

Cybersecurity Update

Improving technology resiliency at Tacoma Public Utilities

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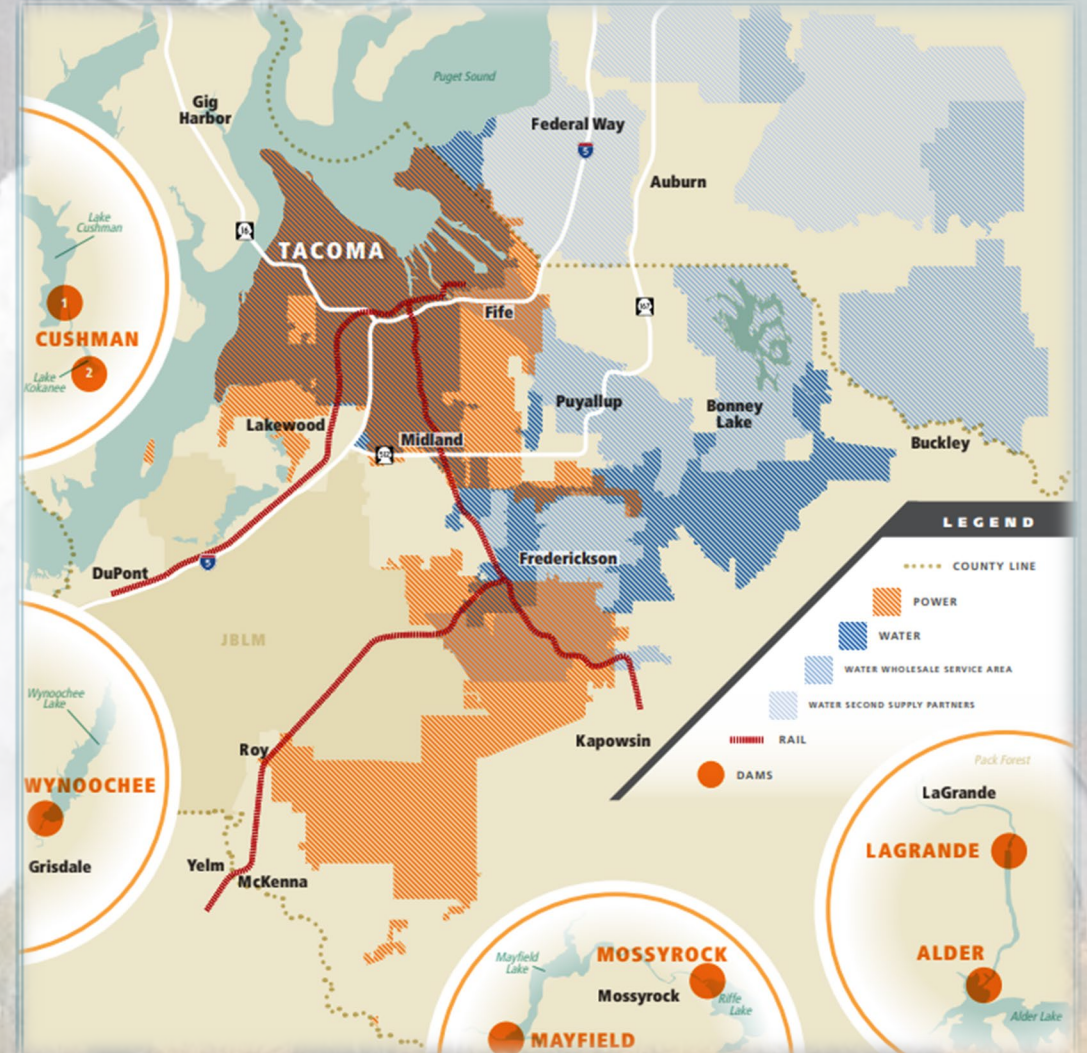
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Agenda

- LPPC Maturity Assessment
- Solarwinds (Sunburst) Compromise
- Industry Engagements & Knowledge Sharing
- GridEx VI
- Key Accomplishments
- Questions



