# Countering Terrorism to Data Centers Through Surety Methods

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# **Objectives**

#### Highlight the Value of Surety Methods

- Analytically
- In-Common with Data Center requirements
- As Implemented through a Real World Security Example



# **Presentation Outline**

- Surety process, analytically
- Surety benefits and commonality to Data Center high-consequence interests
- Surety security risk management mechanics



# What Is Surety ?

Surety is Confidence that a <u>system</u> will perform in acceptable ways under normal, abnormal, and malevolent environments.



Surety has dimensions of

<u>Safety</u>

<u>Reliability</u>

<u>Security</u>



# Surety Methods Elicit Confidence

<u>Confidence</u> through rigorous risk management methods. Surety methods approach security issues and needs where experience is missing





Managing 'Retained Risk'

**Describe Surety** 

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# **Surety Methods**

### Surety comes in four levels\*

- 1. Working sufficiently as expected and buying insurance to cover upsets
- 2. Surety by Proactive Human Intervention
- 3. Surety by positive Measures from Science and Engineering
- 4. Surety from Laws of Nature and Mathematics



\*Sandia National Laboratories presentation to the National Academy of Sciences, September 1998

### A Risk Management Mindset

Levels of Confidence, risk adjusted, through proactive human intervention





Mitigating and Managing Retained Risk

## Surety Methods Benefit Complex Systems Management

- A risk-management approach
- Being anticipatory, rather than reactive
- A systems engineering approach
- High-consequence engineering 50 yr. knowledge-base



# Mission Critical Facility Systems Have Similar Concerns and Activities

- Share key Surety risk concerns
  - Aging systems management is very important
  - Survivability in abnormal environments
  - Resistant to adversary attack
- Benefit significantly from automation
- Benefit significantly from technology
- Should be systems engineered
  - Require a risk management approach
  - Require anticipatory processes, not reactive



# Cross-Culture Commonality and Benefits Focus on Risk Mechanics

- Commonality in heritage-type complexity growth
- Surety methods leverage 50 year security knowledge base
- Risk based assessment approaches mitigate current security threats and vulnerabilities
- Risk Analysis Methods as practiced by U.S. Department of Homeland Security



Security Focus

### ... Integrating Threat Elements



# **Decision Support Activities**

### **Risk Management Tool Examples**

- Fault trees (examples follows)
- Adversary Sequence Diagram (ASDs)
- Screening sequence
- Response capability
- Risk analysis and reduction process



#### **Utility Failures That Impact Building Operations**





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#### **Failure Of System-Wide IT Function**





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#### **Risk Elements**

- Threats
- Consequences



- Vulnerabilities (Security System In-Effectiveness)



# **Risk Analysis Methodology**

#### Threat assessment

- Threat definition
- Site-specific threat
- Likelihood of occurrence

#### Consequence assessment

- Loss of mission, revenue, property, life
- Loss of symbolic value

#### Vulnerability assessment

- Attack scenarios
- Site characteristics
- Critical assets (fault-tree analysis)
- System in-effectiveness





### Risk Analysis Methodology (Continued)

- Risk management (business case approach)
  - Strategy for protection
  - Acceptable risk (?)
  - Upgrades and mitigation
  - Define design basis threat (DBT)
  - Cost and operational impacts







## **Risk Assessment**

- Analysis
- Risk Acceptability And Management
- Risk Reduction



# **Risk Equation**

$$P_A \times C \times (1-P_E) = Risk$$

С

- P<sub>A</sub> Likelihood of occurrence
  - Consequence
- P<sub>E</sub> System effectiveness





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## Which "High-Rise" Has Surety®?





### **Representative City Building**





### City Building Example (Proprietary-Examples Deleted)

- Development of Credible Threat Scenarios
  - Example
- Likelihood of Threat Occurrence
  - Example
- Consequence Measurements and Judgments
  - Example
- Vulnerability -from Threat Scenarios + Analysis
  - Example
- Risk Analysis Summary
  - Example



# **Risk Management Benefits**

- Repeatable
- Approaching "More Quantified" Values
- Standardized Baseline
- Accountable
  - Assumptions
  - Decisions
  - Acceptable Risk Levels
- Traceable Path
- Consistent Terminology
- Defendable Record
- Ease of Automation



## Surety's Approach and Summary

- <u>Step #1: Complete The Risk Process</u>
- Step # 2: Performance-Based Upgrades
- <u>Step # 3:</u> Risk Reduction Options



#### Managing Business Risk Conceptual

Quantitatively-- Assessing Mixed Risk Risk/Return Matrix

