

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's

2017 Cybersecurity Conference



The Benefits of Threat Sharing, a Case Study





Boston Fed Cyber Threat Sharing Genesis

Driving Factors

Implementation of a cohesive information security strategy continues to become both more costly and complex.

Increasing numbers of organizations are confronting strategic decisions on how best to secure their companies' most important assets.

Call to Action

At a 2013 meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee (FAC), members discussed the inability of US depository institutions (DIs) to effectively share cyber-threat information between one another.

Members noted: the Fed could expand its role by providing cyber security advisory services as a trusted interlocutor between banks and other government agencies.

Federal Reserve Capability

The FRBB has both local and national expertise in cyber security and threat sharing experience as a member of the Advanced Cyber Security Center (ACSC).

In addition to playing a role as a convener, there may be a role for the Fed in helping organizations with cyber security as well.

Our Program



Trusted Forum of Peers

- Similar Challenges
- Share Problems and Solutions
- Build Network



Threat Sharing

- Consolidated
- Targeted
- Actionable



Guest Speakers

- Emerging Trends
- Areas of Focus



Best Practices

- Subject Matter Experts
- Topics of Interest

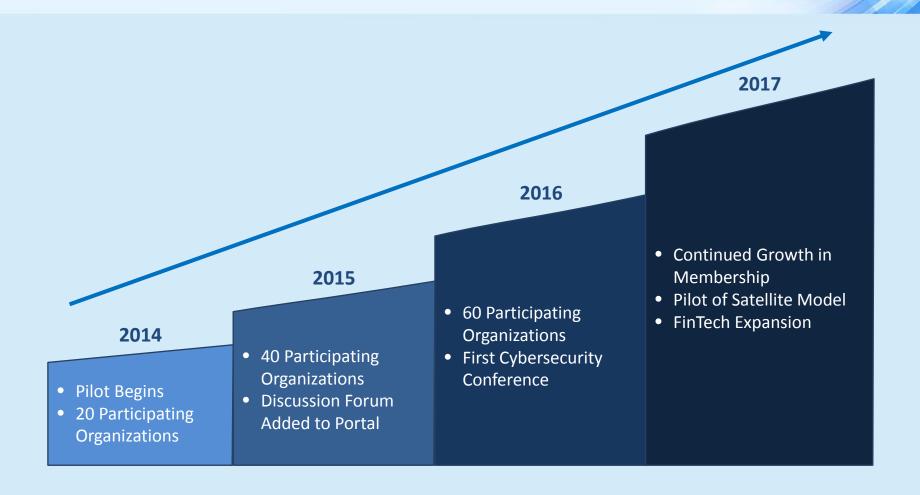


Member Roundtable

- Sounding Board
- Current Issues
- Creative Solutions



Growth and Evolution





Threat Sharing Grabs The Headlines

 ...But being able to discuss best practice is where the true value lies

 The first area discussed in our opening meeting led to widespread adoption or policy changes

 It was the first of many such changes in participating organizations

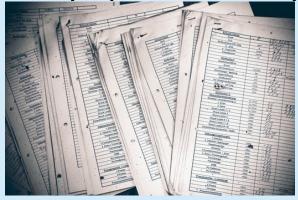


Sharing is Caring

Social Engineering Exercises



Security Capabilities Inventory



Mobile device management



External Email Flagging





The Information Economy

Making sure the board is adequately informed of cyber risks

ATM Skimmers in CT

What to do about domain name squatters

Ramifications of large

data breaches

Approach to take when customer is using outdated Operating System or web browser

How to manage risks associated with cloud vendors

Whitelisting vs. blacklisting

ATM Malware

Incorporating the Internet of Things (IoT) into existing policy

Potential mitigation against DDoS attacks

Email account compromise

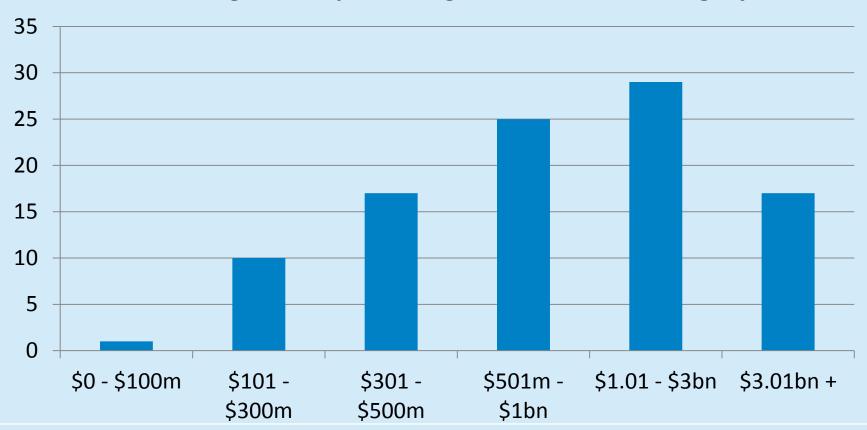
Addressing vulnerabilities in products where support has ended

Ransomware



Using Context to Justify Investment

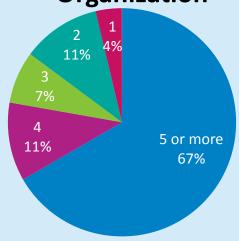
Percentage of Responses Against Asset Size Category



