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# American Public Power Association's Cybersecurity Services Program

Midwest Regional Cybersecurity Summit

Kearney, NE

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# Cyber & Physical Preparedness

- Help members develop “all-hazards” approach to disaster preparation and response
- Show federal policymakers public power’s commitment to security and mutual aid
- Strengthen government/industry partnerships
- Minimize new federal regulation



# DOE Cooperative Agreement Overview

## Goal:

Develop a culture of cyber security within public power utilities.

## Objective:

Engage with public power distribution utilities to understand their cyber security awareness, capabilities and risks. Move each utility from its existing state to a public power target profile.

## Tasks:

1. Cybersecurity risk assessments (Cybersecurity Scorecard)
2. Onsite cyber vulnerability assessments
3. Pilot existing and emerging security technologies
4. Information sharing between utilities and APPA, E-ISAC, MS-ISAC, other partners

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# DOE Cooperative Agreement Overview

- In 2016 APPA partnered with the Department of Energy
- 3-year, \$7.5M Cooperative Agreement;



- 2016-17 – Analysis and Data Collection
- 2017-18 – Deployment and Resource Development
- 2018-19 – Sustainability

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IT OT

C2M2 - Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model

AT APPA Test  
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NEW ASSESSMENT

WELCOME APPA

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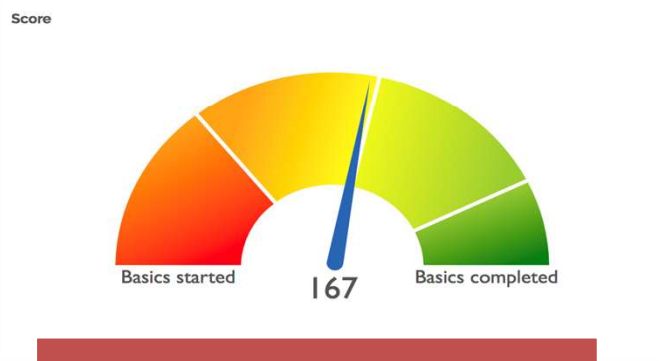
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Improvements to reach target  
**72**



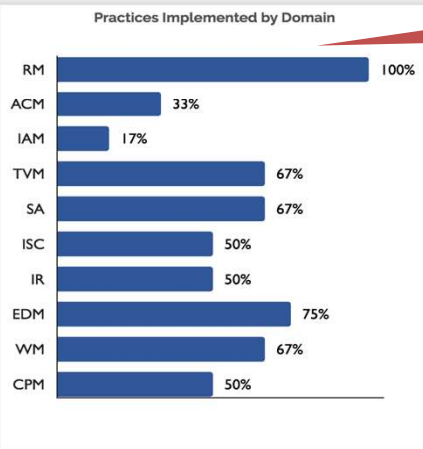
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**USING HELIUM-FILLED BALLOONS?**  
Follow a few simple safety tips to keep balloons safe and fun!

- Secure the balloon with a weight heavy enough to prevent it from drifting away.
- Never bundle metallic balloons together.

Scorecard results will populate your dashboard



Results breakdown by domain

Recommendations

- Develop an inventory of high-value information assets. (more)  
ACM-1b There is an inventory of information assets that are important to the delivery of the function (e.g., SCADA set points, customer information, financial data); maintain the inventory.
- Issue credentials for all entities requiring access to assets.  
IAM-1b Credentials are issued, at least in an ad hoc manner, for personnel accessing information system assets (e.g., passwords, smart cards, certificates, keys)
- Discard or destroy identity profiles and all associated credentials when a person changes roles or leaves the organization or when an object or entity ceases to exist in the organization. (more)

Improvement recommendations based on scorecard responses

# Scorecard Activity

- 261 public power utilities participating
  - (2019 Goal is to reach 400 utilities)
- 502 foundational cybersecurity self assessments at the 244 utilities
  - (14 Questions – 45 minutes)
- All public power utilities have **FREE** access to the Scorecard portal
- Utilities who have taken the assessment have reported that the Scorecard is helping to **“take the guesswork out of what they should be striving to achieve”**



# Cybersecurity Roadmap

## Cybersecurity Roadmap

- Using the Scorecard output, provide public power utilities with clear actions to improve their cybersecurity program
- Provide information that creates a compelling business case for security investments.



