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Responsive Technology Partners' Cyber Summit 2022 Series Kicks Off in Tampa Florida



Jose Remon, President Florida Market

Recently, our Senior Executive Leadership team met with experts from the Cyber Security space to provide updates in the latest cyber crime trends and threats wreaking havoc across the nation. Responsive's Florida Division President Jose Remon welcomed the gathering and thanked them for taking the time to become "Cyber Smart."

The most recent summit took place in Roanoke, Virginia on June 3rd with the first summit taking place in Tampa, Florida on April 14th. Upcoming summits are scheduled in Georgia and North Carolina. These locations include Augusta, Athens, Marietta, and Raleigh.

Responsive Technology Partners is hosting Cyber Summits across all state sectors of the company, supported by sponsors such as Area 1 Security, BoarderHawk, Unitel Insurance, and NovaSoc.

"Cyber security has gotten more complex and we know that although Washington sets the tone, the real work is done on the ground with people like you and I." said Jose Remon, President of the Florida division.

Our sponsors have enriched the summit experience with their knowledge and advice, as well as adding value with opportunities in speaker engagement, solutions promotion, and event exposure.

"We've lined up a great array of speakers, ranging from DHS and the FBI to experts in the insurance side of cyber liability, as well as a number of IT experts from various industries,



Steven McComas, CEO

such as phishing protection and network assessments." RTP said in an email invitation to attend the Roanoke Summit.

Topics discussed included the potential effects of war on cyber insurance, as insurance might not cover cyberattacks that are considered an act of war.

Roanoke's summit included a variety of topics such as "What Does Security Mean to YOU?" from BoardHawk; "Cyber Coverage: What You Need to Know" from Dominion Risk Advisors; "Anatomy of a Cyber Attack" from novaSOC; and "Cyber Litigation" from Woods Rogers.

We look forward to continuing this trend of successful and thought-provoking summit discussions in our future summits in Georgia and North Carolina. Thank you again to our sponsors for helping us make this event possible.





Coming Soon to a venue near you...

CYBER SUMMIT 2022 SERIES

Fri 7/29

Augusta, GA

Fri 8/12

Athens, GA

Fri 9/16

Raleigh, NC

Fri 10/7

Marietta, GA



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Tues 8/16 Statesboro, GA

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DO I NEED A COMPLIANCE AND CYBER SECURITY PLAN?



We talk about cyber security and how using the right practices can help protect your company from cyber-attacks, but there's another term referenced when discussing cyber security that's also important: compliance. While it's critical for businesses to focus on maintaining the highest cyber security standards, they must also ensure protocol meets compliance standards.

Regarding cyber security, compliance means creating a process to help protect the confidentiality and accessibility of information that's stored, processed or transferred. There is no overarching standard for compliance. Instead, there are different guidelines and requirements for every industry, so it's important to be aware of your company's needs. If not, you could be subject to fines and penalties ,as well as being at greater risk for cyber-attacks.

Though related, there are still some distinct differences between cyber security and compliance. Cyber security is practiced for the company's own protection instead of to satisfy the needs of a third party. It's also present to protect a business from the risk of constant threats and must be continually managed and updated. IT compliance, however, is used to satisfy external requirements and is driven by what the business needs more than anything else. Unlike cyber security, compliance is finished when the third party is satisfied with your process.

Compliance and cyber security work best when they're aligned, so it's extremely important that your business has a plan for compliance and cyber security. On its own, compliance is incredibly important for various reasons.

The first reason is the most obvious: having the proper compliance program will prevent your company from being fined, since you can be fined or penalized for failure to comply with industry standards. Also, your compliance plan needs to include continuous monitoring and assessment of networks, devices and systems that your company uses in order to align with regulatory cyber security requirements. It should also set up an action plan if your business is ever breached, since you need to communicate news of the breach to any parties that could've been impacted.

A compliance plan alone is a great start, but having cyber security measures in place as well will help you be prepared if you're ever audited by a third party.

Whether you have teams or individuals who oversee security protocols, they all need to know the requirements for cyber security compliance and how protected the company is. If your company utilizes a firewall, which it ideally should, your teams need to know exactly how protective that firewall is. They also need the evidence to back up their claims so they can prove the information they provide is accurate. Auditors want to see a handful of different documents, so make sure your team is prepared for any questions or requests.

Once the basics of your plans are taken care of, focus on accurately documenting each step. From meeting notes to the list of items that an auditor may need, your entire team needs to document anything they do or see regarding cyber security. There is another, much easier option to ensure your business stays compliant and is protected from cyber-attacks: hire a managed IT services provider.

With a managed IT provider, you will have a dedicated team that ensures your company's sensitive information is protected and all of your cyber security holes are filled. They'll also ensure your business stays compliant with any third-party regulating bodies in the process.

Though technology is ever-advancing, you shouldn't have to worry about cyber-attacks on a daily basis. With strong security protocol, or with the help of a trusted managed IT services provider, you can rest easy knowing your company's information is as secure as possible.

REASONS YOUR BUSINESS SHOULD BE USING A PRIVATE CLOUD

Gone are the days when everything was stored on a physical hard drive. Now, most businesses and private users utilize cloud computing to store their data. It's no secret that cloud storage is the present and future of data storage, but have you thought about using a private cloud that only allows your business and permitted users to access necessary information? There are many benefits that come with using a private cloud, such as the following:

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- It offers better security since nobody besides authorized users can use the storage or servers.
- Your team will gain greater flexibility to continue their work without the fear of IT issues since backups are done automatically on private cloud servers.
- It's often cheaper to use a private cloud than to maintain physical servers.
- Private clouds usually come with managed IT services, so there's no need to hire an IT team to work on-site. This will save you time and money.