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Cyber Resiliency Office for Weapon Systems (CROWS)



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CROWS Stand-up

- **FY14 NDAA called for Services to develop a plan to increase cyber resiliency of weapon systems**
- **Jan 15: SECAF, AFMC & AFSPC teamed to establish Cyber Resiliency Steering Group (CRSG) to develop AF Cyber Campaign Plan (CCP)**
- **CRSG identified 7 Lines of Action (LOAs) plus coordination with:**
 - **Comm Squadron Next (now called Cyber Squadron Initiatives)**
 - **Test and Evaluation (infrastructure & coordination)**
 - **Industrial Control Systems/SCADA cyber protection measures**
- **AF CCP's overall mission has two goals:**
 - **#1 "Bake-In" cyber resiliency into new weapon systems**
 - **#2 Mitigate "Critical" vulnerabilities in fielded weapon systems**
- **Jun 16: AFMC/CC approved standup of dedicated team to manage Cyber Campaign Plan → CROWS**



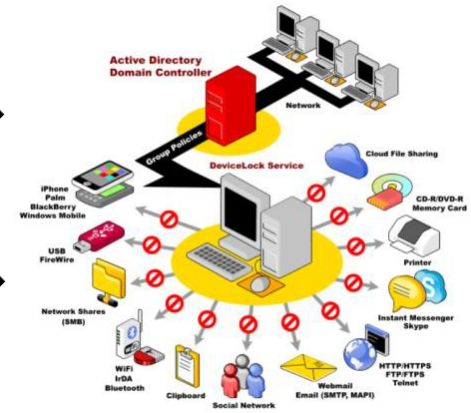
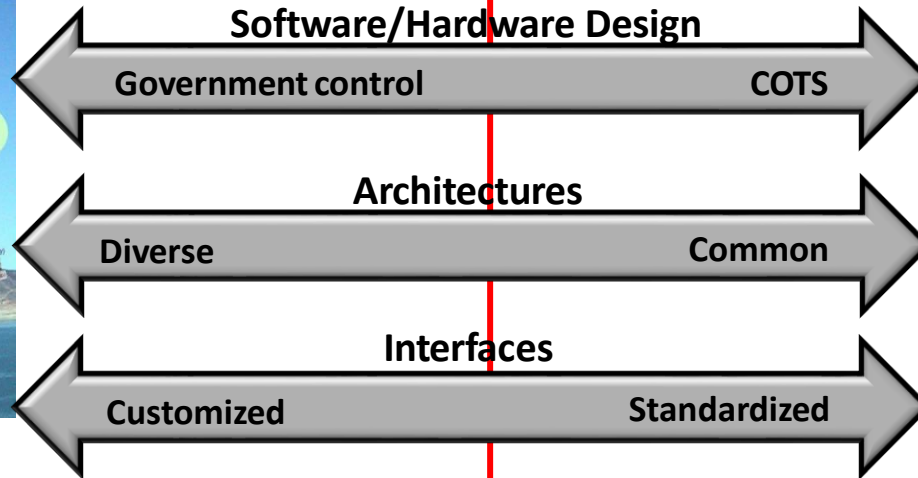
Weapon System Cyber Resiliency Critical to Mission Assurance

- We define the Cyber Resiliency of Military systems to be:
 - The ability of weapon systems to maintain mission effective capability under adversary offensive cyber operations
 - To manage the risk of adversary cyber intelligence exploitation
- Weapon systems differ from general administrative and business IT systems in ways that matter for implementing Cyber Resiliency