## Public Power Cybersecurity Roadmap

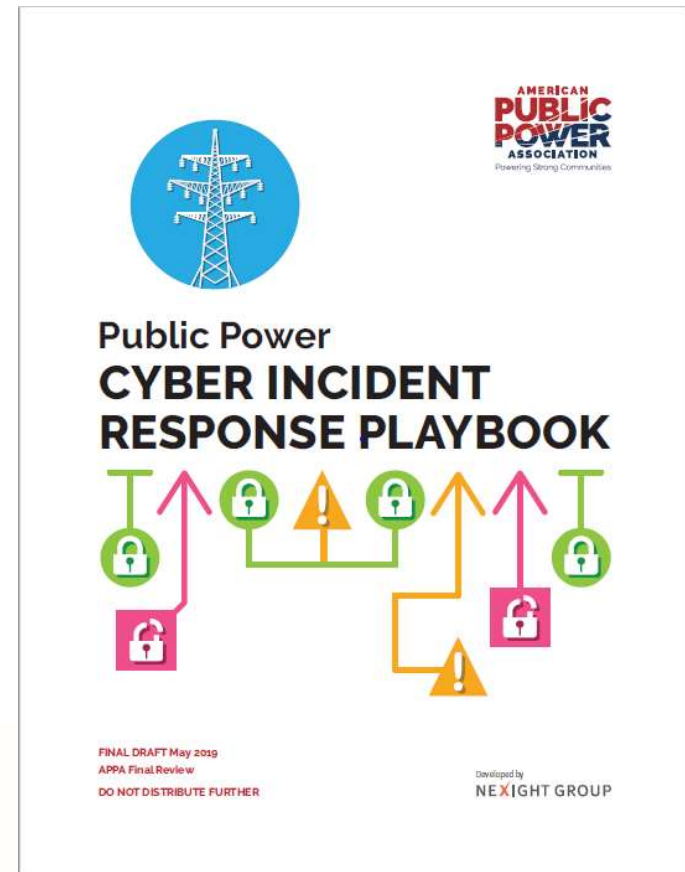




# Incident Response Playbook

## Cyber Incident Response Playbook

- Modeled after mutual aid response network
- Cyber Mutual Assistance (CMA) being developed nationally
- Utilities sharing cyber resources and expertise in a crisis
- Exercising the playbook to be prepared



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# Cybersecurity Training

- Signing up JAAs to be host sites for training
  - [Cybersecurity@publicpower.org](mailto:Cybersecurity@publicpower.org)
- Deliver low cost **cybersecurity training and exercises** that align with the Scorecard
- Conduct Regional facilitated
  - Orlando July 10-11
  - Kearney Nebraska July 24-25
  - Los Angeles California August 22
- Hosting a year end public power **cybersecurity summit (November 18-20, 2019 Nashville TN)**

# Secure Information Sharing

- Sign up for the E-ISAC at [www.eisac.com](http://www.eisac.com)
- Sign up for the MS-ISAC at [www.cisecurity.org](http://www.cisecurity.org)
- We continue to recommend the E-ISAC as the trusted source of public power utility's ICS threat information.
- Developing a program for **Shared Cybersecurity Services**
  - Joint Action Agency model as a framework to possibly provide a shared cyber analyst
  - Mature organizations mentoring others
  - Concise threat feed in our Secure Trusted Community (STC) network

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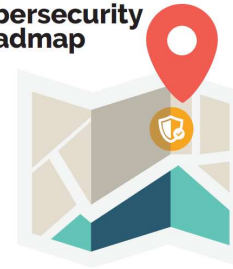


# Additional Cybersecurity Resources

- **Cybersecurity Scorecard**
  - 261 public power utilities
- **Cybersecurity Roadmap**
  - Helps you develop an action plan
- **Incident Response Playbook**
  - Cyber Mutual Aid
  - Shared cyber resources
- **Cybersecurity Training**
  - We bring training to you
- **Secure Information Sharing**
  - Weekly Situation Report (new)



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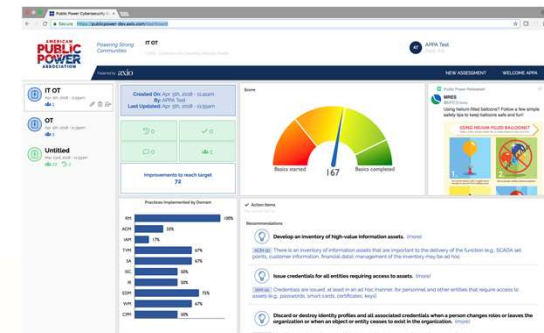
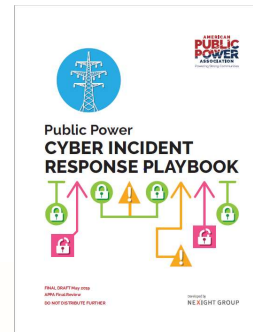
## Weekly Situation Report

July 3, 2019



### Summary

Section	Items	Source
Urgent Alerts/Vulnerabilities	- Multiple ICS-CERT Vulnerabilities	ICSA-19-178-01 ICSA-19-178-02 ICSA-19-178-03 ICSA-19-178-04 ICSA-19-178-05
Current Activity	- Microsoft Outlook Security Feature Causes Vulnerability	CVE-2017-11774
Strategic Awareness	- Rising cyber conflict between the US, Iran and Russia - Multiple U.S. Cities hit by ransomware	Draper
Request for Information	-	



Resources page:

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