# Creating Incident Response Plan and Playbooks **RVTEC 2025 San Diego** Nov 3, 2025 **Ishan Abhinit** Senior Security Analyst @



# **Incident Response Plan**

- Scope
- Definitions
- Goals
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Communications
- Pre- and Post-Incident Activities

# Scope

Describe the intended scope of the document.

- Consider Special Scenarios
  - Multi-institution policies
  - Parent organization policies

### **Definition of an Incident**

- What is an Incident?
  - A cybersecurity incident is an event that compromises the CIA of information systems or data.
- Why it is important?
  - Defining an "incident" is critical in determining which events trigger the application of this policy.
  - The definition of incident is an organizational decision as it determines the scope of when and how this policy is applied.

# Consideration when defining an Incident

- Mission Impact
- Time Sensitivity
- Workforce
- Clarity



#### **Events - Incident or not?**

- 1. Malware Infection
- 2. Data Breach
- 3. Forgotten Password
- 4. DoS Attack
- 5. Network Latency Issues
- 6. Compromised email account
- 7. Employee's Unlocked computer
- 8. Hard drive failure
- 9. Unusual network traffic



## **Incident Response Goals**

- Maintain system operability
- Protect CIA of critical data
- Protect org's reputation
- Protection from legal liability
- Collecting and preserving information related to the IN
- Preserving evidence for Law enforcement

## Roles and responsibilities

- Incident Response team or Personnel
- Cybersecurity lead/CISO
- Senior Leadership
- Communication personnel

### Communication

- Communication with the media
- Communication with law enforcement
- Communication with external stakeholders
- Communication with Parent institution
- Communication with ISACs

#### **Pre- and Post-Incident Activities**

Pre-Incident Activities
 Training
 TTX
 Policy and Procedure
 Tool

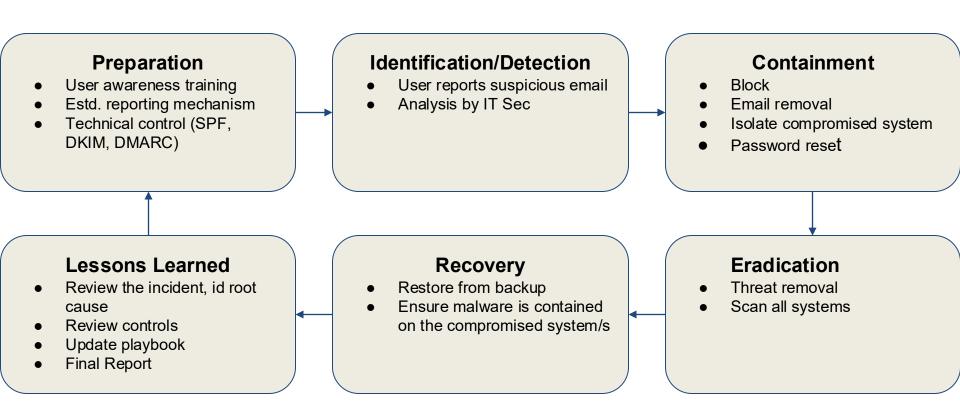
Post-Incident Activities

 Incident Post-Mortems
 Training
 Policy and Procedure revision - periodically

# **Incident Response Process - PICERL**

- P Preparation
- I Identification (and Analysis)
- C Containment
- E Eradication
- R Recovery
- L Lesson Learned

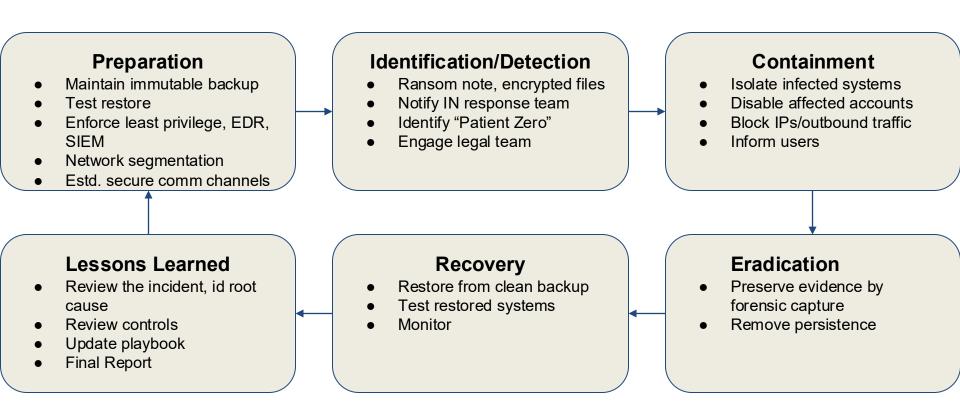
#### **Playbook: Phishing**



#### **Phishing Meme**



#### Playbook: Ransomware



#### **Ransomware Memes**



When CISO asks for \$1M for proactive cybersecurity

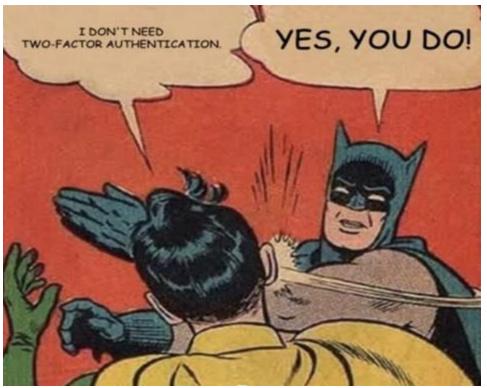
When hacker asks for \$10M ransomware

## Memes



#### **More Memes**





# **Template**

U.S ARF Incident Response Template



# Thank you

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