Incident Response Workshop Keeps IT Workers Informed

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University of Florida IT workers gathered in room 282 of the Reitz Union on December 14 to learn about and discuss the recent changes to the UF IT Security Incident Response Standards, Procedures and Guidelines. This updated standard was implemented by Dr. Hoit, UF VP for Information Technology on November 4, 2005. See http://lists.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind05&L=ddd-l&T=0&F=&S=&P=14525. Kathy Bergsma, UF Information Security Manager, lead the workshop with a review of the standard and procedures. Significant points of the presentation stressed how network and security managers can effectively remedy tickets in a timely manner to reduce exposure and minimize threats.

"An increase in internet privacy attacks and new privacy legislation has lead to expanded standards and procedures to protect UF IT resources." said Bergsma. "We hope this workshop will help provide UF IT workers with the tools they need to comply with the new standard."

Additional speakers and participants were included to address other issues relevant to incident response.

Avi Baumstein, from the UF Health Science Center, covered additional incident response procedures needed at the Health Science Center for HIPPA compliance.

Everall Peele, from the UF Privacy Office, gave a presentation on the role of the UF Privacy Office and the UF privacy policies. She said that if there's ever any doubt on whether something is considered private, that IT workers should always call her office to confirm.

Chris Wagoner, from the Santa Fe Community College Police Academy, gave an enlightening presentation on computer forensics and explained how workers should handle possible crime scenes involving UF computers.

The workshop also covered topics such as the new Florida privacy law, incident classification and how to properly respond to the media about an incident. Kristina Raattama, from the UF Office of General Counsel, was available to answer legal questions, especially those regarding Florida House Bill 481 that took effect July. See http://election.dos.state.fl.us/laws/05laws/ch_2005-229.pdf.

Slides and recorded presentations from the workshop can be found at http://infosec.ufl.edu/events/ir-workshop-dec05.

The UF IT Security Team appreciates your aptitude and desire to stay informed.

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