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## Agenda

- I. NIST Cyber Security Framework to Improve Critical Infrastructure Cheryl Santor
  
- II. Working with the Department of Homeland Security ICS-CERT A Partnership for Success Charles Aycock  
Brian Draper
  
- III. SCADA Security at City of Guelph Water Services Graham Nasby



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## NIST Cyber Security Framework to Improve Critical Infrastructure



**Cheryl Santor, CGEIT, CISM, CISA, CISSP**  
**Information Security Manager**  
**Metropolitan Water District of So. CA**



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## Rationale

- How to use the NIST Cybersecurity Framework? Use in conjunction with AWWA Guidance!
- Performance in cybersecurity enhanced by self assessment?



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## Learning Objectives

- Importance a cybersecurity review using the framework
- Identify gaps and future initiatives to enhance cybersecurity
- Assessment provides value
- Create a repetitive process



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## Agenda

- Governance and Risk Management
- Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
- Server and Workstation Hardening
- Access Control
- Application Security
- Encryption
- Telecommunications; Network Security and Architecture
- Physical Security of ICS/SCADA
- Service Level Agreements
- Operations Security
- Education
- Personnel Security



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## Governance and Risk Management

- Management and Security controls of security systems
- Security polices, procedures and systems  
Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability (CIA)
- Reliability is what Operations requires
- Inventory – first task in Framework, how can you manage what you don't know?



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## Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery

- Business Continuity Plan(BCP)
  - Control Systems run even if failures occur – reliability
  - Fast recovery
- Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP)
  - Longer disruptions from more impactful events
- DRP and BCP
  - Managed processes
  - Identification of events
  - Estimates of impact
  - Development and monitoring mitigation strategies.



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## Servers and Workstations

- Server and Workstation Hardening
  - Securing servers and workstations against cyber-attacks
  - Best practices to minimize probability of unauthorized access
  - Maintains CIA properties of servers/systems
    - Could include “whitelisting”, only approved applications and processes running



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## Access Control

- Access Control
  - Authorized personnel
  - Restricting resources and information access
  - Separate passwords
  - Rights management,
    - levels of access
    - further enhances controls
    - newer initiatives



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## Encryption

- Encryption –
  - Ensure appropriate encryption schemes
  - Cryptography used where needed/required
  - Weak encryption schemes dangerous
  - Avoid proprietary schemes
  - Standards in encryption technologies



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## Telecomm; Network Security and Architecture

- Telecommunications; Network Security and Architecture
  - Security of network infrastructure
- Layered defense architecture
  - Control Systems are at the core of the design
  - Adherence to new standards
  - Topology requirements
  - Network management



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## Physical Security

- Physical Security of ICS/SCADA equipment
  - Basic requirement for systems
  - Prevent, restrict physical access to authorized personnel
  - Access only when need to perform actions on hardware
  - Monitoring, detecting and responding to unauthorized physical access



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## Service Level Agreements

- Service Level Agreements
  - Definition and management of contracts
  - Define, negotiate, execute and monitor contracts to ensure appropriate service delivery
  - Requires minimum levels of performance, i.e., Committed Information Rate (CIR) for WAN services
  - Typically focus on QoS, SCADA/ICS do not require high bandwidth, but need reliability
  - SLAs with other teams, i.e., Information Technology services



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## Operations Security

- Operations Security
  - OPSEC - operational procedures and workflows to increase security properties (CIA)
  - May want to restrict employees social media re: organizational security procedures
  - Also includes; granting policies and procedures, security guard rotation schedules, backup/recovery, etc.



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## Education

- Education
  - Security awareness training
  - Include clients and service providers for organization
  - Identify best practices
  - Provide formal training on security policies and procedures
  - Training for incident response
  - Test key security processes to assure quick response



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## What is Your Organization Doing?

