

Counterintelligence & Insider Threat Detection

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Threat
Analysis

Training &
Awareness

CI Support
Services

Investigations

Insider
Threat

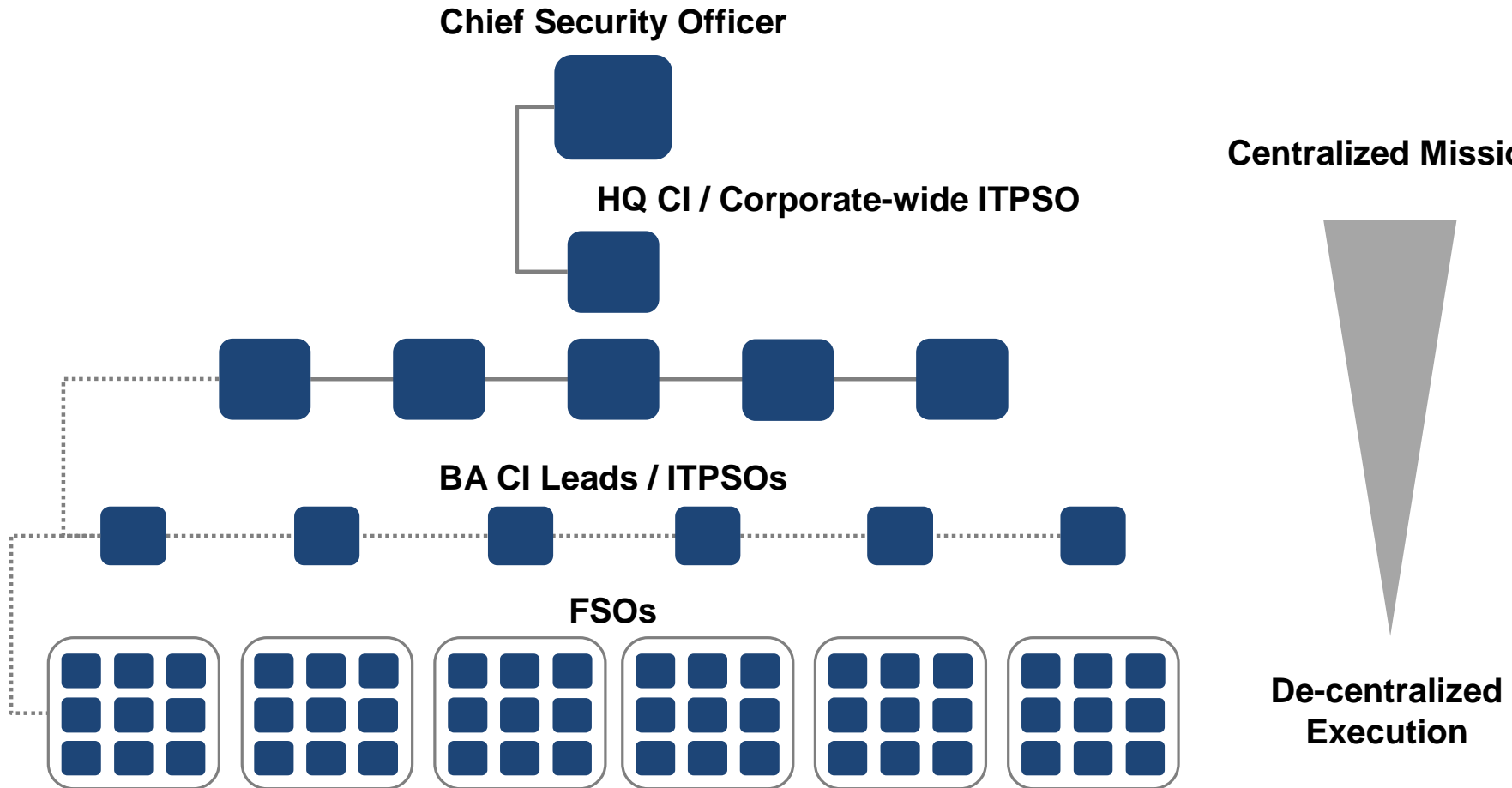
Dedicated Cadre Of Experienced CI Professionals

Comprehensive Insider Threat Definition



- **Intelligence & National Security Alliance (INSA) definition:**
 - *“The threat presented by a person who has, or once had, authorized access to information, facilities, networks, people, or resources; and who wittingly, or unwittingly, commits: acts in contravention of law or policy that resulted in, or might result in, harm through the loss or degradation of government or company information, resources, or capabilities; or destructive acts, to include physical harm to others in the workplace”*
- **Based Upon Commonly Shared Behaviors Preceding Acts of Workplace Violence, Suicide, and Espionage**
- **A Program Built Around Behavioral Analysis Allows for Applicability for a Variety of Threats**
- **Allows for Education of Employees Based on Broad Observable Behaviors**

