THE SHIELD GROUP, LLC

Cybersecurity Consulting
Program and Policy Development

Effective cybersecurity programs don't just happen by accident. Successful programs consist of a layered defense strategy, that includes administrative, operational, physical, technical, and detective controls woven together to provide safety nets to safeguard an organizations assets, always based on governance and risk tolerance.

It does not matter the size of your organization. To be effective all cybersecurity programs need these ten foundational things to be in place:

1. Governance Structure - A solid governance model that articulates who is responsible for what, who owns which assets, who makes which decisions, etc.

2. Cybersecurity Policy – Policies that make sense. Policies that work. Policies that are clearly communicated, understood, monitored and enforced.

3. Standards – Technical and Security Architecture Standards that outline how systems, software and applications are tested, installed, configured, deployed, disposed of; and how technology is secured, with minimal exceptions.

4. Complete North – South / East – West Network, Endpoint and Perimeter Security Protection that takes into account today's adversarial threat potential and your organizational risk profile.

5. An effective Vulnerability Testing and Patch Management Program.

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6. Responsive threat monitoring and incident response program capabilities.

7. Continual Cyber and Technology Risk Assessment Programs that evaluate, track and report your technology programs and risk exposures.

8. Third Party / Vendor Security Risk Assessment Programs – if you use third parties or outsource work, you need to validate your service providers are protecting your information and the information of your clients and customers.

9. Application Security Assurance – Today's largest weaknesses are often in the mobile and web facing applications that businesses rely on. Ensuring these applications are secure before deployment is critical and remain so after implementation even more so.

10. Training and Awareness – Training and awareness, from the top down in the organization, is key to helping spot and stop potential cyber breaches and compromises.

If your organization needs assistance addressing any of these areas, we would be glad to help. Please send us an email using the Contact Form on our Web Site or call us at 877-480-5529.