rules). Below the search bar, there are options for 'Include Any', 'Exact Match', and buttons for 'Find Rules', 'Clear Search', and 'Advanced Search'. A table of results is shown below, with columns for #, Name, Tag, Type, Zone, Address, User, HIP Profile, Zone, Address, Application, Service, and URL Category. The table contains one visible row with the following data:

#	Name	Tag	Type	Zone	Address	User	HIP Profile	Zone	Address	Application	Service	URL Category
1	Ivanti-1	global	universal	any	[REDACTED]	any	any	[REDACTED]	any	TCP_25 TCP_80 TCP_137 TCP_139 TCP_443 TCP_445 TCP_4343 TCP_5007 TCP_9535 TCP_9593 TCP_9594-9595 TCP_9971-9972 TCP_9982 TCP_12174-12176 TCP_16992-16994 TCP_33354-33355 TCP_38293 TCP_44343 TCP_44345 UDP_139 UDP_25	any	

# TRAFFIC SIMULATION QUERY

A traffic simulation query can be used to determine if a policy already exists for certain traffic:

- Choose the firewalls you would like to query against
- Enter a valid source, destination and service port
- Run query

The screenshot displays the Firewall Analyzer interface. On the left, the 'DEVICES' pane shows a tree view with 'ALL\_FIREWALLS' highlighted in yellow. The main area shows the 'ALL\_FIREWALLS' configuration page with a 'Traffic Simulation Query' tab selected. The configuration fields are as follows:

- Group: ALL\_FIREWALLS
- Saved queries: Select... (with a 'Delete saved query' link)
- Source: 10.193.53.66 (with an 'Add...' button and a 'Negate' checkbox)
- User: any
- Destination: 10.192.129.14 (with an 'Add...' button and a 'Negate' checkbox)
- Application: any (with an 'Add...' button)
- Service: tcp/5512 (with an 'Add...' button)
- Query title: (empty field)

At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Save Query' and 'Run Query' (highlighted in yellow).

# QUERY RESULTS: ALLOWED



In this case, traffic is allowed and you can see the firewalls in path.

Traffic Simulation Results

● Allowed Sep 19, 2022 | 13:24:17

✕ Resolve

▼ Requested Traffic

SOURCE	USER	DESTINATION	APPLICATION	SERVICE
10.193.53.66	Any	10.192.129.14	Any	tcp/5512

▼ Devices in Path (1)

Show all paths on map

VIEW BY: Status

▼ ALLOWING (1)

- VR-QTS-TIER-MFW-01\_QTS-TIER-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DC\_DOLI...

MAP | DETAILS

# QUERY RESULTS: BLOCKED

In this case, traffic is blocked and you can see the firewall that will require a rule to allow this traffic.

Traffic Simulation Results

● Blocked Sep 19, 2022 | 13:28:57

✕ Resolve

▼ Requested Traffic

SOURCE	USER	DESTINATION	APPLICATION	SERVICE
10.193.53.66	Any	10.192.129.14	Any	tcp/22

▼ Devices in Path (1)

MAP DETAILS

Show all paths on map

VIEW BY: Status

▼ BLOCKING (1)

- VR-QTS-TIER-MFW-01\_QTS-TIER-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DC\_DOLI...

The diagram illustrates a network topology where traffic from source 10.193.53.66 is blocked. The path starts at the source, goes through a blocking device (VR-QTS-TIER-MFW-01\_QTS-TIER-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DC\_DOLI...), and then splits into two paths through intermediate devices (10.195.16.40/29 and 10.195.45.160/29) to reach destination 10.192.129.14 via routers C1309 (Default Route) and C1308. The blocking device is highlighted with a red icon and a red line, indicating it is the point of failure for the traffic.



These are the details of the firewall and rule blocking the traffic.