- What types of audits are conducted? Use NIST Cyber Security Framework and the AWWA Guidance.
- Integrated audits assist in understanding business needs and security.
- Audit/Security go hand in hand, how can you provide more service to the customer?



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## Personnel Security

- Personnel Security
  - Personal safety of employees, clients, contractors, and general public
  - Starts in part with hiring, background checks
  - Periodic recheck of employees and updates of policies and procedures
  - Purpose – personnel safety and integrity
  - Applies to external contractors and service personnel, ensure lower level privileged access



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## Summary

- Start using the NIST Cybersecurity Framework with the AWWA Guidance tool. The benefits are it is easy and provides a roadmap to follow.
- DHS and NIST are resources to assist with assessments, but the value of the knowledge by conducting an assessment will move your organizations forward.



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## Working with the Department of Homeland Security ICS-CERT A Partnership for Success



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## Rationale

- Legacy SCADA System
  - Obsolete VMS Platform
  - Don't touch unless it's broken
  - "Isolated" from outside world
- New SCADA System
  - Virtualized Server System
  - Remote Deployment and Access
  - Significantly more complex network
  - Two SCADA System Technicians



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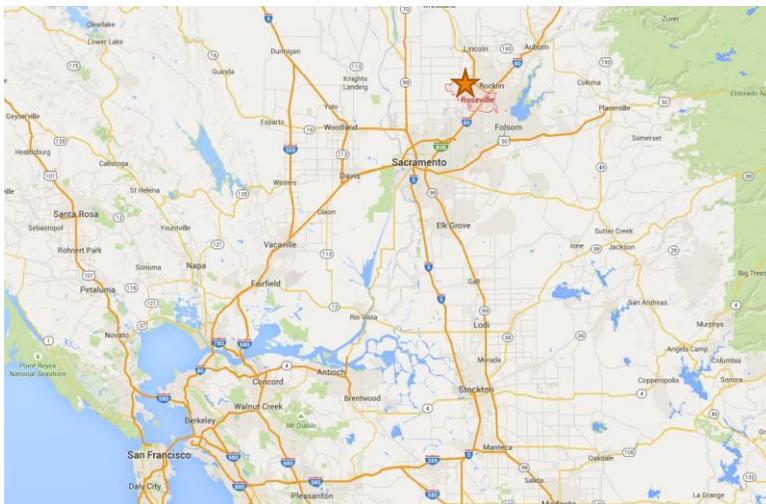
## Learning Objectives

- Offerings provided by DHS
  - Cybersecurity Evaluation Tool
  - Design Architecture Review
  - Network Architecture Verification and Validation
  - Training



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## Project Location – Roseville CA



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## Roseville, CA

- Major SCADA Systems Replacement Project affecting:
  - Water Treatment Plant (100MGD)
    - 21 Water Distribution facilities
    - 6 Storm Water facilities
  - 2 Wastewater Treatment Plants (18 and 12MGD)
    - 14 Wastewater Collection Facilities
    - 2 Recycled Water Pumping Stations



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## Before You Begin

- Educate Management about DHS's 'FREE' Offered Services
  - DHS is there to lend their knowledge and experience to help you understand where you stand relative to your peers.
  - DHS Staff are not there to impose policies or procedures on your organization.
  - The outcome of their assessments result in "Options for Consideration".



