



CJIS Security Policy

Policies and Procedures



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Purpose

Establish uniform, enforceable security requirements to safeguard CJI throughout its lifecycle, ensuring consistent controls, oversight, and accountability in alignment with FBI CJIS policy and applicable laws.



Scope

Applies to all CJAs, NCJAs, contractors, and service providers that access, process, transmit, or store CJI covering personnel with unescorted logical or physical access and all systems, networks, and facilities (on-premises or cloud) where unencrypted CJI may reside or traverse.



Sanctions/Compliance

Failure to comply with this or any other security policy will result in disciplinary actions as per the Sanction Policy. Legal actions also may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

5.20 - Mobile device usage and wireless access control

CJIS Security Policy 5.20 Mobile device usage and wireless access control	Other Requirements N/A
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Policy

The organization will implement internal controls to satisfy the following requirement:

This policy area describes considerations and requirements for mobile devices including smartphones and tablets. Mobile devices are not limited to a single form factor or communications medium. The requirements in this section augment those in other areas of the Policy to address the gaps introduced by using mobile devices. The agency shall: (i) establish usage restrictions and implementation guidance for mobile devices; and (ii) authorize, monitor, control wireless access to the information system. Wireless technologies, in the simplest sense, enable one or more devices to communicate without physical connections without requiring network or peripheral cabling. Appendix G provides reference material and additional information on mobile devices.

Guidance

Agencies must define usage restrictions and implementation guidance for mobile devices and authorize, monitor, and control wireless access to systems handling CJI, in addition to baseline controls in other policy areas. Governance should clearly state which device types and wireless technologies are permitted, roles and responsibilities, criteria for authorization, and conditions for monitoring and revocation. Auditors should expect an approved policy, an inventory/authorization register for mobile/wireless access, and monitoring evidence (e.g., periodic reviews or alerts) demonstrating enforcement and oversight.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Related Internal Controls

- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20 - Establish usage restrictions and wireless access control: Establish usage restrictions and control wireless access to systems containing Criminal Justice Information (CJI) or Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) by authorizing, monitoring, and managing mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Wireless access points must be secured through measures including validation testing to detect unauthorized devices, physical security, controlled wireless coverage, strong authentication, encryption, and regular monitoring to prevent unauthorized access or data exposure. This control ensures that wireless technologies, which enable communication without physical cables, are properly restricted and managed to protect sensitive criminal justice data.

Procedure



- o Establish and enforce usage restrictions and authorization policies for all wireless access to systems containing CJI/CHRI.
- o Maintain an inventory of all wireless access points (APs), perform regular validation testing to detect rogue APs, and physically secure APs against unauthorized access or manipulation.
- o Enable logging on wireless devices and review logs monthly to monitor and control authorized wireless access, retaining evidence of compliance.

References

No References.

5.20.1 - Wireless technology minimum security requirements

<p>CJIS Security Policy</p> <p>5.20.1</p> <p>Wireless technology minimum security requirements</p>	<p>Other Requirements</p> <p>N/A</p>
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Policy

The organization will implement internal controls to satisfy the following requirement:

Examples of wireless communication technologies include, but are not limited to: 802.11, cellular, Bluetooth, satellite, microwave, and land mobile radio (LMR). Wireless technologies require at least the minimum security applied to wired technology and, based upon the specific technology or implementation, wireless technologies may require additional security controls.

Guidance

Wireless technologies (e.g., 802.11, cellular, Bluetooth, satellite, microwave, LMR) must meet at least the same security baseline applied to wired networks. Agencies should define risk-based wireless baselines per technology/implementation that add controls commensurate with the threat surface and mission use (e.g., stronger encryption/authentication, segmentation, signal/coverage management, logging). Auditors should look for approved policy and baselines mapping wired-to-wireless equivalence, documented risk assessments by technology, and evidence of monitoring that verifies continued adherence.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Related Internal Controls

- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1 - Wireless technology minimum security requirements: Establish and enforce wireless security baselines that are at least equivalent to wired baselines for each approved technology, add risk based controls as needed per technology, and monitor for ongoing adherence.

Procedure

- Inventory all wireless technologies and map them to business use and risk
- Define and publish per-technology baselines that meet or exceed wired controls (encryption/auth/segmentation/logging)
- Validate implementation via configuration review and sample testing and retain evidence

References

No References.