Cyber Campaign Plan FOCUS



Weapon Systems



IT Systems

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CROWS Organization

■ Vision

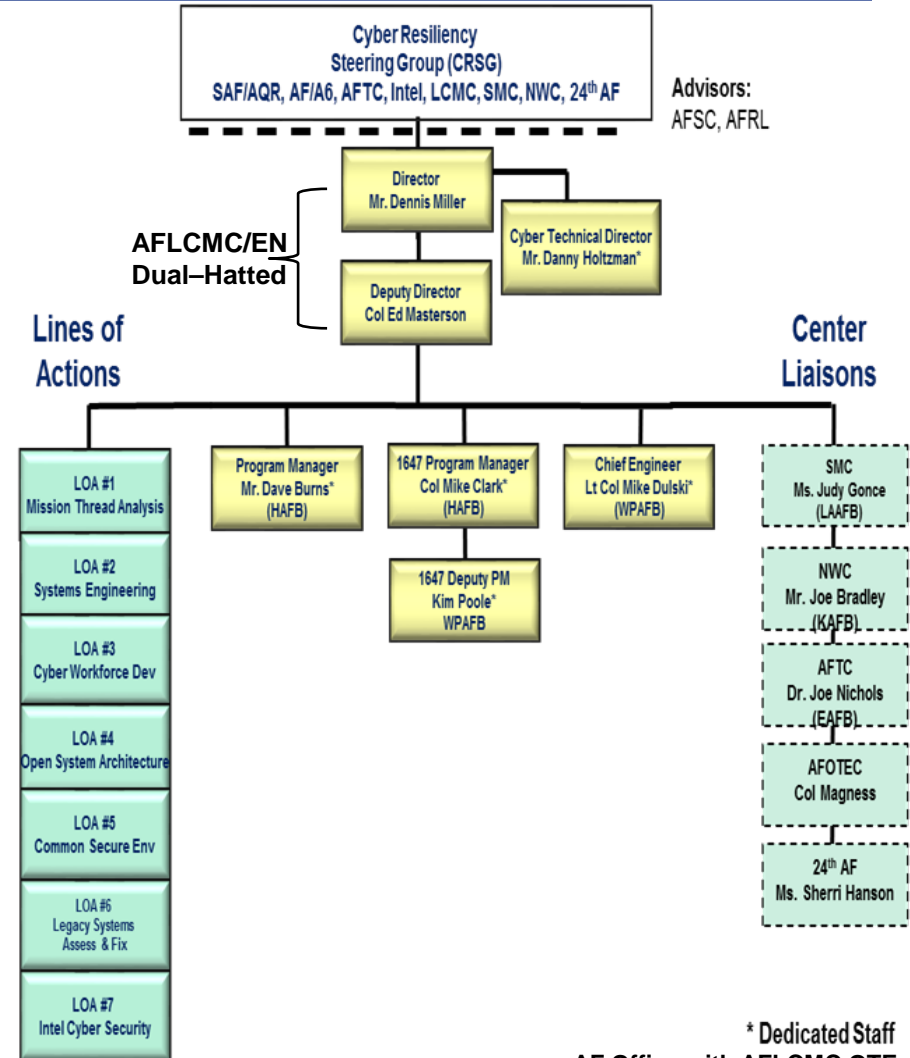
- Cyber resiliency ingrained in AF culture

■ Mission

- Increase cyber resiliency of Air Force weapon systems to maintain mission effective capability under adverse conditions

■ Status

- IOC Declared: 21 Dec 2016
- FOC Projected: 1 Oct 2017
- Integrate & Execute Campaign Plan (7 LOAs)
- Executing NDAA 1647



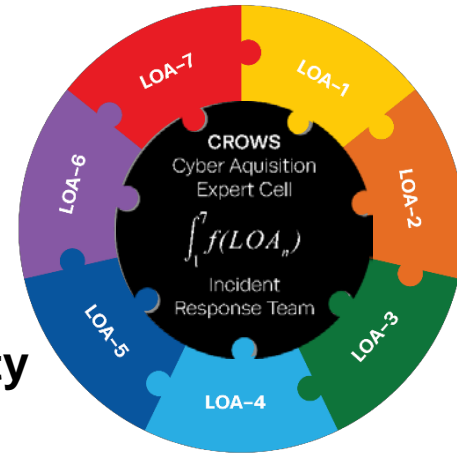
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AF Cyber Campaign Plan: Weapon System Focus

