

CyberReady Florida

Cybersecurity Awareness Education & Training

For Florida State and Local Government Employees

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Good Practices to Protect Your Digital Footprint

Banks, restaurants, schools, stores, and even Google urge people to download an app, share your location, and sign up for text messaging alerts. To reduce your risk and manage your digital footprint keep in mind the top seven tips from the National Cybersecurity Alliance. Read their advice [here](#).



Cyber Criminal Pleads Guilty in Federal Court

In a North Carolina federal court, a member of an international cybercrime group pled guilty to computer fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Using hacker tools, the dark web, and cryptocurrency the group targeted many U.S. cities and businesses with data theft and ransomware attacks. Sentencing is scheduled for August 2025. The indictment and more details are available at the [U.S. Dept. of Justice webpage](#).



Raytheon Fined for Cybersecurity Lapse

The U.S. Department of Justice announced an \$8.4 million settlement with Raytheon, the Nightwing Group, and RTX over alleged cybersecurity noncompliance in 29 defense contracts between 2015 and 2021. The case, brought by a whistleblower under the False Claims Act, focused on Raytheon's use of a noncompliant network that lacked NIST-required protections and controls. [Read more from JD Supra here](#).

Cyber Florida FirstLine Training Initiatives
supporting Florida's public sector employees with free

cybersecurity training. Learn new skills to protect your digital life and earn a certificate.

Register for the self-paced, online offerings, below.
Bulk registrations and progress reports are available.
Email us for details: CyberReady@usf.edu

2025 Cybersecurity Awareness
Course

GIAC Security Leadership
(GSLC) certification prep

Cybersecurity for Mid-level
Managers

Entry-level Technical for
industry certification (ISC2)

Continue Your Summer with Cybersecurity Excellence

CYBERSECURITY EXECUTIVE-LEVEL TRAINING FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP

ONLINE COURSE

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- Real-time engagement
- Immediate feedback



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the University of
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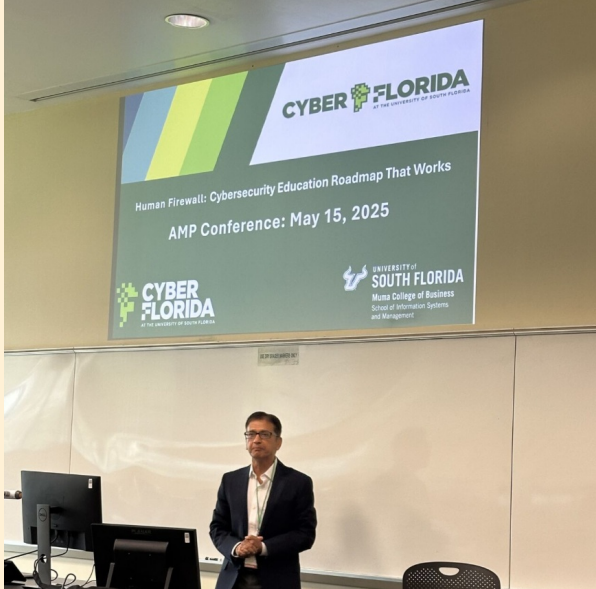
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No cost training for Florida state and local government employees

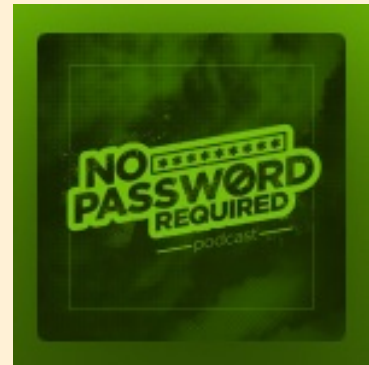
Academia Meets Practice
Conference hosted by USF



On May 15, Cyber Florida leadership and USF professors led an engaging conversation around Cyber Florida's FrontLine cybersecurity education program at the AMP conference. Discussing the challenges and best practices of cybersecurity education, Prof. Shivendu from USF is shown on the left introducing the panel, "Human Firewall: Cybersecurity Education Roadmap That Works." [Sign up for AMP conference updates here.](#)

No Password Required Podcast produced by Cyber Florida

The Ideal Summer Podcast. Whether it is a road trip, a beach day, or just a stroll, summer is the perfect time to plug into a good podcast and further your cybersecurity knowledge. *No Password Required* is a recurring podcast (59 episodes and counting) which engages with cybersecurity industry professionals covering an array of topics, from cyber-related challenges to quantum computing.



Check out the most recent episode with Mariana Padilla, co-founder and CEO of HACKERverse.AI, at [Cyber Florida](#). You can also listen for free at [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#).

Reach out to us at CyberReady@usf.edu for any questions or clarifications.

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