5.20.1.1 - Secure management and configuration of 802.11 wireless access points

CJIS Security Policy	Other Requirements
5.20.1.1 Secure management and configuration of 802.11 wireless access points	N/A

Policy

The organization will implement internal controls to satisfy the following requirement:

802.11 Wireless Protocols

Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) and Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) cryptographic algorithms, used by all pre-802.11i protocols, do not meet the requirements for FIPS 140-2 and shall not be used. Agencies shall implement the following controls for all agency-managed wireless access points with access to an agency's network that processes unencrypted CJI:

1. Perform validation testing to ensure rogue APs (Access Points) do not exist in the 802.11 Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) and to fully understand the wireless network security posture.
2. Maintain a complete inventory of all Access Points (APs) and 802.11 wireless devices.
3. Place APs in secured areas to prevent unauthorized physical access and user manipulation.
4. Test AP range boundaries to determine the precise extent of the wireless coverage and design the AP wireless coverage to limit the coverage area to only what is needed for operational purposes.
5. Enable user authentication and encryption mechanisms for the management interface of the AP.
6. Ensure that all APs have strong administrative passwords and ensure that all passwords are changed in accordance with Identification and Authentication (IA).
7. Ensure the reset function on APs is used only when needed and is only invoked by authorized personnel. Restore the APs to the latest security settings, when the reset functions are used, to ensure the factory default settings are not utilized.
8. Change the default service set identifier (SSID) in the APs. Disable the broadcast SSID feature so that the client SSID must match that of the AP. Validate that the SSID character string does not contain any agency identifiable information (division, department, street, etc.) or services.
9. Enable all security features of the wireless product, including the cryptographic authentication, firewall, and other available privacy features.
10. Ensure that encryption key sizes are at least 128-bits and the default shared keys are replaced by unique keys.
11. Ensure that the ad hoc mode has been disabled.
12. Disable all nonessential management protocols on the APs.
13. Ensure all management access and authentication occurs via FIPS compliant secure protocols (e.g., SFTP, HTTPS, SNMP over TLS, etc.). Disable non-FIPS compliant secure access to the management interface.
14. Enable logging (if supported) and review the logs on a recurring basis per local policy. At a minimum, logs shall be reviewed monthly.



15. Insulate, virtually (e.g., virtual local area network (VLAN) and ACLs) or physically (e.g., firewalls), the wireless network from the operational wired infrastructure. Limit access between wireless networks and the wired network to only operational needs.

16. When disposing of access points that will no longer be used by the agency, clear access point configuration to prevent disclosure of network configuration, keys, passwords, etc.

Guidance

Wireless networks that touch systems processing unencrypted CJI must be managed and configured with FIPS 140-2 validated protections; legacy pre-802.11i protocols (e.g., WEP, WPA) are not permitted. The organization should demonstrate end-to-end governance and hardening of access points comprehensive inventory, controlled placement and coverage, secure administrative access using FIPS-compliant protocols, removal of defaults, and routine monitoring to prevent rogue or misconfigured devices. Auditors should expect evidence such as policies and configuration standards, inventories and baseline configs, range/rogue-AP testing results, segmentation diagrams limiting wireless-to-wired access to operational need, and periodic log/review records.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Related Internal Controls

- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(1) - Validate absence of rogue access points: Validate through testing that no unauthorized wireless access points (rogue APs) exist within the organization's 802.11 wireless local area network (WLAN). This control ensures the organization fully understands and secures its wireless network posture by confirming only authorized APs provide wireless access, thereby protecting sensitive criminal justice information (CJI) from unauthorized interception or access. Rogue APs are unauthorized devices that can connect to the network without approval, posing security risks.

Procedure

- Conduct regular wireless network scans to detect and identify any unauthorized or rogue access points within the WLAN environment.
 - Maintain and review an up-to-date inventory of all authorized access points and compare scan results to this inventory to confirm no rogue devices exist.
 - Document and retain validation testing results as evidence of compliance and to support ongoing WLAN security posture assessments.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(2) - Maintain inventory of APs and 802.11 devices: Maintain an inventory of all wireless access points (APs) and 802.11 devices managed by the organization that have access to unencrypted Criminal Justice Information (CJI) or Criminal History Record Information (CHRI). Access points are devices that allow wireless devices to connect to a wired network, and 802.11 refers to the set of standards for wireless local area networking (Wi-Fi). This inventory helps the organization monitor and control wireless access to sensitive information by tracking all such devices in use.