■ 7 Lines of Action (LOAs)

- **LOA 1:** Perform Cyber Mission Thread Analysis
- **LOA 2:** “Bake-In” Cyber Resiliency
- **LOA 3:** Recruit, Hire & Train Cyber Workforce
- **LOA 4:** Improve Weapon System Agility & Adaptability
- **LOA 5:** Develop Common Security Environment
- **LOA 6:** Assess & Protect Fielded Fleet
- **LOA 7:** Provide Cyber Intel Support



People, Processes, & Products

■ Cyber Squadron Initiatives

■ Test & Evaluation (infrastructure & capability growth)

■ Industrial Control Systems/SCADA cyber protection measures

Ensure mission success in a cyber contested environment

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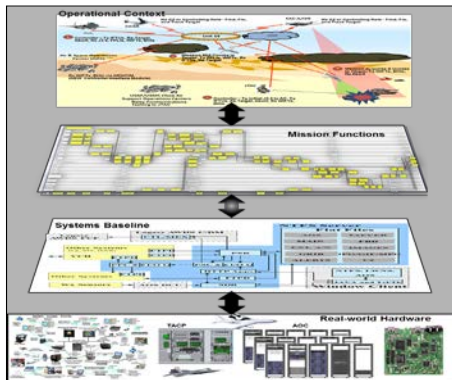
Roadmap to Resiliency



Mission Assurance

- Mission Thread Analysis

- Develop assessment methodology framework
- Develop cyber acquisition workforce



System Assurance

- Assess and Fix



- Assess cyber posture of fielded systems
- Enable weapon system adaptability

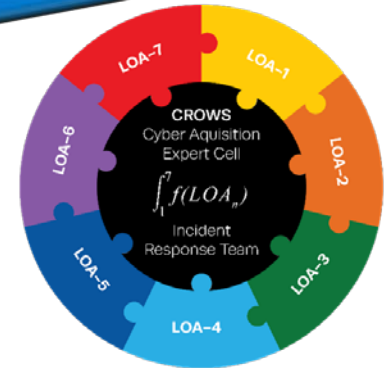


Mx and Aircrew Trainers



Off Board Mission Support

Future



Institutionalize

- "Baked" in resiliency

- Institutionalized methodology, tools, T&E infrastructure
- Skilled workforce
- Integrated cyber tools, policy, etc.

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On Going Alignment of Efforts

■ **AF Technical Reference Architecture**

- Framework for Cyber Resiliency in Weapon Systems
- Criteria, Observables, Behaviors, Measures
- Design, Operate, Sustain securely to improve Mission Assurance

■ **Technical Coordination/Reviews –**

- Alignment to Technical Flight Plan, Staffing/Comment adjudication, Technical recommendations

■ **FFRDC/UARC**

- AF Security Engineering Team (AFSET)

■ **PEO / Programs**

- PEO Directors of Engineering (DOE) Council

■ **Service's, OSD, Academia, NIST**

- Mitigation Handbook and rubric for efficient application

■ **Industry**

- Engagement via NDIA SE/SSE/T&E Committee's
- **18-20 April NDIA Cyber Resiliency for Weapon Systems Summit (AF/OSD Collaboration)**

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See *AF News Article (4 Jan 17)*

- **“AF looks to ensure cyber resiliency in weapons systems through new office”**

<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/1041426/af-looks-to-ensure-cyber-resiliency-in-weapons-systems-through-new-office.aspx>



