Cutting the Cybersecurity Noise

Here's what's important this week: August 3, 2018

Note: Cut and paste all referenced URLs into your browser to access the sites.

Take Action

- If you haven't already, implement DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance) email protocol. DMARC is a way to make it easier for email senders and receivers to determine whether a given message is legitimately from the sender, and what to do if it isn't. This makes it easier to identify spam and phishing messages and keep them out of peoples' inboxes. In October 2017, DHS issued a requirement for all federal agencies to make plans and start using web and email security technologies such as HTTPS, STARTTLS and DMARC. It's a good idea for all organizations.
  References: https://dmarc.org/
  https://www.securityweek.com/dmarc-fully-implemented-half-us-government-agencies

Be Aware

- There's a new wave of spear-phishing emails masquerading as legitimate procurement and accounting letters that have hit over 400 industrial organizations, including those in the oil and gas, metallurgy, energy, construction, and logistics sectors. The attacks attempt to steal money and confidential data from the targeted organizations.
  Reference: https://www.securityweek.com/phishing-campaign-targets-400-industrial-organizations
- DHS has unveiled the new National Risk Management Center, an interagency center that's meant to be a one-stop shop for helping private companies manage their cybersecurity risk and develop ways to mitigate it. The center will focus on the energy, finance, and telecommunications sectors to start.
  References: https://www.wired.com/story/dhs-national-risk-management-center/
  https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/18_0731_cyber-summit-national-risk-management-fact-sheet.pdf

Reminders

The Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) issues this product to increase Arizona's awareness and cyber resilience. It's up to you to make sure you take the proper steps to secure your networks and devices.

Contact ACTICCybersecurity@AZDPS.GOV with any questions, to provide feedback, or to be added/removed from this distribution. Please note that this email address is not monitored 24x7.

Report potential, suspected, and/or confirmed cyber threats to the ACTIC via:

- https://www.azactic.gov/Tips/
- ACTIC@AZDPS.GOV
- (602) 644-5805 or (877) 2 S A V E A Z (272- 8329)