Procedure

- Create and maintain a detailed inventory of all access points and 802.11 wireless devices including location, configuration, and security settings.
 - Regularly review and update the inventory to ensure accuracy and detect unauthorized devices.
 - Retain documented evidence of inventory updates and reviews to demonstrate compliance during audits.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(3) - Ensure physical security of APs: Ensure physical security of wireless access points (APs) to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining physical access or



manipulating the devices. Access points are hardware devices that allow wireless devices to connect to a wired network, and protecting them physically helps maintain the integrity and security of the wireless network that handles sensitive Criminal Justice Information (CJI). This control focuses on safeguarding APs from tampering or unauthorized use that could compromise the confidentiality or availability of the network.

Procedure

- o Secure all access points in locked rooms or enclosures accessible only to authorized personnel.
 - o Apply tamper-evident seals on access points and monitor physical access through surveillance or access logs.
 - o Maintain and review documented evidence of physical security measures and access records for all access points regularly.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(4) - Perform AP boundary testing: Perform AP boundary testing to determine the exact extent of wireless coverage provided by each access point (AP) in the organization's wireless network. This testing ensures that the wireless signal is confined strictly to the areas necessary for operational purposes, reducing the risk of unauthorized access beyond intended boundaries. Access points are devices that allow wireless devices to connect to a wired network, and controlling their coverage helps protect sensitive information such as Criminal Justice Information (CJI) and Criminal History Record Information (CHRI).

Procedure

- o Conduct regular wireless access point boundary tests to measure and verify that signal coverage is limited to operational areas only.
 - o Adjust access point settings such as transmit power and antenna orientation to restrict wireless coverage strictly within required physical boundaries.
 - o Document and retain test results as evidence of compliance with wireless coverage limitations and review them periodically for ongoing validation.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(5) - Secure AP management interface: Enforce user authentication and encryption mechanisms for the management interface of all wireless access points (APs) that handle unencrypted Criminal Justice Information (CJI). This control requires that only authorized users can access the AP management functions through secure, FIPS-compliant protocols, ensuring that sensitive network configurations and data are protected from unauthorized access or interception.

Procedure

- o Enable strong user authentication and encryption using FIPS-compliant protocols for all wireless access point management interfaces.
 - o Disable all non-FIPS compliant management access methods and enforce robust administrative password policies per CJIS Identification and Authentication requirements.
 - o Maintain and review logs of management access to wireless access points monthly to verify compliance and detect unauthorized access attempts.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(6) - Use strong admin passwords with lifecycle control: Enforce the use of strong administrative passwords on wireless access points (APs) that manage access to Criminal Justice Information (CJI). Ensure these passwords are changed regularly according to the organization's Identification and Authentication (IA) policy to prevent unauthorized access. Strong administrative passwords help protect the management interface of APs, which control wireless network security and access to sensitive information.

Procedure



- Enforce strong password complexity and length requirements for all administrative accounts on wireless access points. 2;Change administrative passwords regularly and immediately upon personnel changes in accordance with IA policy. 3;Maintain and review documented evidence of password changes and compliance with IA policy during audits.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(7) - Restrict and secure AP reset usage: Restrict access to the reset function on wireless access points (APs) to authorized personnel only, ensuring that resets are performed only when necessary. After any reset, restore the APs to the organization's hardened security settings rather than factory defaults to maintain protection of sensitive information. This control helps prevent unauthorized changes that could weaken the security of wireless networks handling Criminal Justice Information (CJI).

Procedure

- Restrict access point reset functionality to authorized personnel only and document each reset event.
- Immediately restore hardened security settings on access points after any reset, avoiding factory default configurations.
- Maintain and review logs of all access point resets regularly to verify compliance and detect unauthorized activity.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(8) - Harden SSID configuration: Enforce the hardening of wireless access point (AP) configurations by changing default Service Set Identifiers (SSIDs), disabling SSID broadcast so the network name is not publicly advertised, and ensuring SSID names do not contain any organization-identifying information such as division or location names. The SSID is the unique name that identifies a wireless network, and these measures reduce the risk of unauthorized access or identification of the organization's network infrastructure.