2019

LPPC Cyber Security Principle Metrics

Effectiveness of LPPC Principles

Legend

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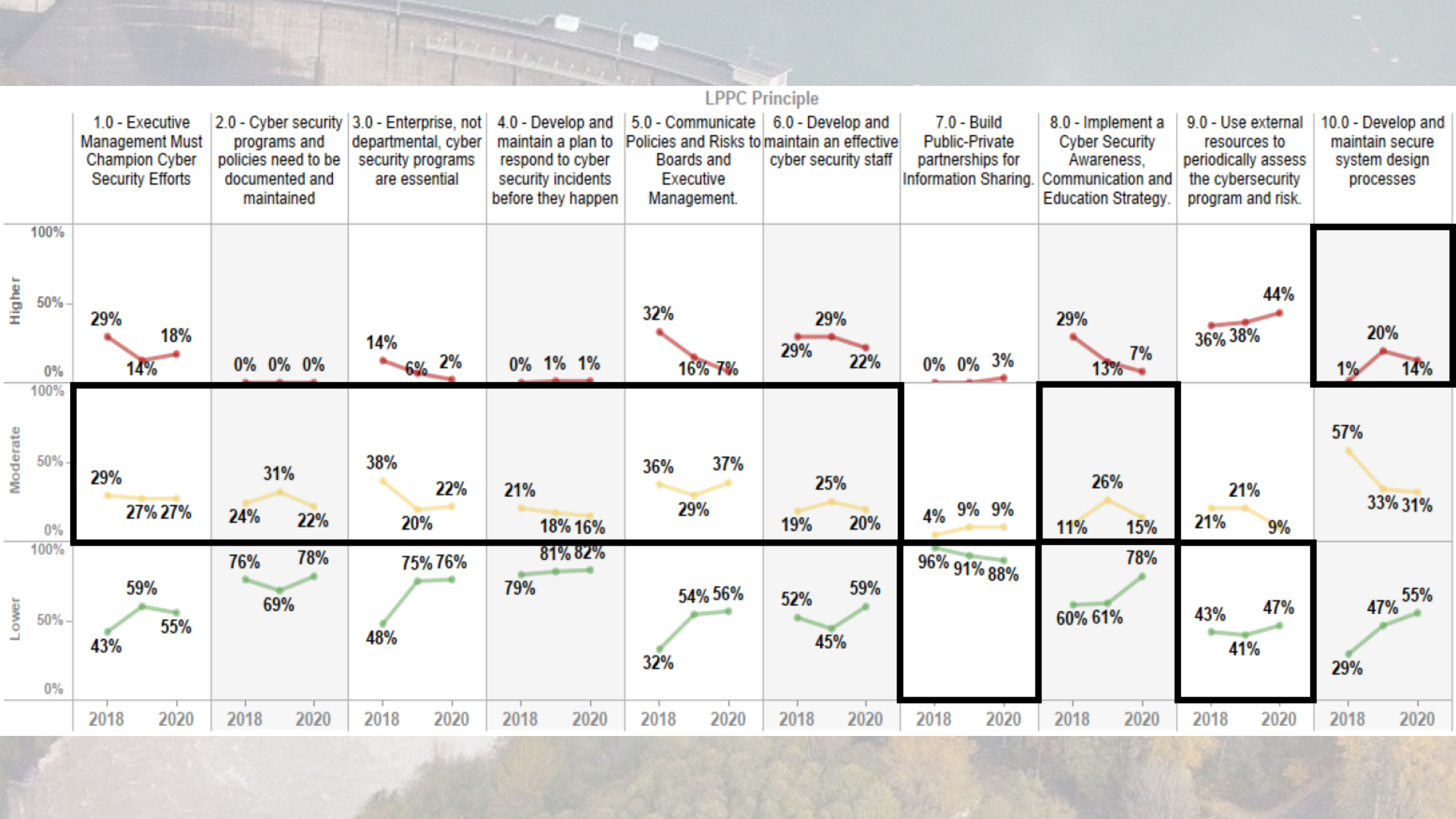
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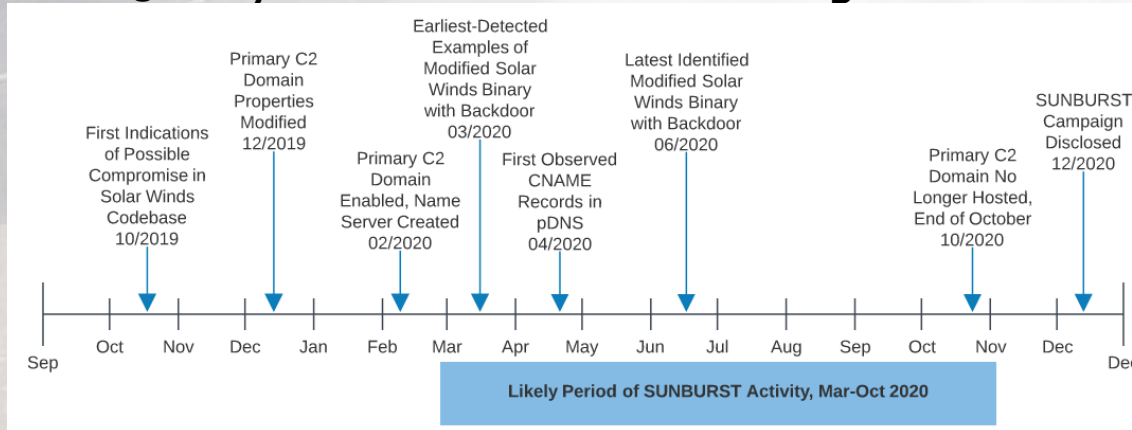
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SolarWinds (Sunburst)