▼ Devices Details

Expand all

Collapse all

▼ VR-QTS-TIER-MFW-01\_QTS-TIER-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DC\_DOLI\_VR\_TIER\_DOLI

● Traffic is blocked by this device

Based on last saved configuration from 2022-07-19 23:44

▼ Traffic that reached the device

SOURCE	USER	DESTINATION	APPLICATION	SERVICE
10.193.53.66	Any	10.192.129.14	Any	tcp/22

▼ Relevant Configured Behaviors (Implicit Rules) (1) ⓘ

NO.	RULE
1	<a href="#">ae1_305_173</a>

Navigate to the **Policy Optimization** menu by going to **Devices / Reports** and clicking on the latest report.

The screenshot shows the Firewall Analyzer interface. On the left, the 'DEVICES' menu is highlighted in yellow, and the 'ALL\_FIREWALLS' folder is expanded to show a tree of devices. At the bottom of the left sidebar, the 'DEVICES' button is highlighted in yellow. On the right, the 'REPORTS' tab is highlighted in yellow, and a list of reports is displayed. The first report, 'ALL\_FIREWALLS-521', is highlighted in yellow.

Report	Date
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-521	Sep 18, 2022 20:47:56
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-520	Sep 17, 2022 21:12:27
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-519	Sep 16, 2022 21:27:50
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-518	Sep 15, 2022 21:17:37
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-517	Sep 14, 2022 21:00:37
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-516	Sep 13, 2022 21:23:34
✓ ALL_FIREWALLS-515	Sep 12, 2022 20:52:39

# POLICY OPTIMIZATION

Here you can review rule reordering to maximize efficiency of the firewalls as well as options to tighten overly permissive rules

ALL\_FIREWALLS | Policy Optimization

- HOME
- RISKS
- CHANGES
- POLICY OPTIMIZATION
- POLICY
- REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Rules		199
<b>Objects Cleanup</b>		
Unattached objects		1
Empty objects		0
Duplicate objects		6,226
Unused objects within rules		148
Hostgroup definitions		51,616
Duplicate services		520
<b>Intelligent Policy Tuner</b>		
Tighten Permissive Rules		74
Unused objects within rules		148
Policy tuner analysis for all rules		199
<b>Rule Reordering</b>		
	<b>RMPP</b>	<b>Improvement</b>
Top 10 Optimizations	6.78	80%
Full Optimization	6.72	80%
Current Rule Order	33.90	

From the policy optimization menu option you can see:

1. Unused rules
2. Disabled rules
3. Total number of rules

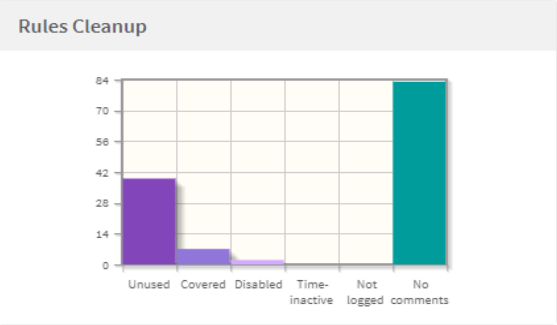
Scroll down further to see:

- Least used rules
- Most used rules
- Unused rules

ALL\_FIREWALLS | Policy Optimization

Device: cesc\_panorama\_cov\_virginia\_gov\_QTS\_DMZ\_MFW\_01\_VSYS\_DMZ\_ATOS

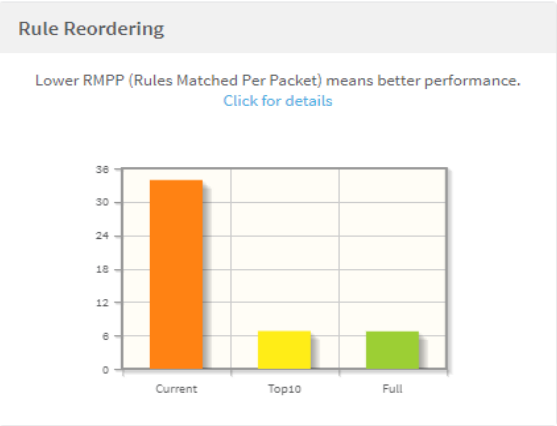
**Rules Cleanup**



Category	Count
Unused	42
Covered	14
Disabled	2
Time-inactive	0
Not logged	0
No comments	84

