

# Joint Committee on Kansas Security


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# Agenda

- Kansas Information Security Office Overview
  - State General Fund Enhancement for Cybersecurity Operations
  - Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy
  - Cybersecurity Collaboration with Locals
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# Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) Overview



# Background

- Created as part of the Kansas Cybersecurity Act in 2018
- Primarily created to advise and consult
- Integrated basic cybersecurity services into OITS provided services
- Advanced cybersecurity services available to agencies for a fee
- Operating budget came from OITS collected fees

# Current State

- Authorized 28 FTE Positions
- Cybersecurity internship program
- Budget of approximately \$11 million
  - \$5.75 million State General fund
  - \$5.25 million off budget
- Provide cybersecurity services across the executive branch and to OITS provided enterprise services
- CISO can now set cybersecurity policy

# Strategic Goal

- “To ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the State’s information technology resources.”

# Strategic Outcomes

- **Secure**

- Develop a collective and enterprise-wide approach to cybersecurity to protect the state from the impacts of cyberattacks.

- **Vigilant**

- Design, build, and implement capabilities to seek out, identify, and remediate cyberthreats and vulnerabilities within the State of Kansas enterprise.

- **Resilient**

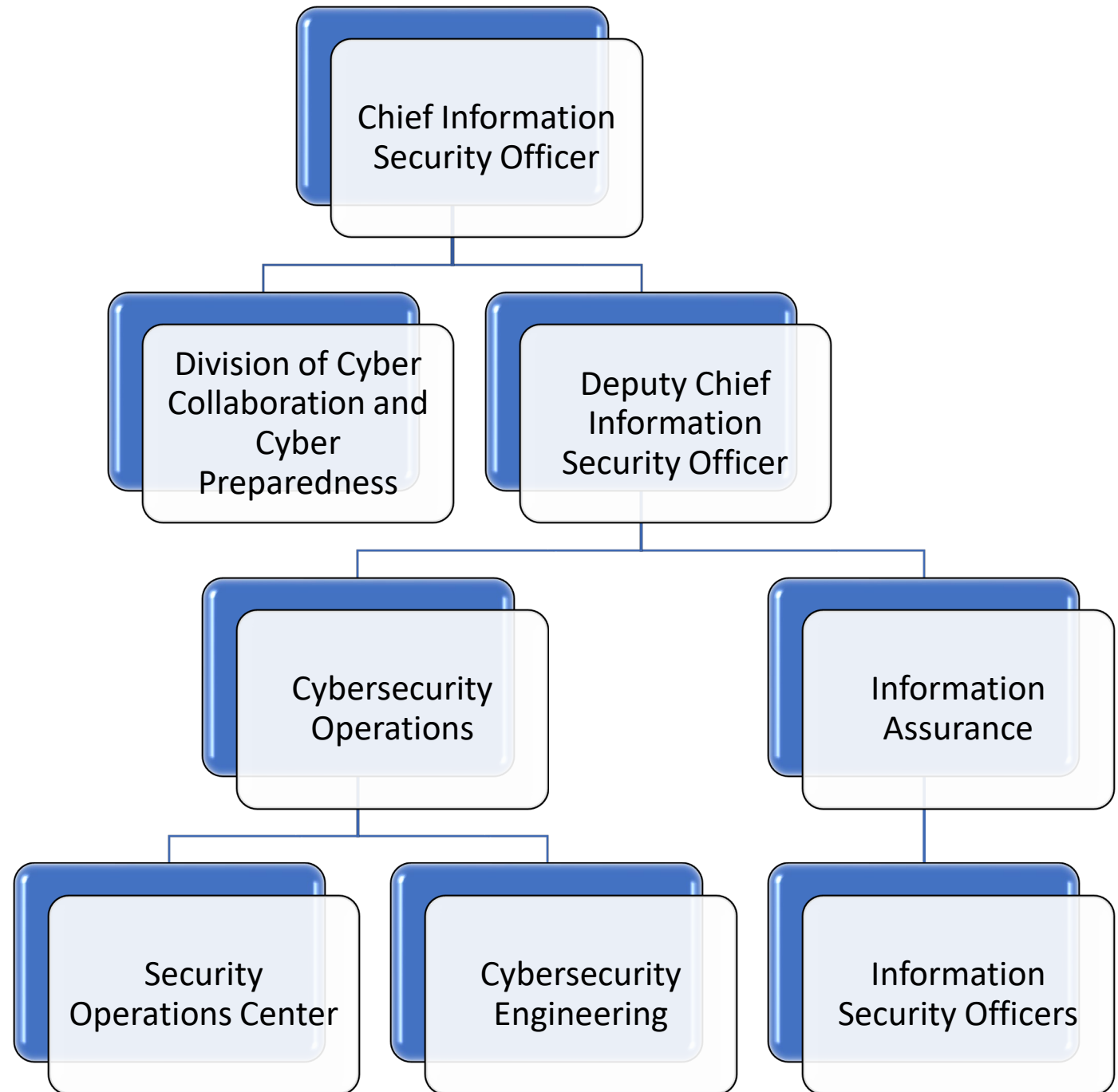
- Design, build, and implement solutions and services that can survive disruptions and can be recovered to a known good state of operation in a quick fashion.

