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**Improving the Value
of Information Sharing**

Geographically-Based Community ISAOs

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EO 13691 described several possible types of ISAOs

“ISAOs may be organized on the basis of sector, sub-sector, region, or any other affinity, including in response to particular emerging threats or vulnerabilities. ISAO membership may be drawn from the public or private sectors, or consist of a combination of public and private sector organizations. ISAOs may be formed as for-profit or nonprofit entities.”

At last year's IISC the ISAO SO stated that it felt that the “sweet spot” for ISAOs in the coming years.

- Help to build trust between organizations
- Raise awareness on Cybersecurity issues especially for SMBs
- Encourage more public/private partnerships
- Encourage information sharing between sectors within the SLTT

- Subject to growing number of cyber attacks
 - More high-profile attacks on states
 - Loss of millions of citizens PII
 - Social security numbers
 - DOB
 - Drivers license numbers
 - Payment card records
 - Tax data
 - These incidents have cost millions of dollars in clean-up costs, loss of revenue and public trust



DHS National Preparedness Report 2017

2016 State and Territory Capability Levels

Based on State Preparedness Report Results

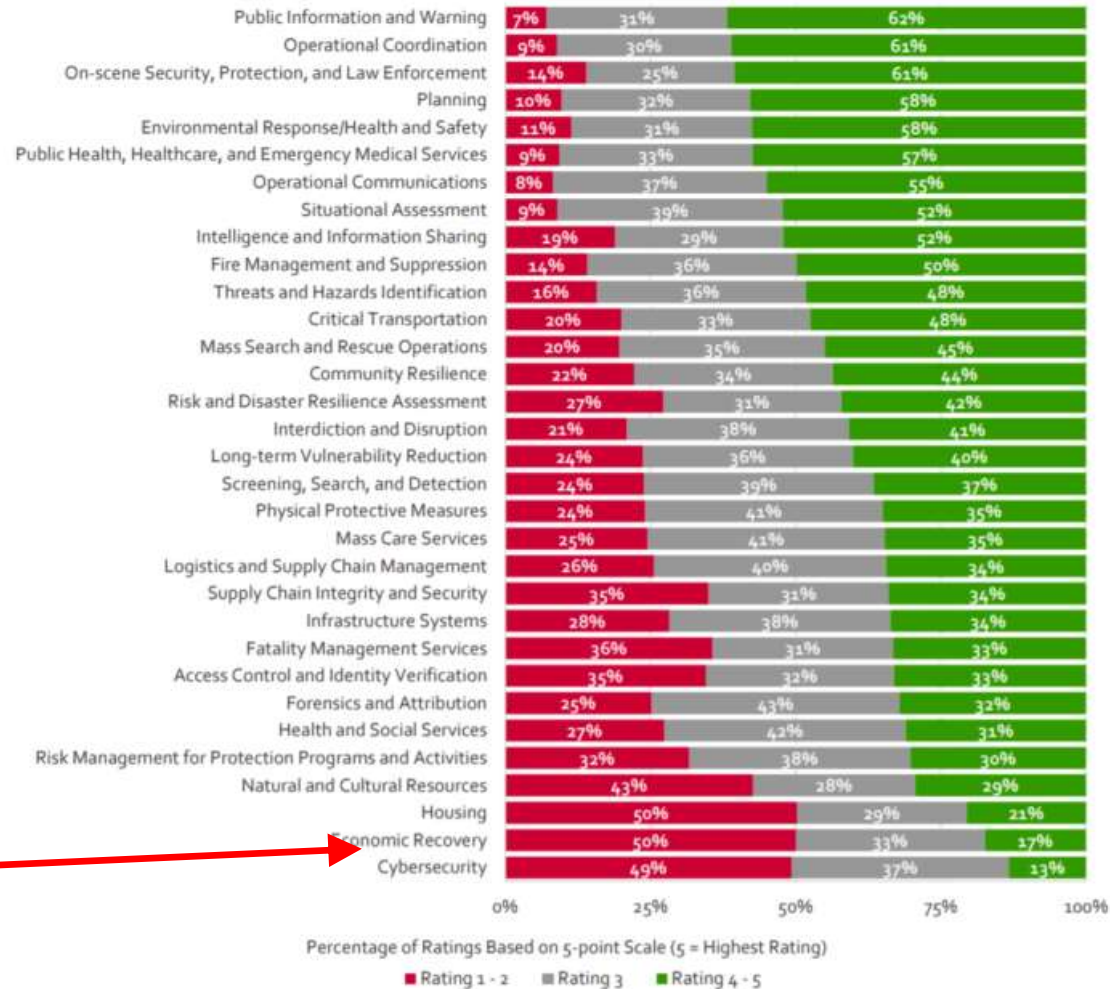


Figure 4. States and territories reported the highest capability ratings in Public Information and Warning and the lowest capability ratings in Cybersecurity and Economic Recovery.

- No clear strategy to implement a cybersecurity program for local jurisdictions
 - Cybersecurity threat is not understood
 - What is the scope of the cyber threat?
 - How can it impact a community?
 - Traditional incident response personnel in a community including Emergency Management generally do not understand the threat cyber attacks pose.
 - Roles are not understood
 - Who in the community should be involved?
 - How can the public and private sectors work together?
 - What can the federal government provide for you?

Why Information Sharing is Important Across an SLTT

- UTSA has conducted research into community incident detection and response since 2012
- Developed a “Honey Community” to gather data on attacks on a small community
- Patterned our website after a number of other small community websites in Texas
- Connected to the Internet and sat back and watched...

Our Original Honey Community



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the City of Roadrunner Park. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.roadrunnerpark.us/index.php/city-government/. The page features a header with the title "The City of Roadrunner Park" and a navigation menu including "Home", "Emergency Response", "City Services", "City Government", "School District", and "Contact". The main content area is titled "City Government" and lists several key areas:

- Municipal Court**: Information about the Roadrunner Park Municipal Court, including location, hours, and fees.
- City Council**: The current elected members of the city council.
- Elections**: Details on and dates of upcoming elections.
- Public Meetings**: Details on and dates of upcoming public meetings.
- City Ordinances**: Details on the current city ordinances, including compliance, fines, and fee information.
- Finance Department**: City budget and other financial records.

On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with a search bar and several utility links:

- Pay Water Bill**: Pay water bill.
- Quick Links**:
 - City of Roadrunner
 - Municipal Court
 - Public Works
 - Police Department
 - Fire Department
- Site Map**: Site map.

Looking across multiple sectors is critical

Number of Sectors	Identified Attacks
*	1,402
1	1,430
2	151
3	52
4	16
5	9

Sector	Identified Attacks
Community	2,319
Water and Sewer	369
Criminal Justice	345
Emergency Response	398
Education	381
Commerce	504

- 3,060 IDS alerts generated by SNORT
- 55% of attacks can be seen as an attack on 1 or more sectors
- 45% of attacks were not attributed to a sector but the effort could be seen across the entire enterprise (the * entry above)
- Attacks against 1 sector appeared to re-appear later against another sector

Harrison, Rutherford, and White. "The Honey Community: Use of Combined Organizational Data for Community Protection." *System Sciences (HICSS), 2015 48th Hawaii International Conference on*. IEEE, 2015.

Information Sharing Trifecta



Questions?

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