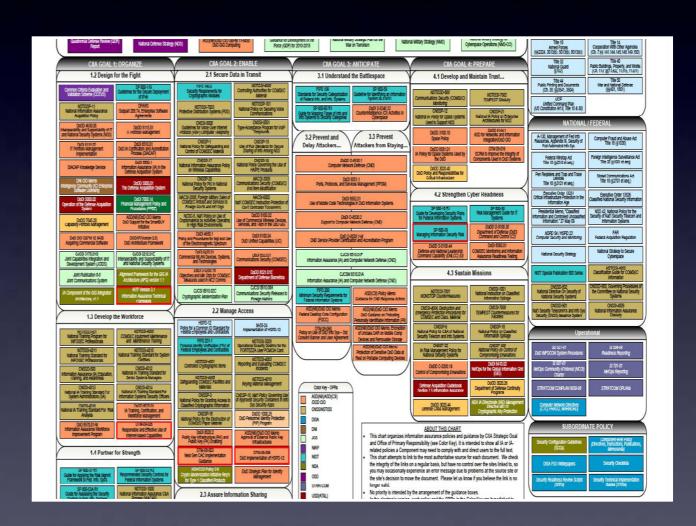
Cyber Security to the Edge

Applying Edge Theory to Cyber Security Operations

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Defending DoD Networks

- Top Down Approach
- Complex
- Rules to meet urgent requirements or specific events



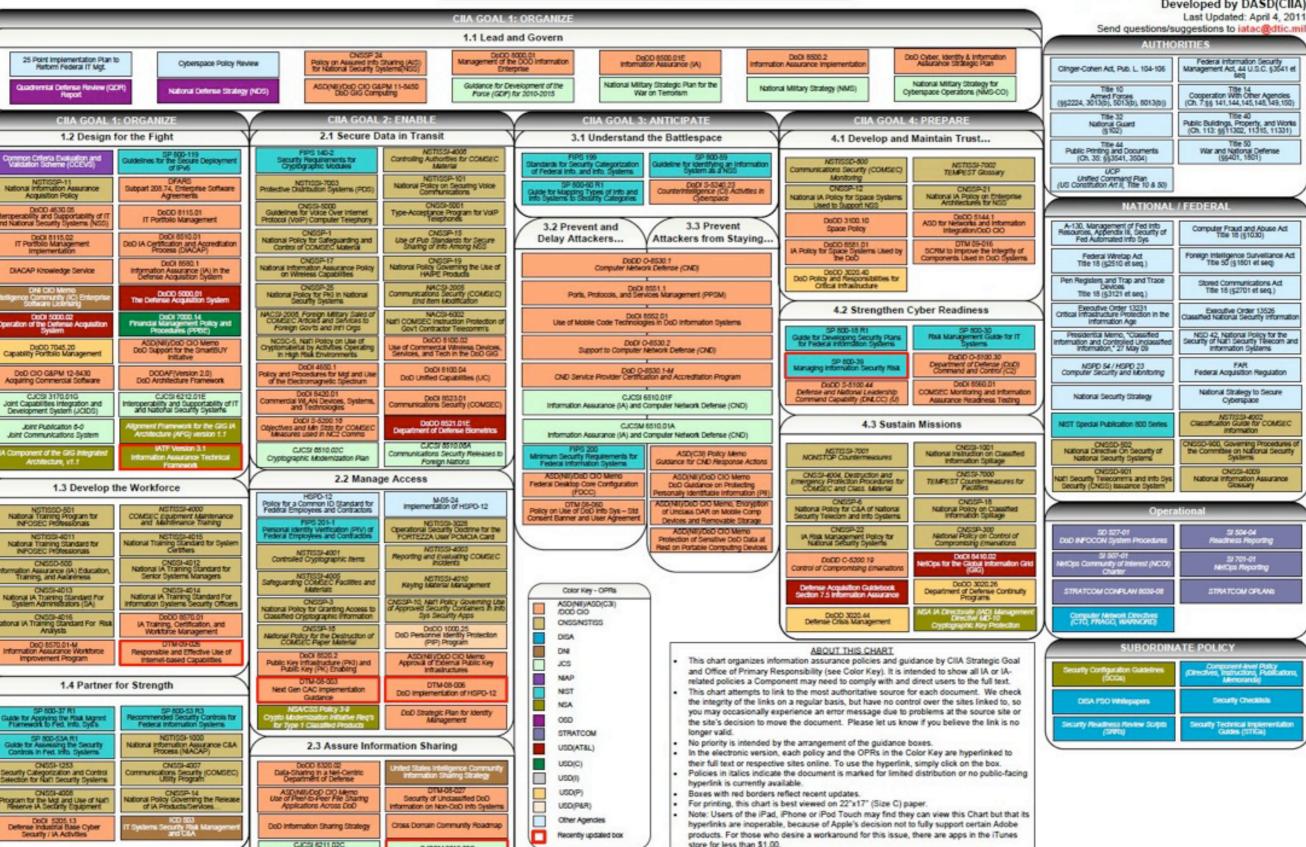
Top Down Structure

- "Abundance" of guidance
- Certification and Accreditation process versus real security
- Centralized planning versus agile hackers

Build and Operate a Trusted GIG

Cyber, Identity & Information Assurance (CIIA)
Related Policies and Issuances

Developed by DASD(CIIA)



Joint Staff Focal Point

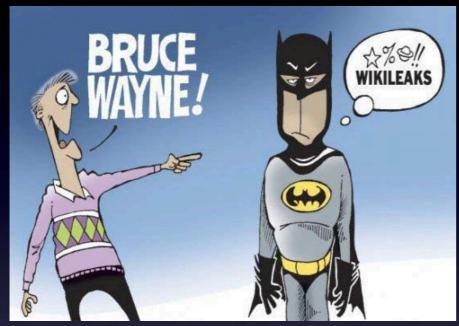
Defense Information System Network Policy and Responsibilities

For the latest version of this chart go to http://iac.dtic.mil/iatac/ia_policychart.html

Complex Systems

- Configuration options
- Locations around the world and rapid deployments
- Limited infrastructure support
- Competing interests and requirements
 - Services, mission etc
- Procurement cycle

Emergent Rules







Edge Theory

- Empowered individuals
- Removal of collaboration barriers

Fog of War in Cyber Warfare

- Information Overload
- Attacker advantage
- Platoon analogy

How would it work?

Cyber Warfare C2

- Keep high level guidance simple
- "Ten Things Every Airman Must Know"
- "Do not open attachments or click on links unless the email is digitally signed, or you can directly verify the source—even if it appears to be from someone you know."
 - United States Air Force (USAF). (2010). Cyberspace Operations

Keeping It Simple

- •Resilient network and information systems, build resilience at local level
- Design secure systems from the start
- •Secure your system from current known vulnerabilities and monitor for attacks on open vulnerabilities
- Monitor your system
- Correlate attacks to known vulnerabilities
- Respond to attacks
- Communicate with higher headquarters

An Edge Like Cyber Security Organization Organization

- Identify policy that enhances security, dump the rest
- Use templates like Gold Disk and encourage collaboration and sharing of these (i.e. same IT requirements)
- Provide local network visibility
- Treat CND service providers as sensors to support local enclaves
- Use IA Workforce

Measuring Success

- Quality of organic information
 - Awareness of what is on the enclave
 - ✓ Awareness of attacks
 - Awareness of vulnerabilities
- Quality of Individual Sense Making
 - What do the operators know
- Quality of interactions
 - Degree of shared information

Cyber Defense Workflow Example

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