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Cyber Incidents: When to Involve Law Enforcement

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Introductions



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About Ankura



About Us – By the Numbers

1,800+

Full-Time Employees

600+

Consultants with Advanced
Degrees or Industry Certifications

~64%

of Projects Leverage Expertise from
Multiple Business Groups

~34%

of Projects Include Data & Analytics

WHO WE ARE

- **Ankura is a global firm of experts and advisors** uniquely built to tackle each challenge or need, by effectively combining the right expertise into solutions, services, and results.
- **We are a trusted advisor** for companies, governments, law firms, and institutions around the world.
- Ankura leverages **highly specialized technical skills** and **industry expertise** to solve complex and mission critical challenges for clients without the siloes and boundaries normally found in consulting firms.
- Our **collaborative culture** brings together industry leading experts and technology-enabled solutions to **solve highly complex and high-stakes issues for blue-chip clients.**

OUR GLOBAL REACH

35+ locations with projects in 115+ countries. 44 languages spoken.

Ann Arbor • Atlanta • Baltimore • Beijing • Boston • Brussels • Chicago • Dallas • Delhi • Dubai • Fairfield
Frankfurt am Main • Gurugram • Hong Kong • Houston • Irvine • London • Los Angeles • Melbourne
Miami • Mumbai • Nashville • New York • Orlando • Perth • Philadelphia • Phoenix • Riyadh
San Francisco • San Juan • Seattle • Shanghai • Singapore • Sydney • Tampa • Toronto • Vancouver
Washington, DC



Ankura Data & Technology Solutions

PROACTIVE ADVISORY

Managed Data Protection Services

THREAT DETECTION AND RESPONSE

- Continuous threat-hunting
- Real-time incident response
- Malicious activity detection
- Ongoing testing of security controls
- Targeted attack simulations

THIRD PARTY RISK MANAGEMENT

- Design, deployment, management of risk assessment
- Remediation activities

SECURITY ANALYTICS AND DATA MINING

- On-demand data mining services
- Identification of sensitive data exposure/data breaches
- Advanced log analysis
- Complex data mapping
- Data loss prevention program management

Technology, Privacy, and Cyber Risk Advisory

CYBER RISK ADVISORY

- IT and cyber strategy & governance
- Cyber assessments and compliance
- Cyber resiliency and planning
- Operational cyber functions

DATA PRIVACY ADVISORY

- Data privacy assessment and readiness programs
- Data inventory and mapping
- Development of policies and procedures
- Fractional privacy manager services
- Technology implementation

TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- Vulnerability and penetration testing
- Solution specific security assessments
- Security Architecture
- Security Solution Implementation
- Cloud Security
- Social Engineering Campaigns

REACTIVE, EVENT DRIVEN SCENARIOS

Data Analytics, Advisory and eDiscovery

DATA ANALYTICS AND DATA STRATEGY

- Interpretation of structured information
- Identification of trends and patterns in data
- Application to fraud, money-laundering, and other investigations

DATA COLLECTION AND DIGITAL FORENSICS

- Data captures
- Analyses of devices, servers, information systems

eDiscovery PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND HOSTING

- Utilization of advanced technology
- Data hosting and management for litigation, regulatory requests
- Machine learning technology to prioritize data

Response Intelligence and Investigations

INCIDENT RESPONSE

- Evaluation and mitigation of security incidents
- Crisis handling and response
- Leverage of endpoint detection, user behavior, threat analytics

INVESTIGATIONS

- Support of criminal/civil litigation efforts
- Assistance with regulatory proceedings
- Confidential internal investigations
- Legally defensible outcomes