# Strategic Outcomes Continued

- **Compliant**
  - Ensure enterprise efforts abide by all applicable rules, laws, regulations, and policies while aligning with industry best practices.
- **Consistent**
  - Apply/Adopt information security and risk management principles in a structured and uniformed manner across the enterprise.



# KISO Org Chart



# Cybersecurity Operations

- Security Engineering and Security Operations Center
- Design, implement, manage technical cybersecurity tools
- Monitor cybersecurity tools for alerts and anomalies
- Investigate cyber incidents
- Serve as the first responders to a cyber incident
- Cyber threat intelligence sharing
- Protect the KANWIN network

# Information Assurance

- Information Security Officers
- Build information security programs in agencies
- Serve as local information security advisor to agency leadership
- Compliance and audit assistance
- Conduct information security assessments
- Information Security risk identification and mitigation
- Serve as liaison between agencies and the KISO

# Cyber Collaboration and Cyber Preparedness

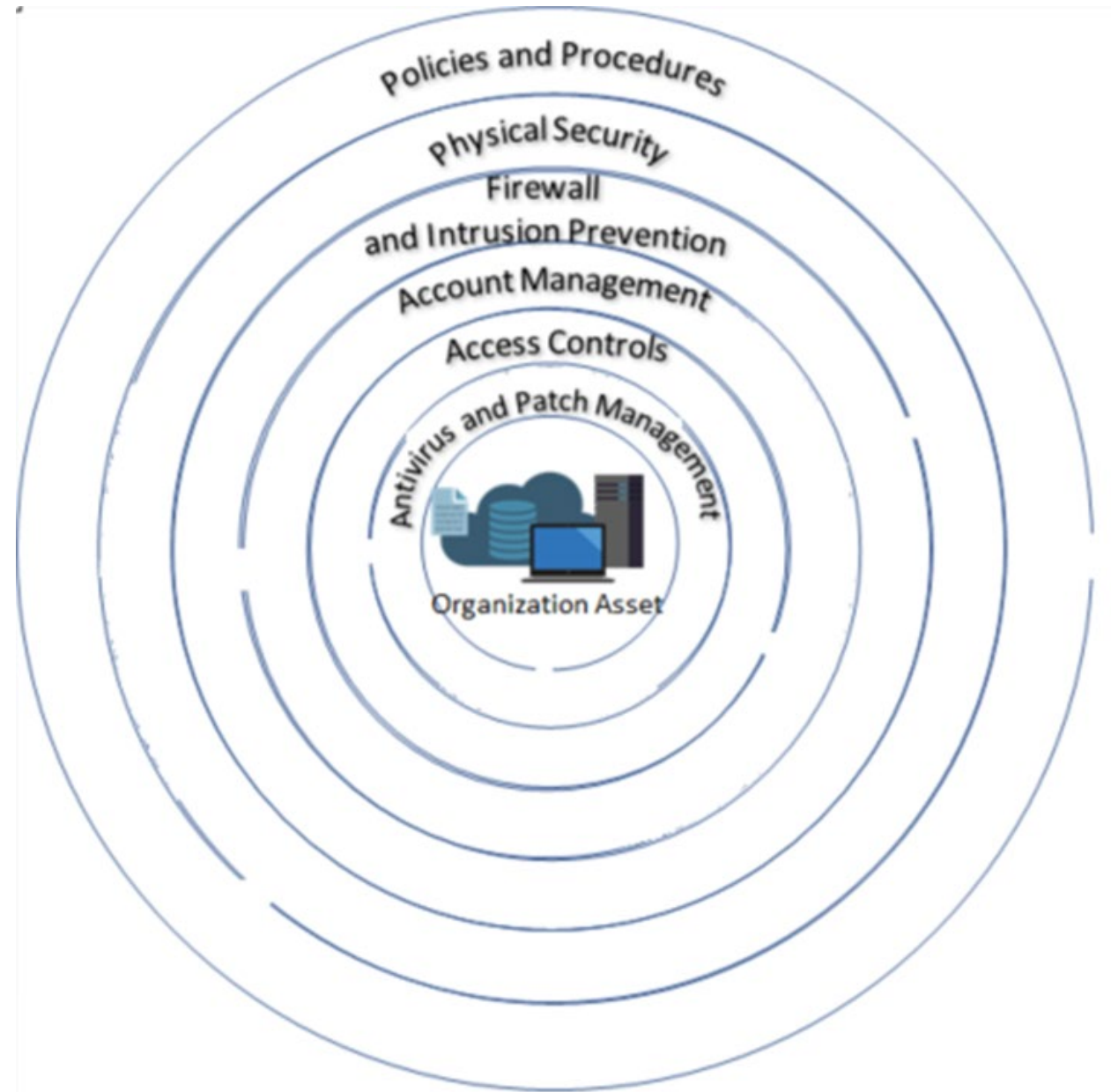
- Facilitates outreach and education with local government
- Works to build IT resilience with agencies and local government
- Conducts tabletop exercises with both agencies and local government
- Facilitates lessons learned after incidents
- Manages the state and local cybersecurity grant program