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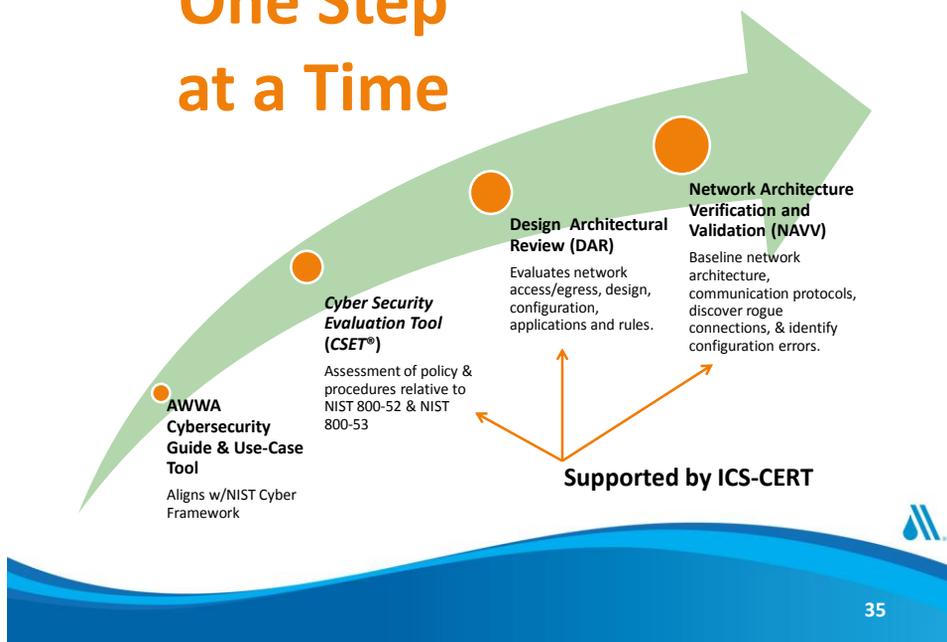
## When to Contact DHS

- If possible, plan to collaborate with DHS during design and implementation
  - We were fortunate to have DHS input during our architecture design phase
  - Worked with our implementation team directly
- If an existing system, plan to work with them when schedule permits.
  - You don't have to do all of the steps, but I would highly encourage it.



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## One Step at a Time



## Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET)

- Self-Assessment and Facilitated Assessments available
  - Questionnaire format
    - Garbage in = Garbage out
      - Need to be honest with responses
      - If not currently implemented, then recommend responding as not existing
    - Compare
    - Output is a prioritized list of recommendations for improving cybersecurity posture based on recognized industry standards

## CSET Reporting



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## Design Architecture Review (DAR)

- ICS Network Architecture
  - Perimeter Defenses (Ingress and Egress)
  - Remote Access methods
  - Field and Device-Device Communications
  - Trust Relationships and Connectivity to Enterprise Networks
  - Wired and Wireless Communications

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## Design Architecture Review (DAR)

- Asset Inventory
  - Configuration Guidelines relative to Best Practices
  - Backup and Recovery Methods
  - Physical Security of Assets
  - Data Integrity



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## Design Architecture Review (DAR)

- Protective and Detective Controls
  - Means of detecting Intrusions
  - Review of device configurations
  - Threat detection and alerting methods
  - Threat and intelligence sources
    - DHS ICS Alerts and Notifications



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## Network Architecture Verification and Validation (NAVV)

- Evaluate network traffic on ICS network
  - Protocol hierarchy and organization of network traffic
  - Device to Device communications – What are the top ‘talkers’
  - Communications traversing (or attempting to traverse) the ICS network boundary
  - Potentially misconfigured devices – or those exhibiting suspicious or anomalous behavior
  - Establishes baseline for your ICS



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## Assessments and Reviews Results

- Regardless of whether it is an assessment or review, DHS will provide:
  - **“Options for Consideration”**
    - Reduces liability for both DHS and Owner
    - Select options within available budget and as appropriate for your needs
    - Results can be compared to related facilities
  - **At no cost to the asset owner**



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## Common Observations

- FY-2015 Top Weakness Categories
  - Boundary Protection
  - Least Functionality
  - Authenticator Management
  - Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)
  - Least Privilege



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## How Do I Start the Process??

If you're interested in having us come out; the process is easy to start....