Summary

- Cyber resiliency impacts all AF missions
- New threats require new approaches



Bolted-on

Baked-in

**Cyber Resiliency is as important as the next
weapon system**

Present

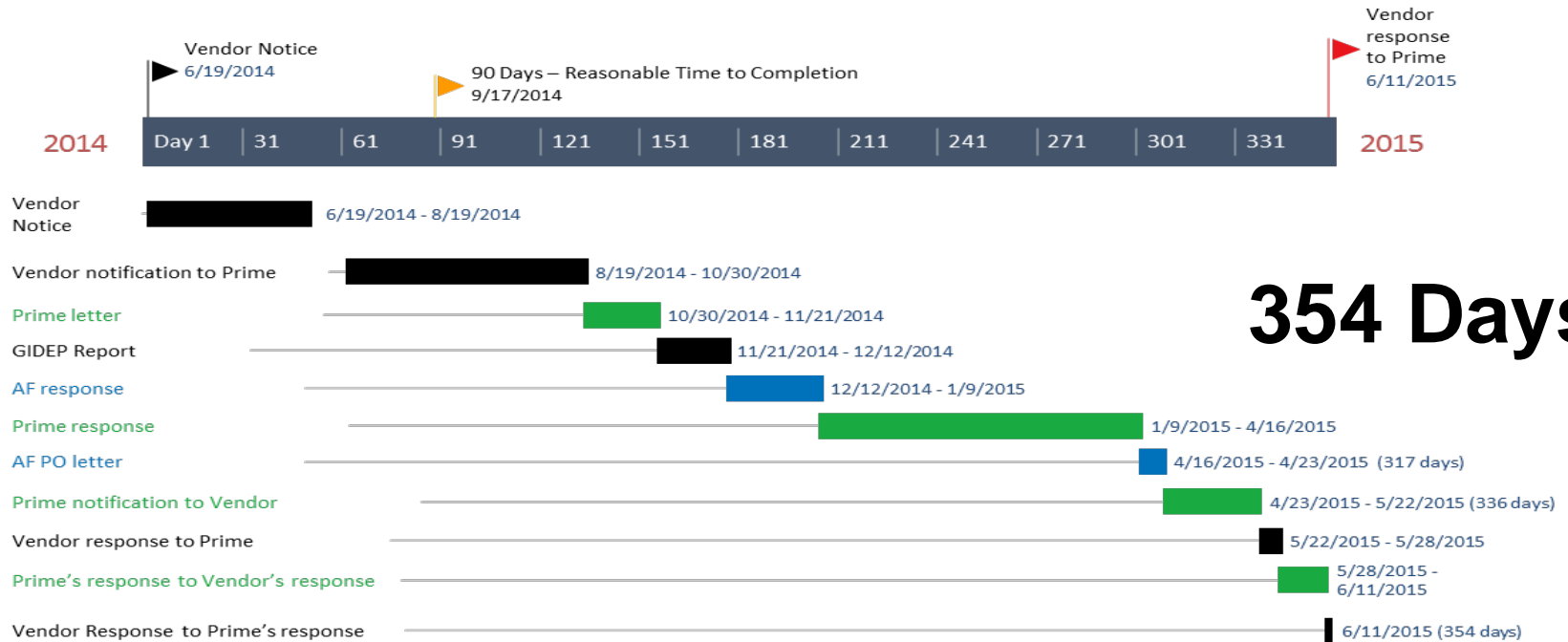
Future

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Challenge to the community – Increasing the agility in decision making

- **Example case:** Supply Chain – Counterfeit Part
 - FAR/DFAR clauses on contract, flow down from Government to prime to sub
 - Process took maximum time at every point
 - 354 days after notification of event, action was taken
- **Challenges:** How do we work collaboratively to reduce these timelines?