Procedure

- Change the default SSID on all wireless access points to a non-identifiable name that does not reveal agency information.
- Disable SSID broadcast on all wireless access points to prevent the network name from being publicly visible.
- Maintain and review configuration records demonstrating that SSIDs do not contain agency-identifying information and that SSID broadcast is disabled.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(9) - Enable all wireless product security features: Enable all security features on wireless access points (APs) managed by the organization, including cryptographic authentication, firewalls, and other privacy protections. This control ensures that wireless devices used to access Criminal Justice Information (CJI) or Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) have all available security mechanisms activated to protect sensitive data from unauthorized access or interception. Cryptographic authentication refers to verifying device identities using encryption, while firewalls control network traffic to prevent unauthorized connections.

Procedure

- Enable all available security features on wireless access points, including cryptographic authentication, firewall, and privacy protections.
- Configure strong administrative passwords and secure management interfaces using FIPS-compliant protocols, and disable nonessential services on all wireless products.
- Maintain and review configuration and security logs regularly to verify that all wireless security features remain enabled and effective.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(10) - Use 128-bit encryption and unique keys: Enforce the use of encryption keys that are at least 128 bits in length to protect wireless communications involving Criminal Justice Information (CJI). Replace any default shared encryption keys with unique keys



to prevent unauthorized access, ensuring that each wireless access point uses distinct cryptographic keys. This control helps maintain the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive data transmitted over wireless networks.

Procedure

- o Enforce the use of encryption keys with a minimum length of 128 bits for all wireless communications involving CJI/CHRI.
 - o Replace all default or shared encryption keys with unique keys for each wireless access point or device to prevent unauthorized access.
 - o Maintain and review documentation of encryption key generation and replacement activities to demonstrate compliance with CJIS encryption requirements.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(11) - Disable ad hoc mode: Disable ad hoc mode on all wireless access points to prevent devices from connecting directly to each other without using a central access point. Ad hoc mode allows devices to form spontaneous peer-to-peer networks, which can bypass organizational controls and increase the risk of unauthorized access to sensitive Criminal Justice Information (CJI). Disabling this mode helps ensure that all wireless communications are managed and secured through authorized infrastructure.

Procedure

- o Disable ad hoc mode on all wireless access points to ensure devices connect only through authorized infrastructure. 2;Configure wireless access points to operate exclusively in infrastructure mode and verify settings through periodic audits. 3;Document and retain configuration records demonstrating ad hoc mode is disabled on all access points for compliance verification.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(12) - Disable nonessential management protocols: Disable all nonessential management protocols on wireless access points (APs) to reduce security risks. Management protocols are the communication methods used to configure and control APs, and disabling those not required for operations helps prevent unauthorized access or manipulation. This control ensures that only necessary management functions remain active, protecting the integrity of systems that handle Criminal Justice Information (CJI).

Procedure

- o Disable all nonessential management protocols on wireless access points to minimize security vulnerabilities. 2;Configure access points to allow only FIPS-compliant secure protocols for management access and authentication. 3;Document and review access point configurations regularly to verify that only required management protocols are enabled.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(13) - Use FIPS-compliant secure management protocols: Enforce the use of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) compliant secure management protocols for all management access and authentication to wireless access points. This control requires that management interfaces use approved cryptographic protocols such as HTTPS, SFTP, or SNMP over TLS to protect sensitive information and prevent unauthorized access. FIPS compliance ensures that the cryptographic methods meet federal security standards for safeguarding Criminal Justice Information (CJI).

Procedure

- o Configure all management interfaces to use only FIPS-compliant secure protocols such as HTTPS, SFTP, or SNMP over TLS for authentication and access.
- o Disable all non-FIPS-compliant management protocols on wireless access points and related devices to prevent insecure access.



- Maintain and review logs of management access sessions regularly to verify compliance with FIPS protocol usage and secure authentication practices.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(14) - Enable and review AP logs: Enable logging on all wireless access points (APs) managed by the organization to record security-relevant events. Review these logs regularly, at least monthly according to local policy, to detect and respond to unauthorized access or other security incidents. This control helps ensure the organization monitors wireless network activity to protect sensitive Criminal Justice Information (CJI) and Criminal History Record Information (CHRI).

