

October is National Cyber Security Month!

October is National Cyber Security Month and also marks the fifth anniversary of the **Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign**. Although we should remain vigilant every day, this is the month when cyber security takes center stage, and the brightest of the bright meet to collaborate and brainstorm more effective ways to make the Internet safer for everyone.

One of the great things about the Stop. Think. Connect. campaign is that, in addition to educating us on cybersecurity, it also provides great resources that



we can use and share with others. This initiative by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), who also partnered with International Franchises Association (IFA) and Business Executive for National Security (BENS), highlights the Re:Cyber web page.

The Re:Cyber web page is designed particularly for CEOs and board members to address their cybersecurity risk management and to create a culture of awareness. The idea behind RE:Cyber is to help the leaders of small and medium-sized companies, who sometimes lack the resources and tools to protect against ever-changing cyber threats. The site provides informative articles

written by top leaders in the industry, and also gives tips on how to educate employees about real risks and how they, too, can help prevent company breaches. Also discussed are the latest cyber regulatory and policy information as well as ways for companies to get involved and take an active role in creating solutions to this growing global issue. Ultimately the goal of RE:Cyber is to help CEOs and board members

realize that they play a vital part in helping to protect their companies.

Cyber threats are best combated by sharing vital information and making sure we are all educated on the potential

risks. It is not only important for businesses, but also for the protection of our nation's economic future and our national interest.

To learn more about the RE:Cyber program, visit <https://www.staysafeonline.org/re-cyber/>.



Are there subjects that you would like to have covered in future newsletters? We are always looking for topics of interest and we welcome all suggestions! To submit a topic, subscribe, or unsubscribe to our distribution list, please send an email to newsletter@aaSYSgroup.com

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AaSys will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veterans Day and on Thursday, November 26, 2015 for Thanksgiving Day. The Helpdesk will be closing at 4PM on the day after Thanksgiving.

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New Essential AaSys Service!

In light of the increase in cyber threats, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) has published the Cybersecurity Assessment Tool designed to help financial institutions identify their cyber risks and determine their cybersecurity preparedness. The tool provides a way for institutions to measure their cybersecurity preparedness by utilizing the Cyber Maturity Assessment.

Today, all banks, regardless of their size or operational complexity, are expected to meet Baseline standards. Under the Assessment Factor of Detective Controls, one of the Baseline statements is **Firewall rules are audited or verified at least quarterly.**

With this in mind and in order to help our clients who are faced with a plethora of risks to evaluate and controls to deploy, AaSys has designed the **Firewall Audit and Verification Service.** Under this new engagement, AaSys will audit and verify all firewall rules. AaSys will:

- review the firmware version of the firewall,
- ensure the firewall is receiving updated IPS and antivirus signatures,
- analyze protocols allowed inbound and outbound to the firewall,.
- analyze the IPS/Antivirus/Web Filtering configuration and make recommendations where necessary and perform tests to confirm,
- confirm that with new applications or hosts deployed within the network that firewall rules remain appropriate, and
- confirm that all inbound and outbound traffic not expressly permitted by the firewall policy is blocked (Deny by Default).
- confirm blocking of traffic through different avenues.

AaSys truly embodies the statement “solutions are our business” and we continue to provide our customers with best-of-class service to meet your ever changing business needs.

If you would like to learn more about our Firewall Audit and Verification Service, please reach out to your Account Manager for more details.



Come Join Us at Our Next ISO Peer Group Meeting In Mississippi and Florida!

AaSys Group is once again holding another Information Security Officer Peer Group Meeting in Mississippi and in Florida. For those responsible for the ever-increasing demands of Information Security, the Peer Group provides a great resource to share issues, concerns & compare best-practices to improve the overall security structure of their financial institution. We look forward to seeing you there!



Magee, MS

Topic: Cybersecurity Framework

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Time: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, lunch included

Location: PriorityOne Bank Operations Center

213 Main Avenue North

Magee, MS 39111

Riverview, FL

Topic: Proactive Use of the FFIEC Cyber Security Tool, FS-ISAC Presentation, What is Hardening of Your Network, Cyber Security Threat Intelligence and much more!

Date: Friday, November 20, 2015

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, lunch included

Location: Hilton Garden Inn-4328 Garden Vista Drive Riverview, FL 33578