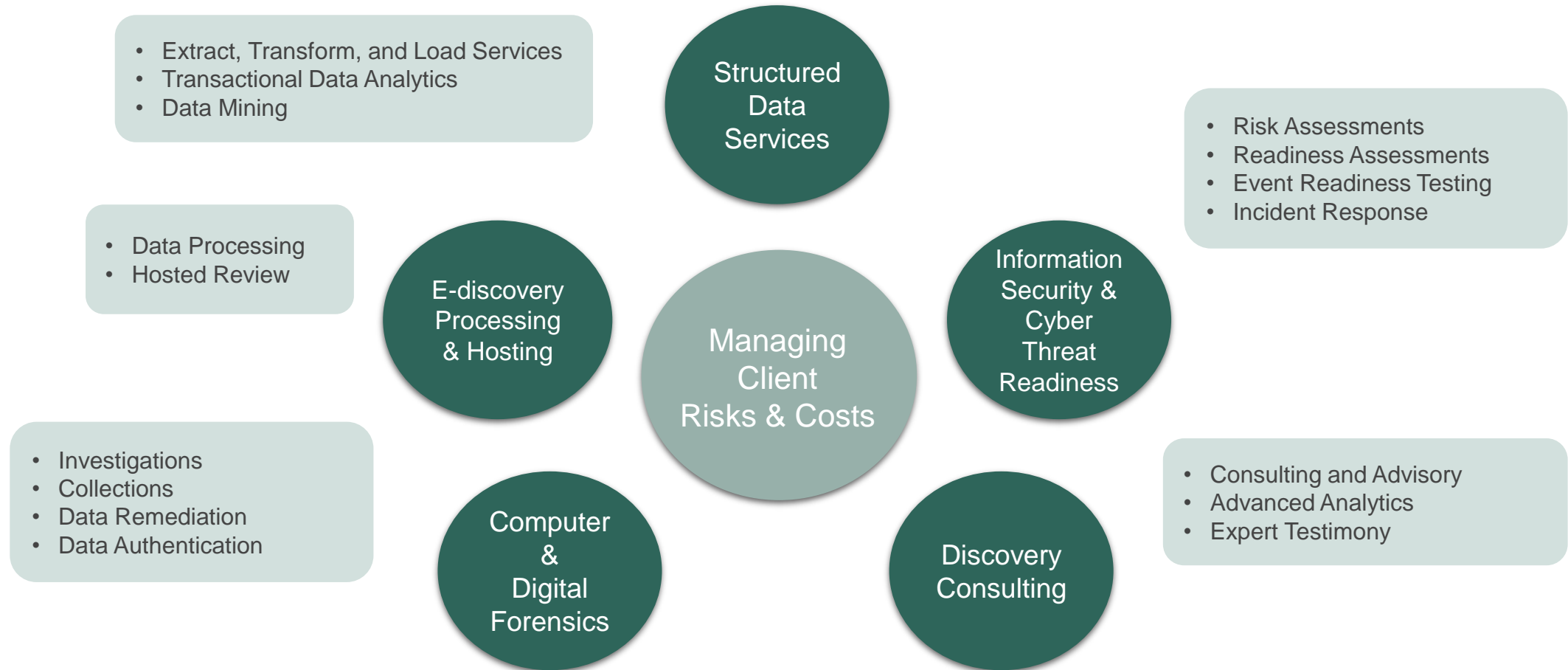
THREAT INTELLIGENCE

- Multi-sourced technical collections
- Dark web data
- Context and efficiency for investigations

EXPERT WITNESS

- Digital media forensic experts
- Cybersecurity practitioners

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General Overview: Incident Response

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"There are only two types of companies:
those that have been hacked,
and those that will be."

Robert Mueller
FBI Director, 2012



Incident Response Support

Based on experience from **1000's of investigations** over the last four years, Ankura is efficient and effective in supporting clients during their incident response lifecycle using a combination of technology and well-versed playbooks to help clients rapidly contain and investigate security incidents.



Detection and Analysis

- Effective detection is key to ensuring all aspects of a breach have been identified, avoiding the risk of any compromise remaining, which might allow an attacker to regain access.
- Forensic analysis of compromised systems informs detection and allows you to make informed decisions about what actions a malicious actor has taken, and what steps need to be taken to recover affected systems.