- On 13 December 2020, DHS-CISA reported Active Exploitation of SolarWinds Orion Platform Software (Network Management Software)
- Supply chain attack compromise effecting Multiple Government Agencies and Public/Private Entities
- Identified by security company FireEye ranging back from Spring 2020 to current through Network Monitoring Software Known as SolarWinds Orion
- Likely APT29/Cozy Bear attributions which aligns with Russian SVR TTPs



-262 Days from Initial Compromise to Detection

Impact

TPU Actions

- 14 December UTS Cybersecurity Declared Incident and performed full litany of incident response activities.
- 2 known affected servers in our environment but C2 establishment contained due to network segmentation.
- Affected servers archived for potential forensics, but decommissioned.
- Continue to monitor for known indicators of compromise.

Moving Forward

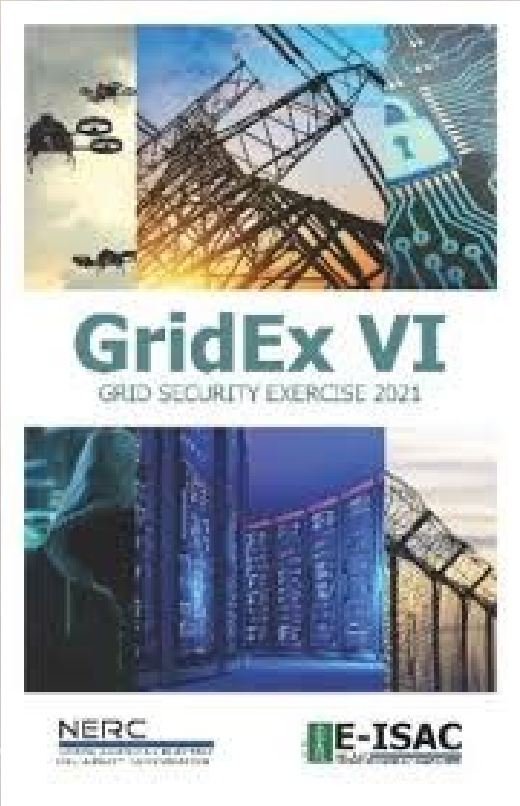
- Agencies and Security Companies continue threat hunting and research. Secondary and Tertiary effects due to initial compromise
- CISA has published Emergency Directive 21-20 which sets forth required set of actions for government agencies. TPU is using it as a guide for mitigation and potential re-establishment of SolarWinds services.
- Once Risk is deemed appropriately mitigated SolarWinds Service will be fully restored and appropriate Security Guidelines via 21-20 will be implemented.
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CMAT Ongoing Engagements



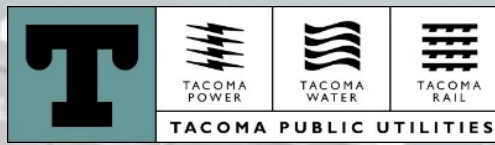
National Guard Cyber Mission Assurance Team

Expanded Incident Response



Exercising our Partnerships sd7





Key Accomplishments

Integrate technology & foster innovation to deliver affordable, flexible, secure, resilient, and sustainable power & water services for our customers

Consolidated Incident Response Plan

Water SCADA Modernization

Modern Security Policy and Program

NSOC Commissioning

Endpoint Detection and Response

TPU's Cyber Security Program – Key Tenets

Effective utilization
of cyber talent

Stronger
customer
trust



Greater
reliability

Enhanced resiliency