

## **Cybersecurity Plan and Incident Response Tabletop Exercise**

Subject matter experts at Auburn University's McCrary Institute provide formal Tabletop Exercises (TTX) to bring together key stakeholders from various departments across organizations, including information technology and security, legal, and executive leadership. The primary objective is to identify and walk through critical scenarios that organizations may encounter during a cyber-attack and includes data breaches, ransomware incidents, and insider threats. By engaging in realistic scenarios, participants can gain valuable insights into their roles and responsibilities, enhance communication across teams, and pinpoint gaps in their response plans. This collaborative environment fosters a culture of preparedness, encouraging organizations to think critically about their defenses and response strategies.

Additionally, these exercises play a vital role in the development of standard operating procedures (SOPs) tailored to both information technology and information security perspectives. Organizations face a complex landscape of compliance and statutory cybersecurity requirements, and a McCrary Institute led tabletop exercise can help ensure that these obligations are met while also enhancing overall resilience. By proactively identifying vulnerabilities and refining their incident response strategies before an attack occurs, organizations can significantly reduce the potential impact of cyber incidents, ensuring a more robust defense posture and a faster recovery in the event of a breach. This proactive approach not only safeguards critical assets but also instills confidence among stakeholders and clients in the organization's commitment to cybersecurity.