**Rule Reordering**

Lower RMPP (Rules Matched Per Packet) means better performance. [Click for details](#)



Category	Count
Current	36
Top10	6
Full	6

**Rules Cleanup**

Unused rules	39
Covered rules	7
Redundant special case rules	13
Consolidate rules	13
Unrouted rules	0
Unrouted objects within rules	0
Disabled rules	2
Time-inactive rules	0
Rules without logging	0
Rules with empty comments	83
Rules with a time clause	0
Rules about to expire	0
Rules	199



# POLICY OPTIMIZATION

AlgoSec determines efficiencies for rule reordering based on available information from firewall logs.

AlgoSec determines the improvement value of the adjustment should you choose to follow the recommendations.

QTS-DMZ-MFW-01\_QTS-DMZ-MFW-02\_VSYS\_DMZ\_ATOS | Policy Optimization Sep 6, 2022 | 19:25 Previous

Instructions													IMPROVEMENT	
From zone any to zone any, move rule Global-Nessus-Mgrs-IN-1 before rule RITM0385047-1														
RULE	FROM	SOURCE	USER	TO	DESTINATION	APPLICATION	SERVICE	URL CATEGORY	ACTION	TARGET	POLICY	RULEBASE	COMMENT	
1	35	Global-Nessus-Mgrs-IN-1	any	N_Nessus_Managers_DMZ	any	any	N_RFC1918	any	any	any	any	DG_QTS_DMZ Pre	CHG0036241	65%
					H_10.195.96.68-32 H_10.195.96.69-32 H_10.195.96.70-32 H_10.195.96.71-32		UDP_111 UDP_700 VPC_PORTS							
From zone any to zone any, move rule Global-Nessus-Mgrs-OUT-1 before rule RITM0385047-1														
2	45	Global-Nessus-Mgrs-OUT-1	any	N_RFC1918	any	any	N_Nessus_Managers_DMZ	any	https	any	any	DG_QTS_DMZ Pre	CHG0036241	12%
					H_10.195.96.68-32 H_10.195.96.69-32 H_10.195.96.70-32 H_10.195.96.71-32		UDP_111 UDP_700 VPC_PORTS							
From zone any to zone any, move rule Global-AD before rule RITM0385047-1														
3	32	Global-AD	any	any	any	any	AG_CESC_Domain_Controllers CESC_Domain_Controllers N_CESC_COVTEST_Controllers N_SWESC_Domain_Controllers QTS_Domain_Controllers	any	Active-Directory-Srv	any	any	DG_QTS_DMZ Pre	CHG0037929	<1%
					H_10.195.96.68-32 H_10.195.96.69-32 H_10.195.96.70-32 H_10.195.96.71-32		UDP_111 UDP_700 VPC_PORTS							
From zone SZ_DMZ_ATOS_WEB1 to zone SZ_DMZ_ATOS_CORE, move rule ME33-SCTASK0161135-3 before rule ME33-RITM0226940-G														
4	193	ME33-SCTASK0161135-3	SZ_DMZ_ATOS_WEB1	FMO_EPO_DMZ_Agent_Handlers	any	SZ_DMZ_ATOS_CORE	EPO_SQL_Servers	any	EPO-SQL-Server-Ports	any	any	DG_DMZ_ATOS Pre	CHG0036865 CHG0049188	<1%
					H_10.111.177.10 H_10.111.177.11 H_10.111.177.12		TCP_8443							



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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## NEXT ISO ORIENTATION

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