



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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Priority Topic of the Week Cybersecurity & PII

National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month – a time to focus on how cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. Here at the Air Force, we know that “Cybersecurity is Everyone’s Fight” – military, civilians, and contractors alike. From your data to your mission, the power to win the fight and eliminate security breaches lies with you!

PII: It Impacts us All

Personally Identifiable Information – specifically Sensitive PII – continues to be an area of concern for the Air Force. PII is information about an individual that identifies, links, relates, or is unique to, or describes him or her. For example—social security number (any form), age, marital status, race, salary, home/cell phone numbers, other demographic biometric, personnel, medical, and financial information. In addition to identity theft and financial impacts, the lives of Airmen and their families are at stake. We must remain vigilant in our individual and collective obligations to safeguard, properly control, and manage the handling of PII.

Facts to Know

- **664:** The number of known PII breaches across all MAJCOMs from January to September 2017
- **57:** The number of Operational Reports (OPREPs) generated from the PII breaches
 - **27** or roughly **47%** of OPREPs were generated from a single MAJCOM!
 - **33:** the number of OPREPs in September alone!
- **402,864:** The total number of personnel, across all MAJCOMs, affected by the 664 PII breaches

How I can Contribute to a More Secure Air Force

- Encrypt ALL email containing PII – every single time
 - If a recipient is unable to receive encrypted email, send via Safe Access File Exchange
- Understand that marking “No PII” on email containing PII is a violation of federal statute
- Familiarize yourself with the Privacy Act (see Critical Resources below) to understand the “Why?” behind what we do
- In your personal work duties, minimize the collection and further distribution of PII

Additional Information

For more information, please contact Mr. LaDonne White, the Air Force Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Comm: (571) 256-2515 / DSN: 226-2515.

Personnel Topics of Interest

- AF releases Oct enlisted in-system supplemental promotion list ([AF.MIL](#))
- Milestone changes coming to TRICARE ([AF.MIL](#))

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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