Cutting Through the Cybersecurity Noise

Here's what's important this week: February 21, 2020

Take Action	• Block some phone numbers, emails, and IP addresses. The ACTIC collects some indicators of compromise that you can use to proactively prevent attacks. And sorry that the attached spreadsheet is not formatted for easy tool consumption. We're currently working on building a cyber threat platform to simplify and streamline IOC sharing. Reference: See attached IOC spreadsheet.
	• Warn your folks about smishing – phishing and scams via text messages. They're a growing issue. Reference: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/text-message-about-your-fedex-package-really-scam
Be Aware	• China has an extensive program to influence the U.S. and steal our intellectual property. DHS just published a very good reference guide and the Hoover Institute published an extensive paper about China's influence. References:
	o Attached DHS reference guide
	o https://www.hoover.org/sites/default/files/research/docs/chineseinfluence_americaninterests_fullreport_web.pdf
	• The Department of Defense has developed a Cybersecurity Maturity Model and certification. This is aimed at companies that provide DoD products and services, but good for any organization looking to build, grow, and mature their cybersecurity program. References:
	o https://www.acq.osd.mil/cmmc/draft.html
	o https://www.acq.osd.mil/cmmc/faq.html
	• The National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance published a good paper on deepfakes. Reference: See attached document. Note that this document is marked TLP:AMBER, meaning you may share it only within your organization or as widely as necessary.
Reminders	The Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) and Urban Area Security Initiative issue this product to increase Arizona's awareness and cyber resilience. It's up to you to make sure you take the proper steps to secure your networks and devices. Although vendors, products, and/or services may be mentioned, we do not endorse any specific one.
	Contact ACTICCybersecurity@AZDPS.GOV with any questions, to provide feedback, or to be added/removed from this distribution. Please note that this email address is not monitored 24x7.

Report potential, suspected, and/or confirmed cyber threats to the ACTIC via:

- https://www.azactic.gov/Tips/
- ACTIC@AZDPS.GOV
- (602) 644-5805 or (877) 2 S A V E A Z (272- 8329)

* If links don't come through, cut and paste all referenced URLs into your browser to access the sites.