Building the Team for a Successful SOC

Effectively employ human capital to meet business needs

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Who am I

- 20 years in IT and Security services
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- Previously held CCNA, CCSE, ISS-SE
- DoD and Utility industry
- Strength-based leadership
Agenda

- What is a SOC
- The right leader
- The right staff
- Difficult personnel
What is a SOC

- Tool to accomplish business goals
- One size does NOT fit all
- Best practices are nuanced
- Organizational needs should shape the SOC
  - Mission
  - People
The right leadership

- Business acumen
- Emphasis on process and people
- Knowledge of the tools of the trade
- Allows for a little fun
- Above all else, empowering with a light hand on the tiller
The right staff

- Enthusiastic
- Trustworthy
- Good judgment
- Capacity to learn
- Business vs Hobbyist
- A little daring!
Enthusiastic staff

- Discretionary energy
- Valuable work
- Competition
- Takes their work seriously
  - BUT NOT TOO SERIOUSLY
- Teamwork over talent
  - KSAs spread
  - Catalyst
Dealing with difficult personnel

- Person or process?
- Role or attitude?
- Facilitate their success
  - Even if it is not here
- Consistent feedback
  - Both positive and negative
Summary

- Building involves:
  - Leaders understand the organizational needs
  - Empower the team
  - Enthusiastic and engaged personnel
Questions