Organizational Structure





Insider Threat Detection Program

Planning

Selling Leadership

- Shifting landscape
- Trends
- Cost considerations
- Peer benchmarking

Peer Benchmarking

- Challenges/successes
- Population size
- Privacy considerations
- Program governance
- Budget
- Live analyst support

Identify Stakeholders

- Legal, Privacy, HR, Communications, Ethics, Information Security
- CONOPs
- Codification of policy
- Communications plan

Development

Tool Procurement / Development

Establish Potential Risk Indicators

- Determine appropriate weights and aging

Identification of Required Data Sets

- Agreements with data owners

Implementation

Data Ingestion and Tool Calibration

Roll-out Message to Employees

- Transparency in objective
- Reinforcement of leadership support
- Proper vehicles for voicing concerns

Incident Management

- Conducting inquiries
- Opening investigations
- Coordination with law enforcement agencies

Governance

Steering Committee

- Security, Legal, HR, Ethics, Information Security
- Receive quarterly briefings on results
- Manage policy updates

Oversight

- Internal audit
- Risk & Compliance Committee
- Board of Directors
- NISPOM

Metrics

- Tool analysis
- Employee surveys

Red Team

Potential Consequences Of Haphazard Approach



- **Failure to Cultivate Leadership Support**
 - **Minimum Allocation of Dedicated Resources**
 - **Difficulty Obtaining Data Sets from Other Company Functional Areas**
 - **Exceedingly Restrictive Governance Apparatus**
- **Failure to Properly Calibrate Program Before Launching Investigations**
 - **Unnecessary Disruption of Employee Productivity**
 - **Loss of Confidence from Company Leadership**
- **Failure to Develop Responsible Employee Messages**
 - **Creation of “Culture Of Snitches”**
 - **Distrust Amongst Employees**



Communication To Employees

- **Proper Introduction to Employees – IMPERATIVE!**
- **“Perception is Reality”**
- **Absolute Transparency in Purpose and Objective**
- **Communication of Adherence to Corporate Value Structure**
- **Reinforcement of Leadership Support**
- **Joint Strategy Development (Human Resources, Communications, Public Relations)**
- **Executive Review**
- **Multi-pronged Approach**
- **Shared Indicators**

Privacy Considerations



- **Address Privacy Considerations in Employee Communications**
- **Coordination with Corporate Privacy General Counsel**
- **International Privacy Laws**
- **Restricted Access to Data**
- **“Red Team” Detection Systems**
- **International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)**

Risk Analysis & Mitigation System (RAMS)



- **Evaluation of Employee Attributes, Behaviors and Actions According to Analyst-defined Models**
- **Digital and Human Behavioral Baseline**
- **Lead Generation and Triage from Three Graphical Outputs**
- **Automated Link Analysis**
- **Categories and Attributes are Assigned Weights**
- **Models Run Against an Entire Population or Subsets**
- **Based on Big Data Technologies (Petabyte+)**
- **Notifications and Alerts**
- **Data Encryption**
- **No Profiling**

RAMS Daily Graphical Output



Top Composite Score

Top Entropy Changes by Employee

Most Individual PRIs

2016 Insider Threat Program Metrics



- **Employee CI Training & Awareness**
- **Receipt of Threat Information / Implementation of Mitigation**
- **Suspicious Contact Reports (SCR) Generating Government Referrals or Intelligence Information Reports (IIR)**
- **Name Checks**
- **CI Leads From Insider Threat Tool**
- **Cases Opened**
- **Cases Referred to Federal Law Enforcement**
- **Files Recovered**
- **Case Disposition**



Transition To Risk-Based Approach

- **Identify Assets**
 - **Technology, process, and/or knowledge**
 - **Personnel assigned to those assets**
- **Prioritize Assets**
- **Identify and Analyze Threat, Vulnerability, & Impact**
 - **Methods of Operation**
- **Develop & Align Tailored Threat Mitigation Strategies**



2017 Initiatives

- **First-line leader Insider Threat course**
- **Protecting the “Middle Way”**
- **“Off the Grid” Employees**
- **University engagement**
- **Standardization of Workplace Violence Protection Plan**
- **Integration of Open Source Data into Insider Threat Program**



Lessons Learned

- **Organizational leadership buy-in NOT won and done!**
- **Long process; funding can be incremental**
- **Functional area partnerships key to program success**
- **Cyber, Security, HR, Ethics, Legal, Communications**
- **Continual coordination with General Counsel**
- **Internal Audit engagement**
- **Communications plan**
- **“Opaque transparency”**
- **Application in suicide and workplace violence prevention**
- **FLE referral proof of concept**
- **Break down “business as usual” mindset**

Critical Takeaways



- **Corporate Proprietary Information and Intellectual Property → HOT targets!**
- **Reporting indicates steady upward trend in targeting**
- **Threat is real, formidable, and aggressive**
- **Current business environment exposes us to more vulnerabilities**
- **Strong partnerships are key (internal and external)**
- **Automated analysis capability is essential for any large organization**
- **Data loss prevention tool ≠ insider threat detection capability**
- **Program transparency → mitigate concern, promote deterrence, garner program support**