Containment, Eradication and Recovery

- As compromised systems are detected, it's important to contain them, either by shutting them down completely, or making sure they cannot access the internet or the rest of the network.
- Once you know which systems are affected, and how, you can start to clean or replace affected systems.



Post-Incident Activities

- As you restore systems to operation it is vital that this is monitored and controlled, and that any data or systems restored from backups are subject to extra scrutiny.
- Once you have recovered from the incident, it's time to review the root causes, and use the lessons learned to come up with a plan for how to avoid the same thing happening again.

Preparation

Possibly the most important!

- IR Plans & Procedures
- Tabletop Exercises
- Preparation of System Diagrams and Data Mapping
- Identification of the Location and Pertinent Data
- Understand Existing Corporate Standards
- 3rd Party Relationships



“In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable”

--General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Contacting Law Enforcement During a Cyber Incident

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First, Understand Law Enforcement Motives

- LE Priorities probably do not match your corporate priorities
- LE is interested in:
 - Indicators of compromise (IOCs)
 - Attribution of threat actors
 - Tactics, techniques, procedures
 - Catching the bad guys!
- LE is **NOT** interested in:
 - Securing your infrastructure
 - Remediation
 - Software/hardware recommendations

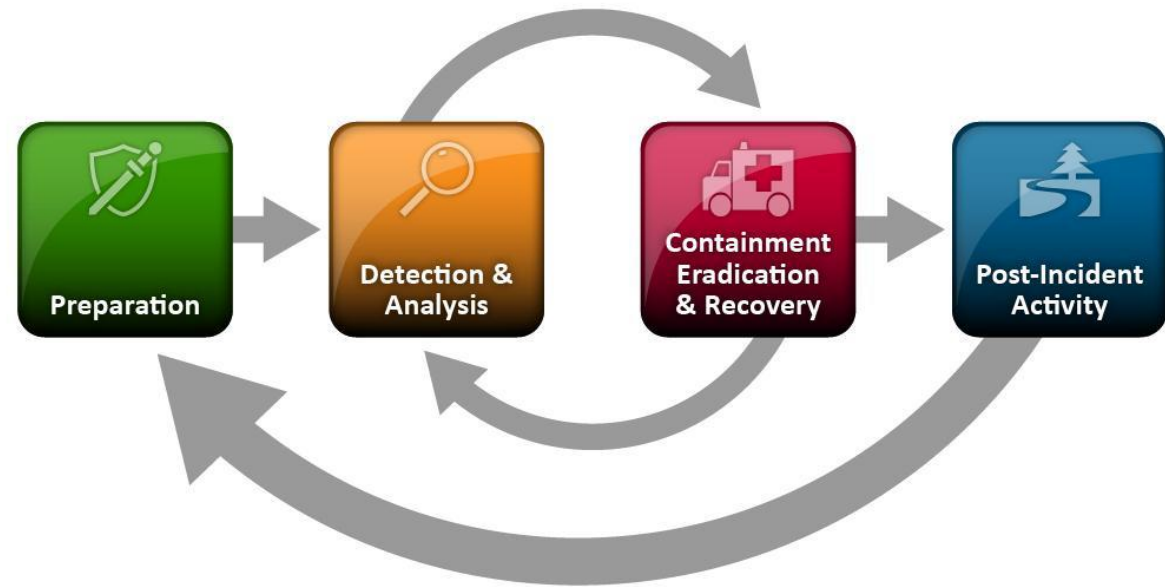


What Phase of the Incident Response Should I Call Law Enforcement?

It depends...

First, consult with inside/outside counsel

- Factors Associated with when to notify:
 - Do regulatory requirements require you to contact LE?
 - Is your business considered critical infrastructure?
 - Ongoing disruption to operations
 - Exfiltration of data (IP, PII, PHI, etc.)
 - Threats/concerns to life/health



Who is the Appropriate LE Entity to Contact?

