

# FBI launches cybersecurity awareness campaign for Guam businesses

Because of a growing threat of cyberattacks and to educate private sector businesses and organizations on Guam, the FBI Honolulu Field Office – Guam Resident Agency has launched a cybersecurity awareness campaign to “encourage businesses to establish a proactive relationship with FBI Guam Resident Agency before a cyber incident occurs.”

A news release from the FBI Honolulu Field Office announced the launch of the cybersecurity awareness campaign on Aug. 11.

“FBI Honolulu is committed to investigating and combating any malicious cyber activity targeting the private sectors. In addition to agents, analysts, and computer scientists who track and counter emerging cyber threats, we work closely with our law enforcement and cybersecurity partners throughout the state,” said FBI Special Agent in Charge Steven Merrill. “We encourage you to part-

ner with us to serve as force multipliers to protect our country’s cyber defenses and your assistance in working together to strengthen your organization’s response plans against cyberattacks.”

The FBI highlighted these cyber threats:

- Critical infrastructure attacks: The private sector controls most of the country’s critical infrastructure, intellectual property, and personal data, making large businesses and small corporations targets of cyberattacks. While nation-state threats remain the most significant threat to critical infrastructure because of their persistence, sophistication, and potential for destructive intent, ransomware attacks by cybercriminals have already targeted U.S. critical infrastructure, including emergency services, hospitals, and the energy sector.



**Steven Merrill**

- Ransomware: Ransomware is a type of malicious software that cybercriminals and nation-state actors often deploy after they have hacked into a victim’s computer to encrypt their data. These bad actors then demand payment of a ransom to unlock the encrypted data. The FBI

has observed ransomware attacks become more targeted and has seen the ransoms increase significantly in recent years. When a ransomware incident occurs, swift communication with the FBI could positively impact data recovery efforts. Through victim engagement, the FBI develops a greater understanding of the different variants and ransomware groups to help prevent future attacks.

- Supply chain attacks: A business’ cybersecurity is only as strong as that of its trusted vendors. The FBI warns companies to know that supply chains

are increasingly a point of vulnerability for computer intrusions.

According to the release, organizations who are the victims of a network intrusion may contact the FBI Honolulu Field Office – Guam Resident Agency at 671-472-7465 or the FBI’s 24/7 CyWatch at 855-292-3937 or cywatch@fbi.gov.

“Speed matters when responding to an intrusion, as criminals can quickly destroy network operations. Rapid notification allows the FBI to quickly deploy our cyber experts to preserve evidence and work with a company’s incident responders to help recover their networks,” the news release stated.

The FBI Honolulu Field Office – Guam Resident Agency advises that “the most vital step a company or organization can take to protect itself is to implement good cyber-hygiene practices.”

*(Daily Post Staff)*

**Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Virtual Board Meeting Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:30 AM**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
  - a) Roll Call
  - b) Confirmation of Public Notice
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes:**  
Minutes: July 28, 2022
- IV. HPLO Administrator’s Report**
- V. Complaints:**
  - a) GBEP-CO-16-01
  - b) GBEP-CO-17-01
- VI. Old Business:**
  - a) Pharmacies / Facilities / Wholesale
  - b) Pharmacist by Endorsement
- VII. New Business:**
  - a) Pharmacist by Endorsement
  - b) Pharmacy Technicians
  - c) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesale
  - d) Renewals 2022
- VIII. Announcement:**
  - a) The Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Session Meeting is Scheduled for Sept. 15, 2022 @7am (TENTATIVE)
- IX. Adjournment**

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