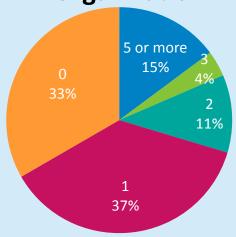


IT and InfoSec Bandwidth

IT FTEs per Participating Organization

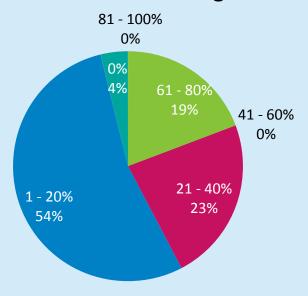


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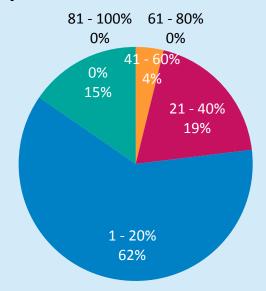


IT Outsourcing

Percentage of Labor Budget Spent on IT Outsourcing



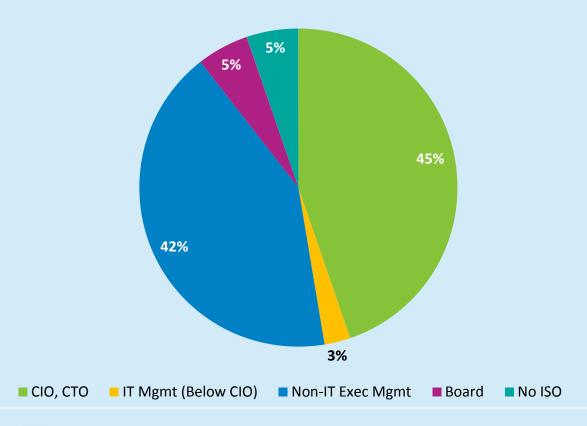
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IT Governance

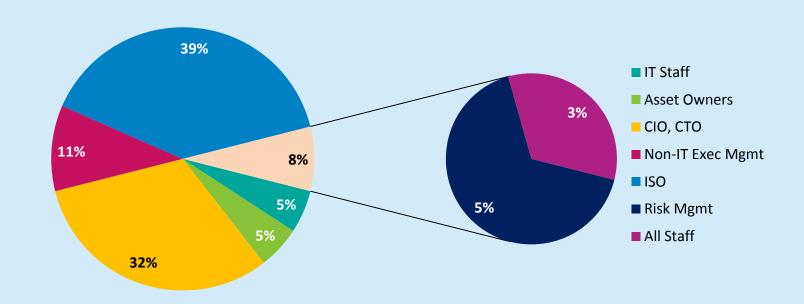
Reporting Structure for Information Security Leadership





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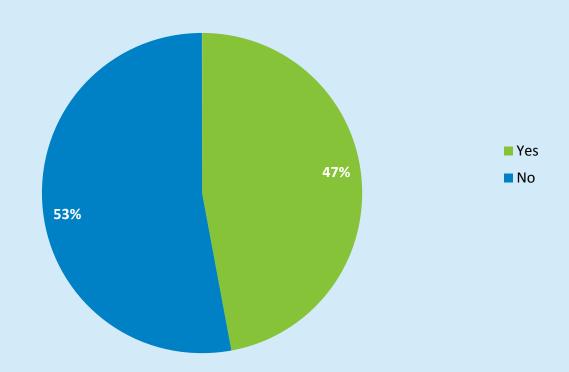
Accountability for Information Security Risks





Wireless Access

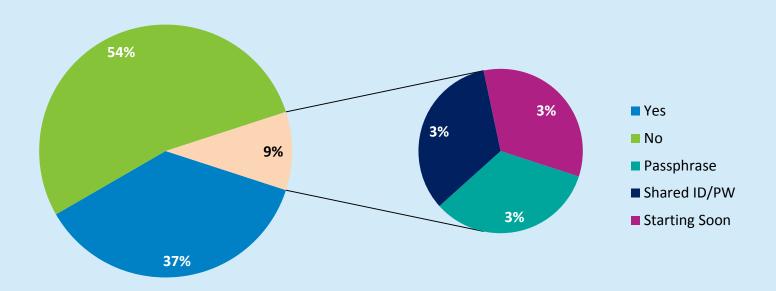
Do You Have an Internal WLAN in Place for Your Staff?





Wireless Access

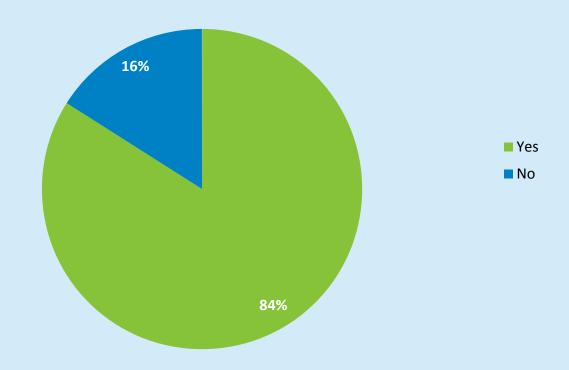
Are Users of Your Guest Wireless Network Required to Enter a Unique ID & Password?





Use of Third Parties

Do You Send Data to a Third-Party for Processing or Storage?





Emerging Trends and Concerns

