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Incident Response Testing – Upcoming Testing Exercise

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) is hosting a two-day, tabletop exercise to simulate an attack on payment systems and processes. The exercise simulates a real-world cyberattack against wire transfer systems to challenge incident response teams and test incident response plans. It is free to all regulated financial institutions, and FS-ISAC membership is not required.

Incident response is one of the cornerstones of a strong information security program. It is used to detect, respond to, and limit the effects of an information security event. Although your financial institution may not have experienced a cyberattack yet, the constant growth in the number of cyberattacks increases the chances of your institution becoming the latest statistic. You should test your incident response plan so that when an attack does occur your employees are able to promptly respond.

The Cyber-Attack Against Payment Systems (CAPS) exercise is an annual event that was formerly known as Cyber Attack Against Payment Processes (CAPP). It has been held for the past five years with close to 1,000 North American financial institutions participating during 2015. Any financial institution that sends or receives wire transfers would benefit from this exercise.

The 2016 exercise will be conducted over two consecutive days starting on September 20, 2016, OR September 27, 2016. The deadline for registration is September 9, 2016, and September 16, 2016, respectively. The exercise will require about one hour each day with a brief survey at the end. Your institution is highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, but you must register in advance. For additional details and to register, go to the [FS-ISAC website](#).