354 Days

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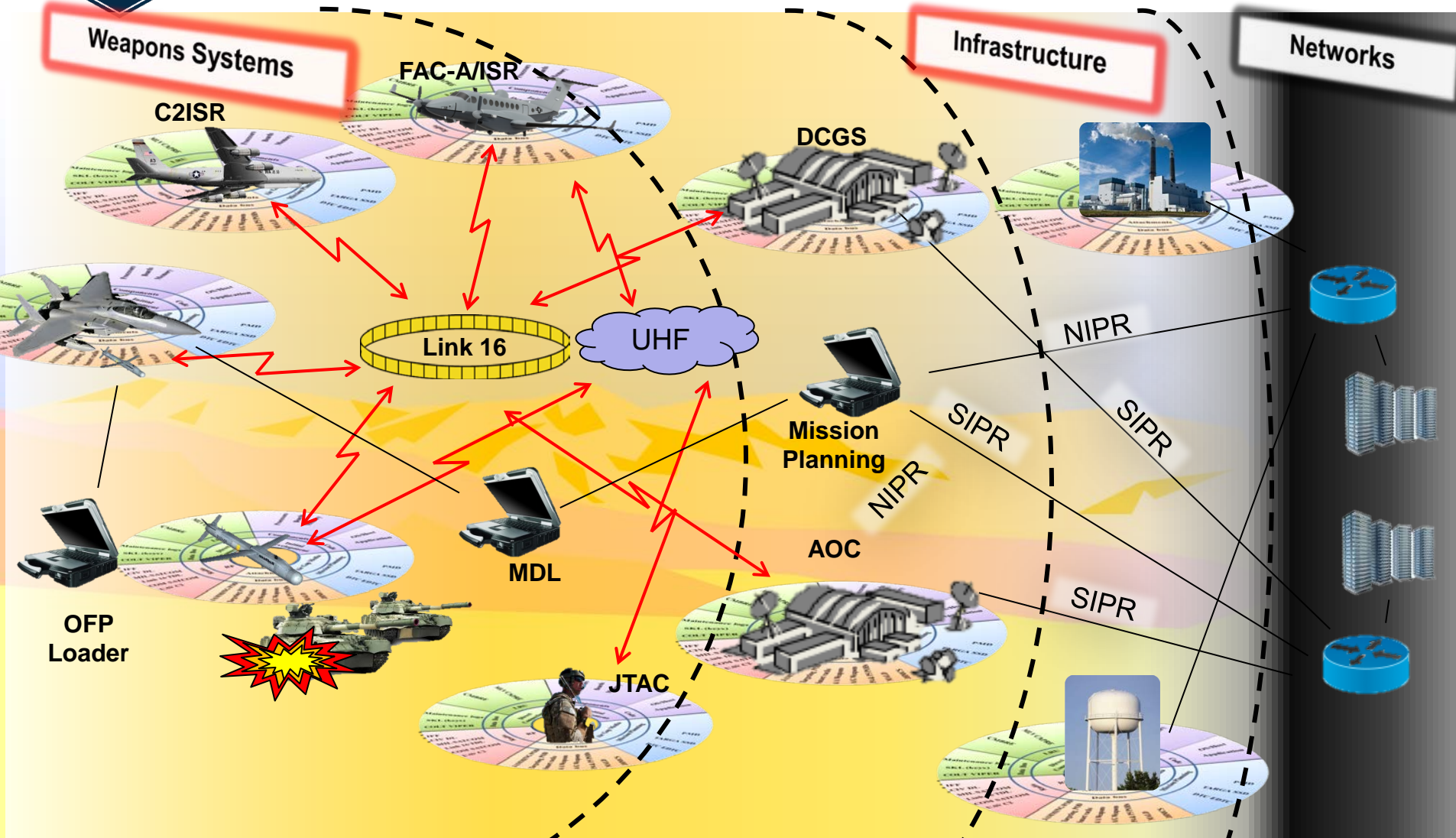
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AF Cyber Boundary Framework