The best LE entity is the one you have a relationship with!

- Proactively join groups like InfraGard and NCFTA
- Federal/State/Local are all options
- Local Cyber Crime Task Force
- Most important take away is to introduce yourself and your company to LE beforehand
- Internet Crime Complain Center, or IC3, is the FBI's virtual complaint desk

Impact of Contacting Law Enforcement

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What will Law Enforcement Request?

- They will likely conduct **on-site interviews**
- May request:
 - Full image copies of systems
 - Pertinent system logs
 - All IOCs
 - Copies of malware
 - Source IP addresses of threats
 - Email with extended headers
 - Packet captures
- Consent vs. Subpoena/Search Warrants



What is the Potential Impact of Notifying Law Enforcement?

It is important to weigh the risks vs. benefits before contacting LE



Benefits:

- They may share TTPs and IOCs used by the TA
- They may have ransomware decryptors
- The public/shareholders may have expectations that your company calls LE



Risks:

- Loss of control of the investigation
- Communications will probably be one-way
- Provision of evidence may provide indication of other unknown illegal activity

Case Study: Intrusion of a Medical Device Corporation

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Case Study Overview: Criminal Intrusion



Preparation

- No IR Plan- no LE contacts



Detection and Analysis

- **Hacker communicated directly with system administrator**
- **Identified vector of compromise: remote access tool**
- **Identified originating IP address**



Containment, Eradication, and Recovery

- **Blocked remote access**
- **Obtained search warrant**
- **Arrested main subject**



Post Incident

- **Scanned infrastructure for similar vulnerabilities**
- **Reviewed needs for remote access tools**

Outcomes and Findings

- Preservation of Evidence requested filed in the US
- Emergency subpoena and search warrant served in the US
- Search Warrant executed at residence of main subject

Lessons Learned

- Have an incident Response plan in place before an incident occurs
- Engage outside counsel prior to an incident
- Proactively reach out to your local law enforcement

Applying This to Your Business

NEXT WEEK



- Draft or review your cyber incident response plan
- Begin to prepare for the cyber incident that will occur
- Identify and reach out to Law Enforcement and or groups and like Infragard and NCFTA

NEXT 3 MONTHS



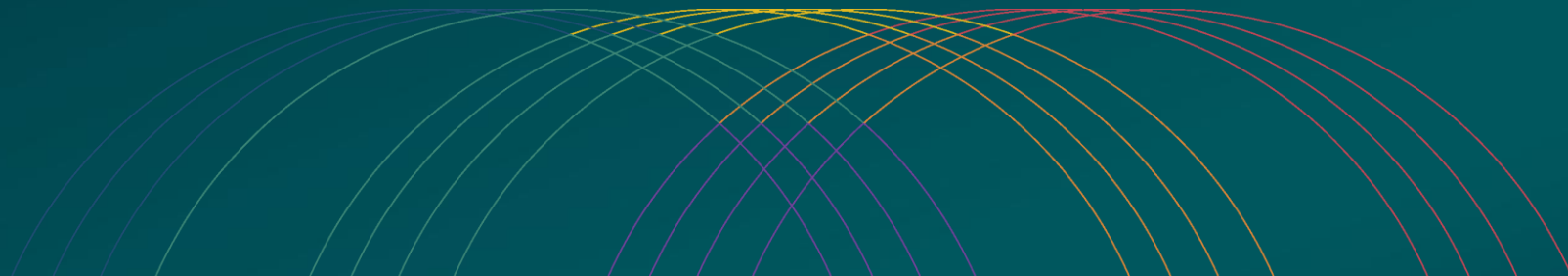
- Ensure that your cyber incident response plan adequately reflects escalation to Law Enforcement entities

WITHIN 6 MONTHS



- Conduct a tabletop exercise to practice your cyber incident response plan, preferably while including Law Enforcement and other outsiders to provide unbiased feedback

Questions?





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