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# NERC E-ISAC Physical Security Briefing

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- Voluntary and informal (NERC and Regions)
- Nineteen entities in six different Regions visited, as of August 2016
- Discuss plans and challenges for implementation of CIP-014-02
- Provides opportunity for collaborative discussion regarding the requirements
- **Focus on security plan effectiveness** A1

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- Common Theme:
  - Timelines for implementing security and resiliency measures
  - Third-party reviewer – Can third-party participate in R4 and R5
  - Scope of security plans
  - Defining characteristics of the assets identified as required by R1
  - What data and security plan information will be requested
  - Insider threat concerns
  - Confidentiality of CIP-014 sites and information
  - Multiple owners of critical sub stations
  - Tiered approach



- Number of assets critical under the standard
  - Per Region
  - Q4 2015 – Q1 2016
- Defining characteristics of the assets identified as critical
  - Per Region
  - Q4 2015 – Q1 2016
- Scope of security plans
  - By Q4 2016
  - Information obtained guided self-certs, off-site audits, audits
  - Consider compliance monitoring schedule



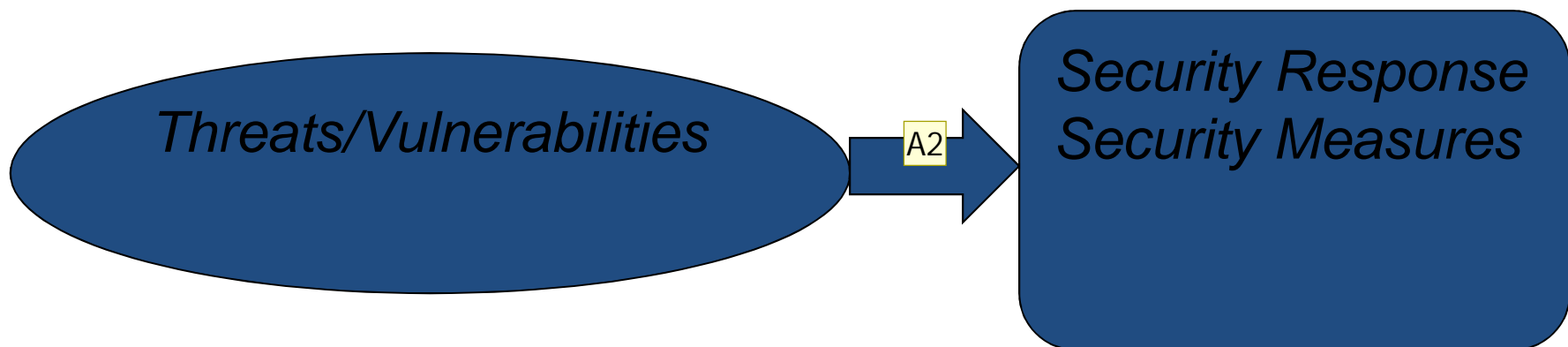
- Threat Assessment – Tools and Methods
  - Industry history
  - Company/Substation history and Incidents
  - Fusion Centers( State, Federal and local)
  - Design Basis Threat (DBT) – E-ISAC
  - OE-417 Electric Disturbance Events Report



- Vulnerabilities Assessment – Considerations
  - Security gaps physical/human
  - Substation design
  - Policy and procedures
  - Geographic challenges



- Security Plans should address identified threats and vulnerabilities
- Two-part plan - security response and security measures



- Detection and response



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- Common physical security characteristics observed:
  - Substations located near or adjacent to other sectors (i.e., natural gas pipelines)
  - Substations located in high crime areas
  - Substations located in remote rural areas with limited law enforcement support
  - Geographical challenges in implementing physical security measures
  - Support of other critical infrastructure or national assets
  - Proximity of the facility to unique threats
  - Proximity of roadways and highways for easy vehicular access and egress
  - Multiple transmission lines entering into a substation
  - Substation located close to other substations not owned by critical substation owner



- Some of the security countermeasures being implemented:
  - Intrusion detection systems
  - Video surveillance and analytics
  - Thermal cameras
  - Anti-climb/anti-cut fencing
  - Ballistic resistant fencing
  - Ballistic panels or walls
  - Transformer detection technology
  - Additional lighting
  - Vehicle barriers/bollards/crash gates
  - Use of natural environment
  - Gun shot detection



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## R4 Threat and Vulnerabilities Assessment

- Criminal Element
- Law Enforcement Response





- Geographic Challenges





- Quarterly report to the Board of Trustees on progress and review of industry implantation of CIP-014-2
- Number of assets critical under CIP-014-2
- Defining characteristics of assets identified as critical