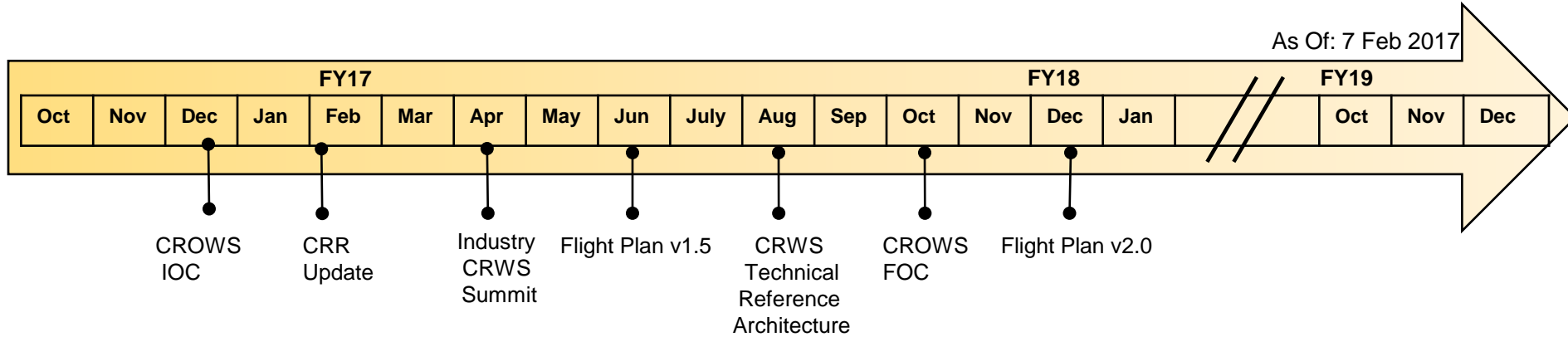


Cyber investments need to be made in Weapons Systems & Infrastructure



Technical Flight Plan v1.0

As Of: 7 Feb 2017



- **Develop Integrated Technical Flight Plan^{V1.0}**
- **Establish Cyber Resiliency for Weapon Systems Technical Reference Architecture (CRWS TRA)**
 - Align all efforts, products to the CRWS TRA – along the Technical Flight Plan
- **Integrate across the AF CCP and stakeholder communities**
 - AO, AT, TSN, etc.
- **Engineering Cyber Resilience in Weapons Systems**
 - Criteria, Observables, Behaviors – What does Cyber Resiliency look like?
 - Requirements, Cost, Measures & Metrics – How to specify and measure Cyber Resiliency?
 - Acquisition Language, Design Standards – How to execute and implement Cyber Resiliency?

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How Does it Work?

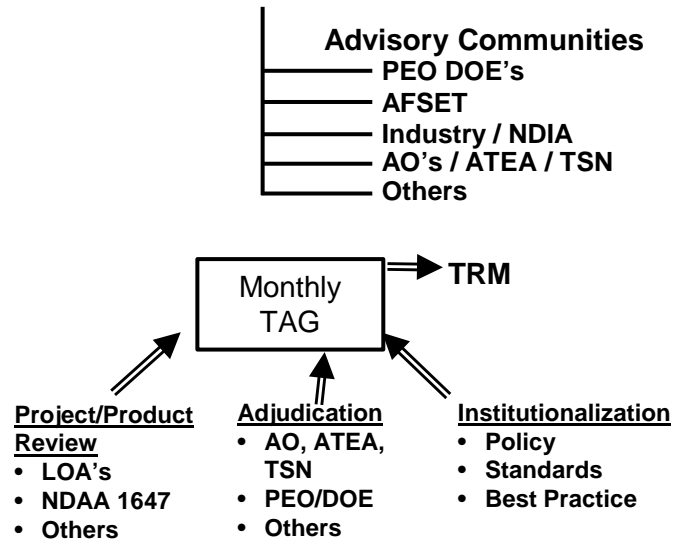
- Capture views of others
- Coordination across stakeholder communities
- Adjudication of items
- Produce Technical Recommendation Memo
 - Document findings with recommended Courses of Action

Examples

- A. LOA Products
- Products
 - Process Recommendations
 - Etc.
- B. Institutionalization
- Policy
 - Standards
 - Best Practices
- C. Adjudication Requests

Technical Advisory Group (CRWS-TAG)

- Chair – Cyber Technical Director
- CO Chair – AFCISO



Objective:

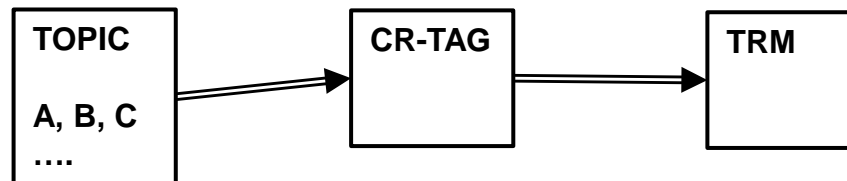
Holistic Integration of Cyber security and Resiliency efforts

Cadence:

Scheduled Monthly Agenda

Technical Recommendation Memo:

- Staff Summary Sheet
- Documents
 - Coordination
 - Views of others
 - Decision Risk Space
 - Alignment to Flight Plan



AO – Authorizing Official
 ATEA – Anti Tamper Executive Agent
 TSN – Trusted Systems & Networks
 LOA – Lines of Action

PEO – Program Executive Officers
 DOE – Directors of Engineering
 AFSET – Air Force Security Engineering Team
 (FFRDC/UARC collaboration)

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Cyber Resiliency

- **Definition (What does it mean?)**
 - **Cyber Resiliency = The ability to provide required capability despite adversity, that impacts the Cyber aspects of the Systems**
 - **“Cyber Aspects” = Software, Firmware and data in electronic form and the associated hardware**
- **Cyber Resilience, like system security, is an end goal. And just like security having protection mechanisms (aka controls) that do not necessary combine to make one “adequately secure”, having a set of resilience techniques and a framework for their application does not necessary combine to make one “resilient”.**



Key Considerations (1/4)

- **Design and build systems to operate securely**
 - Protecting important information about the system (e.g. Critical Program Information)
 - Ensuring Supply Chain is trusted (e.g. Critical Components)
 - Protecting the Integrity of information (e.g. Information Assurance)
 - Resiliency to operate in face of faults (e.g. Regardless of type)

- **Operate in a secure manner**
 - Follow prescribed protection measures/procedures (e.g. NO Thumb drives!)
 - Understanding of Risk Tolerance and Acceptance (e.g. Who is accepting what Risk? When? Why?)

- **Sustain ability of system to be operated securely**
 - Understand dependencies on critical infrastructure (e.g. Power, HVAC, etc.)
 - Maintain systems view (e.g. DMS, P3I, “Form, Fit, Function)

Resiliency, in any dimension, requires a full life cycle view



Key Considerations (2/4)

- **Mission Assurance ← System Assurance ← Systems Engineering**
- **Systems engineering spans a spectrum of related, interacting, conflicting, complimentary, system properties**
 - **Adaptability, agility, resilience, safety, security, survivability**
- **These properties are achieved through application of a common set of foundational systems, control systems, and specialty principles and concepts**
- **The composition of a specific property is embodied in the *viewpoint* of the system**
 - **Singularly: Safety viewpoint, security viewpoint, resilience viewpoint, etc.**
 - **Composed: safe, secure, and resilient, etc.**



Key Considerations (3/4)

- **Cyber resilience assumes presence and intent of an intelligent adversary**
 - **Modified hardware, software, or firmware system element**
 - **Counterfeit component, malicious insertion**
 - **Trusted individual misuse or abuse of system**
 - **Unauthorized use of system function/service**
 - **Unauthorized use of data/information**

- **Cyber resilience assumes the adversary presence may not be detectable**
 - **May be masked completely, or be interpreted as non-persistent or byzantine fault or failure**



Key Considerations (4/4)

- **Cyber resilience has the objective to limit the extent of damage due to intelligent adversary actions**
 - **Data/information loss and loss consequences**
 - **Function/service loss and loss consequences**

- **Cyber resilience focuses on specific cases of system correctness in system ability to deliver specified function**
 - **Correctness is system integrity**
 - **Deliver specified function is availability and continuity**

- **Objectives of cyber resilience overlap with other emergent property objectives with focus on intelligent adversary presence**
 - **Achieving *only* the specified**
 - **Behaviors**
 - **Interactions**
 - **Outcomes**