- Call us
- Send us an email



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## DHS Offered Training

- <https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/Training-Available-Through-ICS-CERT>
  - Web Based
    - Operational Security for Control Systems (101W) – 1 Hour
    - Cybersecurity for Industrial Control Systems (210W) – 15 hours
  - Instructor Led:
    - ICS Cybersecurity (301) – 5 Days in Idaho Falls, ID – Red/Blue Team



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## DHS Contact Information

- ICS-CERT <https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/>
- (877) 776-7585
- (208) 526-0900 (International)
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## SCADA Security at City of Guelph Water Services



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**Water SCADA & Security Specialist**  
**City of Guelph – Water Services**



SCADA Security at Guelph Water Services



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## Rationale

- Our Reliance on SCADA for Operations & Compliance
- Uptime and Data Integrity is Key
- Managing Risks
  - External Threats
  - Internal Threats
  - Human Error
  - Equipment Failures
- Safeguarding your SCADA system
- Applying Best Practices from Industry Standards

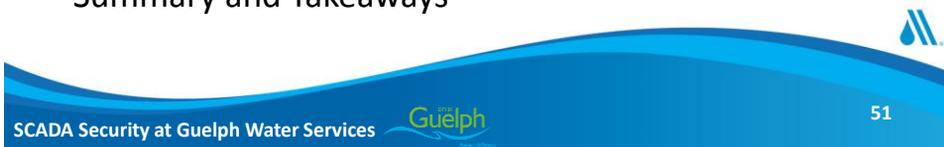


## Learning Objectives

- Common Techniques to Safeguard a SCADA System
- SCADA Network Design Best Practices
- Tips to Safeguard SCADA Servers
- Strength in Redundancy
  
- Overview of ISA/IEC-62443 “Zones & Conduits” security model
- IT: Information Technology vs. OT: Operational Technology
- Relating back to AWWA Cyber Security Guidance Document

## Agenda

- About Guelph Water Services
- Risks to SCADA Systems
- IT vs. Operational Technology
- Leveraging Industry Standards for Cyber Security
- Remote Access Question
- How Guelph Implemented its SCADA System
- Items to Consider when Implementing Remote Access
- Summary and Takeaways

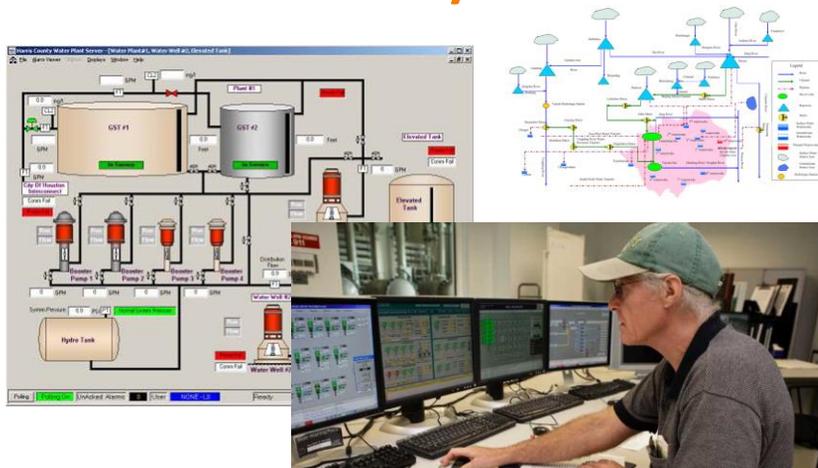


## City of Guelph Water Services

- Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- 130,000 residents
- 21 groundwater wells
- 3 water towers
- 549 km of water mains
- 45,000 service connections
- 2,750 fire hydrants
- 46,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day [12 MGD]



## SCADA Systems



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## Risks to SCADA Systems

- Loss of Process Visibility
- Interruption of Data Logging
- Inability to Remotely Control
- Loss of Automatic Control Schemes
- Other systems not able to access data

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## Common Threats

- External Hacker
- Equipment Failure
- Network Connectivity
- System Upgrades/Changes
- IT Department Miscommunication



## Other Threats

- Human Error
- Naïve Users
- Contractors & Consultants
- After Hours Work
- Bad Luck



