

Physical Security Working Group Scope

Statement of Need

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC) has created Working Groups and Task Forces to manage the objectives and deliverables of the cyber and physical security challenges facing NERC and the electricity sector. The need for a forum to share physical security best practices, evaluating malicious events, and coordinating with the Events Analysis Subcommittee (EAS) as required. The Physical Security Working Group (PSWG) will also assist the CIPC Security Training Working Group (STWG) in developing physical security training products.

PSWG Objectives/Duties

The PSWG will:

- Represent the CIPC on the E-ISAC's Physical Security Advisory Group (PSAG)
- Coordinate activities between the PSAG and the CIPC, to include:
 - Development of products that promote the physical security of the bulk power system (BPS)
 - Develop a portal for the sharing of timely information and being mindful of regulatory compliance concerns
 - Research and recommend activities to improve the security of Bulk Electric System (BES) facilities
 - Develop procedures for evaluating malicious events while maintaining the security of the compromised entity
 - Research emerging security technologies and assess their utility in protecting the BPS
- Work with the CIPC STWG to assist them in developing training products that are relevant to the current threat tactics, techniques, and procedures
- Create and support *ad hoc* working groups to develop specific products to support the mission of the CIPC; and
- Develop expertise to liaise and coordinate with the EAS as required.

Members and Structure

The CIPC Executive Committee (EC) Physical Security subject matter expert (SME) is the Chair and additional members shall be selected from volunteers within the CIPC and industry stakeholders.

Reporting

The PSWG shall report to the Chair of the CIPC EC.

PSWG Deliverables and Work Schedule

- The PSWG Chair shall report on the status of the working group at all CIPC EC and CIPC meetings
- The PSWG Chair shall coordinate working group reports with the CIPC EC.