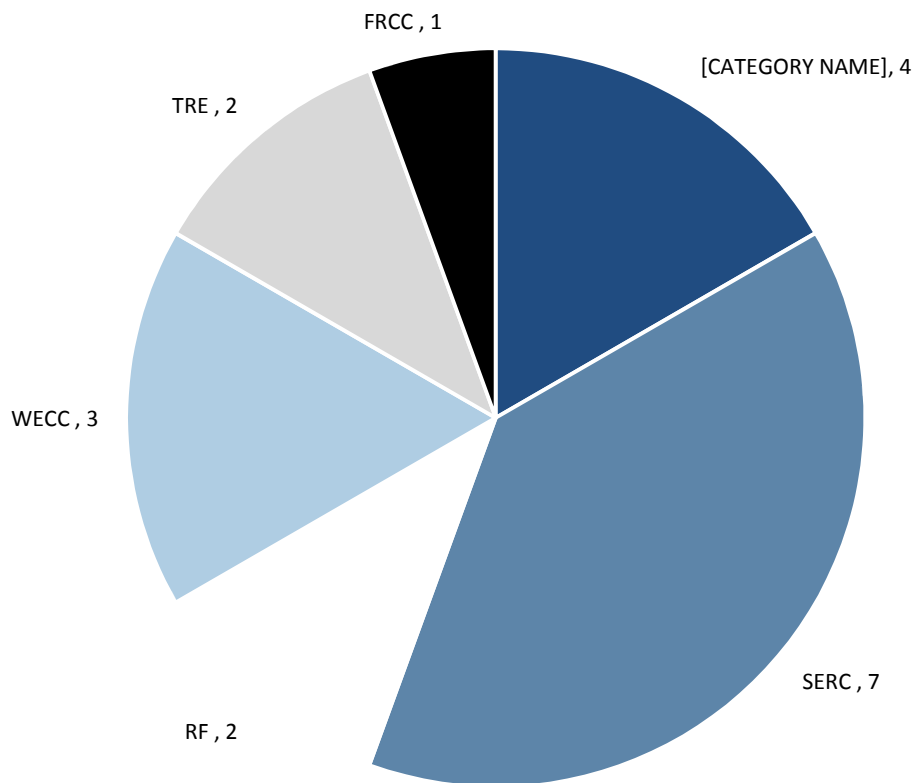


- Scope of security plans (security measures and response)
- Timeline for implementation of security measures
- Industry's progress in implementation of CIP-014-02





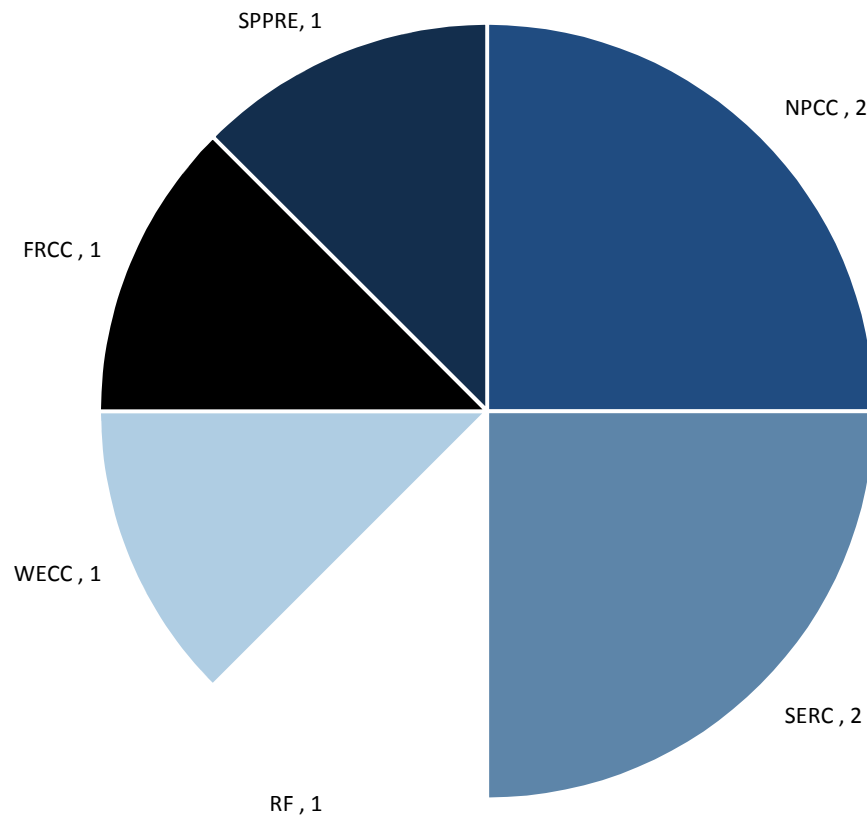
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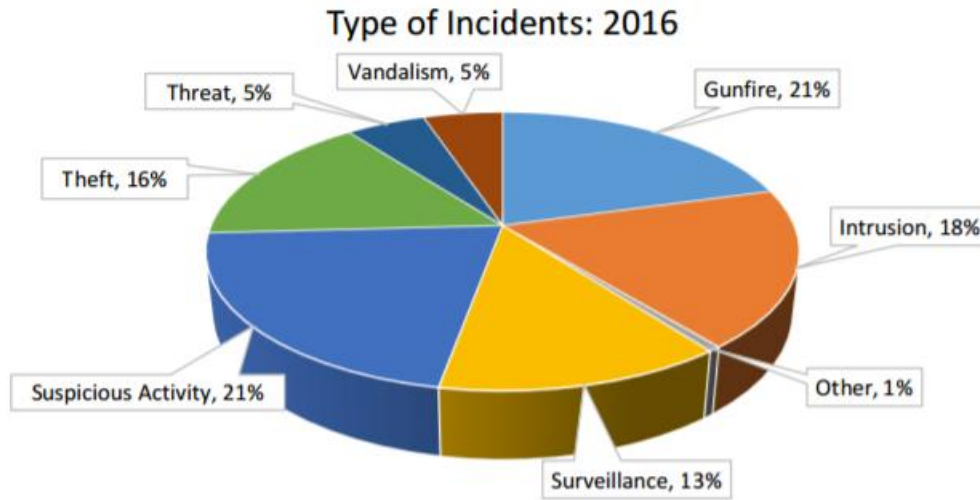
Number of Outreach/Workshops Visited by Regions



