BACKGROUND

Protecting our nation’s critical infrastructure is foundational to our national security. That critical infrastructure includes everything from healthcare, water, and education to chemical, transportation systems, telecommunications, energy, and much more. And it’s under constant risk from a wide array of threats. That makes CISA’s work to understand, manage, and reduce risk to the cyber and physical infrastructure that Americans rely on so important. Our 2022 CISA Year in Review in January lays out the tremendous work by our teammates and partners over the past year. Organized around the four goals outlined in our Strategic Plan, it highlights key achievements toward our vision of ensuring secure and resilient critical infrastructure for the American people.

DID YOU KNOW?

With missions spanning cybersecurity, infrastructure security and emergency communications, there may be a lot you didn’t know about CISA. Take a look at a sample of activities we conducted in 2022.

CYBER DEFENSE

- In October 2022, at the direction of the White House, CISA released a set of cross-sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals (CPGs) to establish a common set of fundamental cybersecurity practices for critical infrastructure, with a particular focus on helping small- and medium-sized organizations improve their cybersecurity efforts.

- CISA held the inaugural Cybersecurity Advisory Committee (CSAC) meeting in December 2021. The CSAC is a federal advisory committee comprised of 22 private sector leaders across diverse professions and communities to provide recommendations on the development and refinement of CISA’s cybersecurity programs and policies. CSAC has already provided CISA’s Director with 53 recommendations that will keep us well-positioned to address threats in a rapidly changing cybersecurity landscape.

- The Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC), which aims to fundamentally transform how we reduce cyber risk to our country, marked its first year in FY22. With partner representation under nearly all the 16 critical infrastructure sectors, the JCDC reduces risk through continuous operational collaboration between trusted partners in the public and private sectors. The JCDC has also formed relationships with over 150 Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) worldwide.

- We deployed new technologies across nearly 50 federal agencies, with more coming online every month, using new authorities and resources provided by Congress to secure our federal enterprise.

- We coordinated 713 Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure (CVD) cases, produced 416 vulnerability advisories and streamlined the patch development and deployment process for millions of devices annually due to the direct communication between vulnerability researchers and vendor(s) and/or service provider(s).
REDUCING RISKS TO AMERICA’S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- CISA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) collaborated on a first-of-its-kind State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to help under-resourced state, local, and territorial (SLT) partners build cyber resiliency. This program will help address the unique challenges state and territorial governments face when defending against cyber threats.

- CISA brought together federal, state, and local school leaders at the inaugural National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security to share actionable recommendations that enhance safe and supportive learning environments in K-12 schools. This first-of-its-kind virtual event fostered a nationwide dialogue on school safety, providing a venue to share resources, products, and tools to support schools in implementing and strengthening their security postures.

- In 2022, CISA trained its 150,000th person in counter-improvised explosive device (IED) measures and techniques. We also visited more than 8,300 retail establishments to encourage private sector partners that sell explosive precursor chemicals to take measures to properly secure these chemicals and to report and/or prevent suspicous transactions.

- CISA delivered 114 Active Shooter Preparedness webinars to critical infrastructure, international, law enforcement, emergency response, interagency, and private sector stakeholders with over 32,600 registrants. We also conducted 163 exercises around the nation with 14,260 participants. 87% of respondents stated exercises enhanced individual or organizational preparedness.

- In response to the threats to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in 2022, CISA mobilized resources such as its Protective Security Advisors (PSA) to reach out to all 108 Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country to provide support.

OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

- In CISA’s constant effort to build collaborative partnerships that help us better identify and mitigate threats, we have worked over the past year to expand our collaboration with the international community. In fact, in July 2022, CISA opened its first Attaché office. Based in London, United Kingdom, the office serves as a focal point for international collaboration between CISA, UK government officials, and other federal agency officials.

- CISA plays an important role in ensuring America’s elections are safe and secure. We work with all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to secure elections. This work includes hundreds of election infrastructure security assessments and regular cybersecurity vulnerability scanning in hundreds of jurisdictions. It also includes work with the 3,400-member Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center, which provides real-time, actionable threat and mitigation information to help state and local election officials understand the risk environment. CISA’s annual National Elections Exercise, Tabletop the Vote, included more than 1,100 participants from 48 states, 16 federal agencies, and 18 sector partners, addressing cyber and physical security challenges to election infrastructure.

- Around the country, we supported 194 incidents and 197 special events over the past year. We also triaged 37,875 cyber incident reports, acting on 2,609 incidents requiring CISA’s assistance.

- CISA executed six U.S. Department of State-funded international capacity building programs reaching more than 1,000 participants from 31 countries in FY22.
UNIFYING AS “ONE CISA”

- CISA committed to making 2022 the Year of Mental Health and Wellbeing. Throughout the year, CISA hosted **10 Town Halls** with world-renowned wellness experts, medical professionals, and mental health advocates focused on the science behind mental health, practical tips on how to prevent and combat burnout, and the imperatives for any organization to safeguard wellbeing in its workforce.

- CISA is dedicated to advancing, welcoming, and celebrating all forms of diversity from neurodiversity, diversity of gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, and social and economic background. Diversity of experience equals diversity of thought and that makes us better problem solvers. In FY22, we instituted a mandatory instructor-led, two-session training—Stronger Together: The Power of Diversity & Inclusion, which was completed by **over 2100 employees**.

- In FY22, Congress took the important step to fund positions to stand up a contracting office in CISA. The development of this office, along with delegated procurement authorities, now allows CISA to directly coordinate the planning, execution, and administration of the agency’s contracts. For vendors wanting to do business with us, our **new procurement capability** enables industry to directly interact with our Contracting Officers and Program Offices on specific contract requirements.

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