Procedure

- Enable logging on all wireless access points to capture security events and activities. 2;Review access point logs at least monthly according to local policy to identify potential security incidents. 3;Maintain records of log reviews as evidence of compliance and for audit purposes.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(15) - Isolate wireless from wired infrastructure: Isolate the wireless network from the wired operational infrastructure by using virtual or physical separation methods such as virtual local area networks (VLANs) or firewalls. Limit access between wireless and wired networks strictly to what is necessary for operational purposes to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to sensitive Criminal Justice Information (CJI). This control ensures that wireless access points do not provide unrestricted connectivity to the wired network, thereby protecting the organization's information systems.

Procedure

- Segment wireless networks from wired infrastructure using VLANs or firewalls to restrict access strictly to operational needs. 2;Limit and monitor interconnections between wireless and wired networks to prevent unauthorized lateral movement. 3;Maintain and review documentation evidencing network segmentation and access controls to demonstrate compliance.
- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.1(16) - Sanitize APs before disposal: Sanitize access points (APs) before disposal by clearing all configuration settings to prevent the disclosure of sensitive information such as network configurations, encryption keys, and passwords. This control ensures that when wireless access points are decommissioned, no residual data remains that could be exploited to gain unauthorized access to the organization's systems or data.

Procedure

- Establish and enforce procedures to clear all configuration settings, including passwords and encryption keys, from APs before disposal. 2;Authorize trained personnel to perform the sanitization process and ensure factory reset or secure wiping methods are applied. 3;Document each AP's sanitization with date, personnel involved, and method used as evidence of compliance.

References

No References.

5.20.1.2 - Cellular handheld device security controls

<p>CJIS Security Policy</p> <p>5.20.1.2</p> <p>Cellular handheld device security controls</p>	<p>Other Requirements</p> <p>N/A</p>
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Policy

The organization will implement internal controls to satisfy the following requirement:

Control:

Cellular telephones, smartphones (i.e., Blackberry, iPhones, etc.), tablets, personal digital assistants (PDA), and aircards are examples of cellular handheld devices or devices that are capable of employing cellular technology. Additionally, cellular handheld devices typically include Bluetooth, infrared, and other wireless protocols capable of joining infrastructure networks or creating dynamic ad hoc networks. Threats to cellular handheld devices stem mainly from their size, portability, and available wireless interfaces and associated services. Examples of threats to cellular handheld devices include:

1. Loss, theft, or disposal.
2. Unauthorized access.
3. Malware.
4. Spam.
5. Electronic eavesdropping.
6. Electronic tracking (threat to security of data and safety of the criminal justice professional).
7. Cloning (not as prevalent with later generation cellular technologies).
8. Server-resident data.

Guidance

Organizations must establish and enforce governance for cellular handheld devices that access or can access CJ, including smartphones, tablets, aircards, and devices with auxiliary radios (e.g., Bluetooth/IR). Controls should be risk-based and demonstrably address the major threat categories for these devices loss/theft and disposal, unauthorized access, malware/spam, eavesdropping, tracking, cloning, and exposure of server-resident data throughout the device lifecycle. Auditors should expect clear policy and baseline requirements, authorization/asset records for covered devices, and evidence of ongoing monitoring and review to keep protections effective as technologies and threats evolve.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Related Internal Controls

- CJIS-CJISSECPOL 5.20.1.2 - Inspect managed devices for international use: Inspect managed mobile devices before and after they are deployed internationally to verify that all security controls required by the organization's policies are properly implemented and functioning. This inspection ensures that devices accessing Criminal Justice Information (CJI) or Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) maintain protections such as encryption and authentication, except for voice



transmissions on cellular devices which are exempt. The control addresses risks from potential modifications by foreign cellular providers and mandates documented verification to maintain the integrity and security of sensitive information during overseas use.

Procedure

- o Inspect all managed devices before and after international deployment to verify that security controls, including voice encryption and authentication exemptions, are correctly applied per policy. 2; Document inspection results and maintain records to demonstrate compliance with organizational policies and CJIS requirements.

References

No References.

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