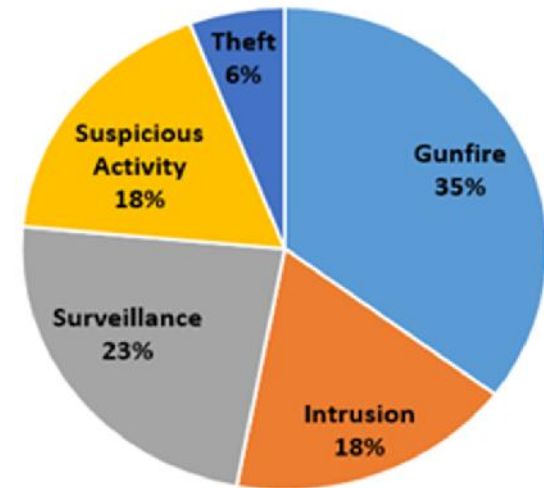


<b>Break-ins/attempted break-ins</b>	Unauthorized personnel <b>attempting to enter or actually entering</b> a restricted area, secured protected site, or nonpublic area; impersonation of authorized personnel (e.g., police/security officers, janitors, or other personnel)
<b>Misrepresentation</b>	Presenting <b>false information</b> or misusing insignia, documents, identification, etc., to misrepresent affiliation as a means of concealing possible illegal activity
<b>Theft, loss, or diversion</b>	<b>Stealing or diverting</b> something associated with a facility/infrastructure or secured protected site (e.g., badges, uniforms, identification, emergency vehicles, technology, or documents), which are proprietary to the facility/infrastructure or secured protected site
<b>Sabotage, tampering or vandalism</b>	Damaging, manipulating, defacing, or destroying part of a facility/infrastructure or secured protected site
<b>Expressed or implied threat</b>	Communicating a spoken or written threat to commit a crime that will result in death or bodily injury to another person(s), or to damage or compromise a facility/infrastructure or secured protected site.

<p><b>Aviation activity</b></p>	<p>Unknown UAS <b>flying</b> or <b>hovering</b> over power plants, substations, or transmission lines</p>
<p><b>Eliciting information</b></p>	<p>Questioning individuals or otherwise <b>soliciting information at a level beyond mere curiosity</b> about a public or private event; about the particular facets of a facility or building, and its purpose, operations, security procedures, etc. in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.</p>
<p><b>Observation, surveillance</b></p>	<p>Demonstrating <b>unusual or prolonged interest in facilities, buildings, or infrastructure</b> beyond mere casual (e.g., tourists) or professional (e.g., engineers) interest and doing so in a manner that would arouse <b>suspicion of terrorism or other criminality</b> in a reasonable person. Examples include observation through binoculars, taking notes, attempting to mark off or measure distances, etc.</p>
<p><b>Materials acquisition, storage by an employee or employee's associates</b></p>	<p>Acquisition/storage of <b>unusual quantities</b> of materials, such as cell phones, pagers, radio control toy servos, or controllers, fuel, chemicals, toxic materials, timers, or other triggering devices in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person</p>



February Physical Security Incidents



27%: Current 2017 Q1 percentage of physical security incidents involving surveillance



- Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Semi-Annual reports
- Incident specific & topical Physical and Cyber Bulletins
- Industry sourced reports and analysis
- Discussion with other entities
- Situation reports during ongoing events and incidents



- The E-ISAC works very closely with Government and Cross-sector partners
  - Government
    - Department of Energy (DOE)
    - National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC)
    - National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)
    - Other Federal agencies (i.e., FBI, DOD, )
  - Cross Sector Partners
  - Other ISACs/ISAOs
  - Private partners

- 2017 Physical Security Analysis Team Roadmap
  - Analytical products/case studies
    - Regional trend analysis capability
    - One each Quarter
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Environmental Protest
  - Training
    - DBT
    - National Improvised Explosives Familiarization
    - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
  - Topics/Discussions
    - UAS
    - Insider Threat
  - Regional Outreach Visits
    - SERC and RF

- Submit voluntary reporting:
  - E-ISAC portal
  - Email: [operations@eisac.com](mailto:operations@eisac.com)
  - Call us: 202-400-3001
- What to share?
  - Detailed information located in Engaging the E-ISAC document
    - Located in the public document library



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# Questions and Answers