

Identifying and Categorizing Mobile Application Data Types for Public Safety

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Public Safety Mobile App Data Types

- Identifying and Categorizing Data Types for Public Safety Mobile Applications
- Held June 2015
- Workshop Goals
 - Enumerate public safety specific mobile data types
 - Categorize data types by impact to security
 - Examine possible security mechanisms
 - Examine relationships between data types and attribute based access

Emerging Technology Forum

Previous Work

- Identifying Public Safety's Security Requirements for Mobile Apps
 - Held February 2014 at APCO Emerging Tech Forum
 - Published findings in NISTIR 8018
 - http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2015/NIST.IR.8018.pdf
- Workshop Goals
 - Refine APCO's Key Attributes of Effective Apps for Public Safety and Emergency Response
 - Identify areas of further research



Workshop 1: Focus Areas

- Battery Life
- Unintentional DoS
- Data Protection
- Location Information
- Identity Management
- Mobile Application
 Vetting





Data Protection Recommendations

- Applications will declare data that is
 - Consumed
 - Transmitted
 - Stored
- Develop a data dictionary describing different first responder specific data types and their data



Workshop 2: Identifying Data Types









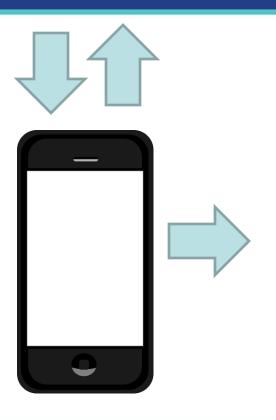


Benefits of a Data Dictionary

- Familiarizes developers with public safety's mission
- Provides common language
- Fosters in information sharing about apps
- Promotes interoperability
- Aids contingency and disaster recovery planning



Workshop Foundations



- What is data?
- How does data relate to cyber security?
- What data are we concerned with?



Information Security Categorization

Federal Information
Security
Management Act
(FISMA)

NIST Federal
Information
Processing Standard
(FIPS) 199

NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-60 Volume I



FISMA - Security Objectives

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability



- Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems
 - Defines an information type

A specific category of information defined by an organization, or in some instances by law, Executive Order, directive, policy, or regulation

Establishes levels of impact



Quantifying Impact to Security Objectives

Low

Moderate

High

Mission

Assets

Financial Loss

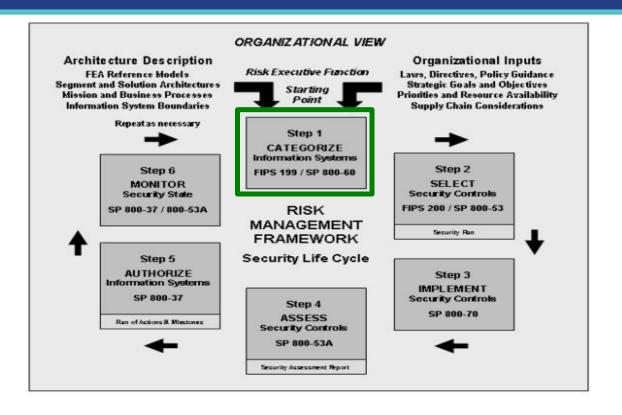
Harm to Individuals



Information Security Categorization

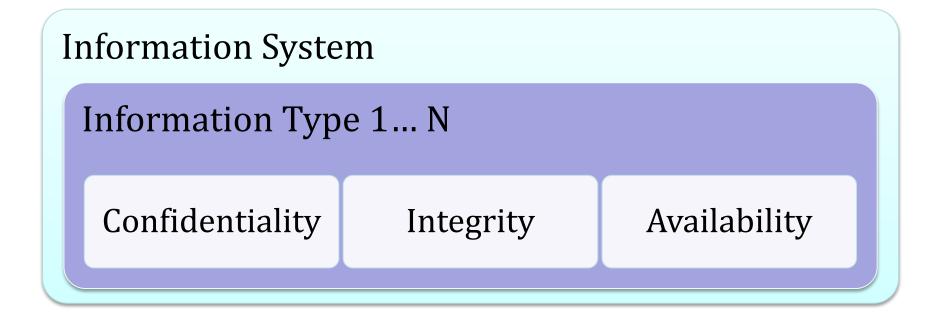
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Security Categorization





Information Security Categorization

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- Characterization of information
- Assessment of impact to the loss of security objectives: confidentiality, integrity, and availability
- Impact to operations, assets and individuals



Workshop Organization

- Thought experiment
 - Perfect App
 - Perfect Device
- Scenario driven
- Group driven

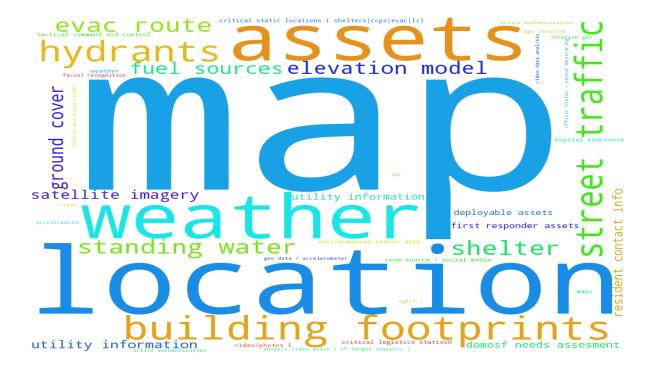




Disaster Scenarios

- Explosion at a chemical plant
- Personal injury with hazards
- Medical Emergency
- Search in a national park
- Rioting in an urban area
- Undercover officer
- Structure fire
- Wild fire
- Hurricane
- Active shooter
- Police officer vehicle stop







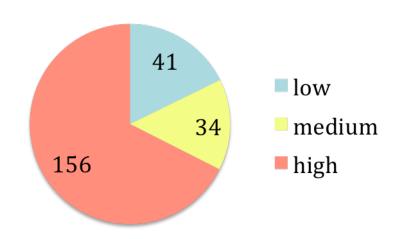
Workshop Results

• 110 data types identified

77 data types classified

• 4 data type groups

Data Categorization Counts





Data Type Groups

- Operations Data
- Situational Awareness Data

Sensor Data

Publicly Sourced Data



Operations Data

- Tactical Command and Control
- Incident action plans
- Deployable Assets
- GIS Intel Location
- White boarding



Operations Data

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

High

High

High



Operations Data

	Low	Medium	High
Confidentiality	7	6	27
Integrity	1	5	34
Availability	2	6	32



Situational Awareness

- Building blueprints
- Weather
- Map data
- Hospital capacity
- DoT information



Situational Awareness Data

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

Low

High

High



Situational Awareness Data

	Low	Medium	High
Confidentiality	19	5	4
Integrity	1	6	21
Availability	2	2	24



- Environmental sensor data
- Location GPS
- Equipment sensors
- Officer status monitoring



Sensor Data

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

High

High

High



Sensor Data

	Low	Medium	High
Confidentiality	1	1	5
Integrity	1	1	5
Availability	2	1	4



Publicly Sourced Data

- Directly from social media
- Social media pre-processors















Publicly Sourced Data

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

Low

Low

Low



Thank You!

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