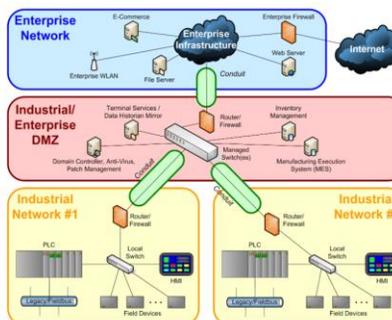
## IT vs. OT

- Information Technology: Your IT Department
- Operational Technology: Your SCADA System
- Different Expectations
  - Critical Applications
  - Uptime & Outage Tolerance
  - Allowable Latency
  - Taking Systems Offline for Maintenance or Upgrades
  - Edge Devices vs. Servers



## Use Industry Standards as Tools

- ISA/IEC-62443 (formerly ISA-99)
- ISO 27000
- NIST Cyber Security Framework
- AWWA Cyber Security Guidance Document



## A look at ISA/IEC-62443

- Zones and Conduits



- Part 1: Definitions & Metrics, Lifecycle
- Part 2: Cyber Security Risk Management Program
- Part 3: Zones and Conduits (Firewall Rules)
- Part 4: Secure Hardware/Firmware Standards



## Remote Access – Do You Need It?

- Who would use it?
- Operational Pros & Cons
- Staffing of Central Control Room
- After Hours Access



- Risks Associated with Remote Access
- Selecting & Maintaining Appropriate Technology



## Guelph Water SCADA Architecture

- View Terminals
- SCADA I/O Servers & Historian Servers
- SCADA Network
- PLC Controllers
- Hardwired Backup Control



## Redundancy: View Terminals

- All have their own HMI code on them
- Located at facilities across the City
- Not Dependant on a Single Server
- Can be re-pointed to backup SCADA Servers



## Redundancy: SCADA Servers

- Multiple Server Groups
  - Main Servers
  - Online Backup Servers (“hot backup”)
  - Near-Line Backup Servers
  - Multiple data centres
- Using “Virtual Servers” on server hosts
- Servers are backed up 4X per day
- Separate servers by function



## Redundancy: SCADA Network

- Guelph chose to have no remote access to SCADA
- Staffed control room and cellular call-out alarms
  
- Completely separate from Corporate Network
- Privately-Routed SCADA Fibre-optic Network
- Backup Privately-Routed SCADA DSL Network
- We use non-routable IP block addressing for SCADA (172.xx.xx.xx)



## Redundancy: PLCs & Data-Loggers

- Multiple Well Sites: 21 groundwater wells
- Site backup Data-Loggers, integrated with historian
- Backup hardwired control for critical interlocks
  
- Hand-Off-Auto switches on equipment
- Physical Security at sites
- System designed so redundant PLCs not needed



## Remote Access: Items to Consider

- Do you need it? Who will use it?
- Internet Connection or Private Network
- Firewalls and Authentication Methods
- Traffic Encryption, NAT, IP Address Ranges
- Segmenting your Network in Zones
  
- Think Big Picture: System Uptime, Availability, & Data
- Managing Risks & Monitoring System



## Summary & Takeaways

- Uptime and Availability are key for SCADA Systems
- Focus should be on resiliency of the SCADA system
- If remote access required, look to ISA/IEC-62443
- Consider other threats to SCADA uptime
- Resources:
  - AWWA Cyber Security Guidance Document
  - NIST Cyber Security Guidance Document
  - ISA/IEC-62443 (formerly ISA-99)



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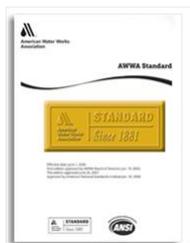
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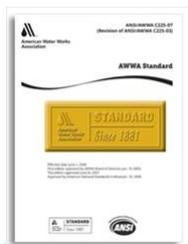
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