# Threat Landscape

- Executive Session

# Defense In Depth

- An information security strategy that integrates people, technology, and operations capabilities to establish variable barriers across multiple layers and missions of the organization. - NIST



**State General  
Fund  
Enhancement for  
Cybersecurity  
Operations**



# SGF Enhancement for Cybersecurity Operations

- 9 New Positions, 7 filled
- Elimination of charging for any cybersecurity or information security services
- Providing Information Security Officers to agencies at no cost
- Providing multiple cybersecurity tools to agencies at no cost
  - Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) solution
  - Enterprise patching solution
  - Identity and Access Management (IAM) solution
  - Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) solution



# Questions



# **Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy**



# Generative AI

- Readily Available
- Being built into common applications
- Next generation of searching
- Can increase employee productivity
- Vendors are already implementing this technology

# Concerns

- Intellectual property rights
- Responses can be manipulated or inaccurate
- AI hallucinations
- Kansas data used to train Generative AI tool without consent
- Lack of control of data

# State Policy

- Sets guard rails around Generative AI use
- Serves as introduction of the technology and associated risks
- Prohibits the use of Generative AI without human intervention
- Requires vendors to disclose the use of Generative AI
- Doesn't allow vendors to use Kansas confidential information to train their models



POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
MEMORANDUM  
8200.00

Effective Date  
31 July 2023

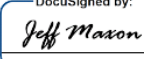
Approval Date  
25 July 2023

Type of Action  
Revision

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1.0 SUBJECT: Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy

2.0 DISTRIBUTION: Executive Branch Cabinet and Non-Cabinet Agencies

3.0 FROM:   
Jeff Maxon, Interim Chief Information Technology Officer

4.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the acceptable use of generative artificial intelligence (AI). The policy is created to protect the safety, privacy, and intellectual property rights of the State of Kansas.

5.0 BACKGROUND:

As generative AI technology progresses, chatbots, virtual assistants, and other systems based on it are becoming more prevalent. These can include standalone systems, be integrated as features within search engines, or be overtly or transparently embedded in all manner of other software

# Questions



# **Cybersecurity Collaboration with Locals**



# Cybersecurity Collaboration with Locals

- 2022 created Division of Cyber Collaboration and Cyber Preparedness
- Hosted two statewide public sector cyber summits
- Hosted 4 cyber training courses open to local government at no cost
- Conducted multiple listening tour/needs assessments discussions across the state
- Conducted several tabletop exercises with local governments
- Presented at several association events
- Joined Government Management Information Sciences (GMIS)



# Questions

