# CyberReady Florida

A CyberSecure Florida Training Initiative
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Ascension Health Faces a Major Cyber Attack

Ascension health system is dealing with a significant cybersecurity issue. This situation has caused clinic disruptions, inaccessible electronic health records, and delayed non-emergency procedures. Federal authorities and the cybersecurity firm 'Mandiant' are helping Ascension work toward a resolution. Efforts to secure the network and support those affected are ongoing. Read more.
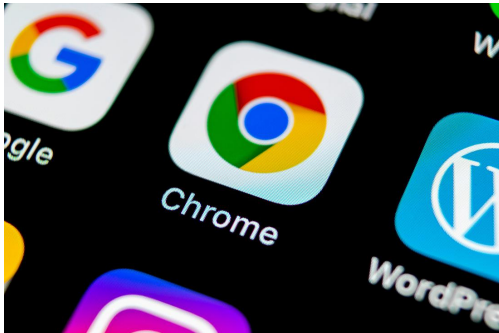
Urgent Chrome Update

Google updated its Chrome browser to version 125, making it three updates in two weeks. This update fixies nine security issues. includes a zero-day flaw that attackers were already exploiting. This marks the fourth exploited Chrome zero-day in 2024, highlighting the continuous cybersecurity threats faced by users. Stay aware and update your browser to protect against potential attacks. Read more.
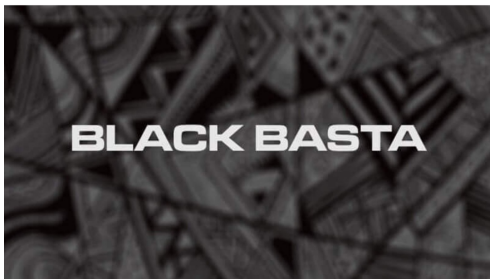
Black Basta Advisory

The ransomware group, Black Basta, is the subject of a recent CISA.gov advisory. Favorite targets are healthcare providers and critical infrastructure systems in North America, Europe, and Australia. The group often finds success using spearphishing tactics (targeting a specific person in email, text, or social media) to exploit them for initial access. The advisory describes the methods Black Basta uses and offers steps to mitigate the threat. Read the Advisory here.

Hackers Breach Job Board

Hackers are now targeting job boards across the Asia-Pacific region, using them to breach personal data of job seekers and employers. This serious breach highlights the vulnerabilities in digital platforms that we often rely on for career opportunities. The attacks often involve phishing schemes and malware designed to capture login credentials and personal information, posing severe risks to both individuals and organizations. Learn more about the breach.

Ransomware Surge Hits Banks

Ransomware attacks on financial services have surged, nearly doubling from previous years, with ransom payments averaging $1.6 million per incident. Sophisticated AI-enabled phishing scams are also on the rise, increasing the threat. Financial institutions must enhance security measures, including multifactor authentication (MFA) and geolocation verification, to protect sensitive data and maintain operational integrity. Read the detailed analysis here. Learn more about the breach.

Spotlight on Cybersecurity ARCS Range Training

The ARCS Range offers a 100% virtual and free cyber training environment specifically designed for Florida's public-sector personnel. Engage in dynamic red versus blue exercises with live hacker simulations, tailored for cyber operators, IT support, cyber analysts, and digital forensics professionals. Enjoy the flexibility of asynchronous training to enhance your skills at your own pace and convenience. Want to learn more? Read More Here.

Florida Public Sector Cybersecurity Summit 2024

Tuesday, September 11, 2024
Live in Person @ Florida State Conference Center, Tallahassee, FL
Open to Public Sector Personnel
Visit the Summit website for more details.

These state-funded cybersecurity trainings are FREE for Florida public sector employees!

Cybersecurity Awareness Course

This course explores fundamental cybersecurity topics and current best practices. It covers all the topics included in the curriculum of "Cybersecurity Awareness Training" as described in The Local Government Cybersecurity Resource Packet of FL[DS]. An approximate 4-hour training, it is online and self-paced.

Technical Training for Industry Certification

This course prepares participants for the ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (ISC2-CC) exam. It is ideal for cybersecurity practitioners, IT managers, network administrators, system analysts, and individuals responsible for securing organizational assets.

Mid-level Managers Course

This course is designed for managers, supervisors, and team leads, who have a solid understanding of their department's operations. While technical expertise is not required, participants should possess basic

familiarity with cybersecurity concepts.

<u>Executive Training for Senior Leadership</u>
A monthly, half-day workshop tailored to meet the cybersecurity needs of department heads and senior-level administrators. This course empowers administrators to make informed decisions and provide strategic guidance in safeguarding their agencies against cyber threats.

Earn a Certificate of Completion

Upon successful course completion, participants earn a digital badge and certificate issued by the University of South Florida.

For more cybersecurity training classes visit the CyberSecureFlorida Training Initiative. Browse the complete list of current training and other resources available free to Florida public sector employees and organizations.

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