

# Tech Technology Update

### Cybersecurity

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#### Agenda

- NAB Technology Department
- Broadcast Cybersecurity
- EAS
- FM in US Smart Phones



### NAB Technology Department

- CTO, 7 full-time engineers, support staff of 5
- Provide technical support to other NAB departments esp. Legal and Government Relations
- Responsible for technical programs at NAB events incl. NAB Show, Futures, Radio Show
- Current activities:
  - ATSC 3.0 development
  - FM chips in smartphones

- PILOT (NAB Labs)
- EAS









### NAB Radio and TV Technology Committees

Open to representatives from NAB-member organizations



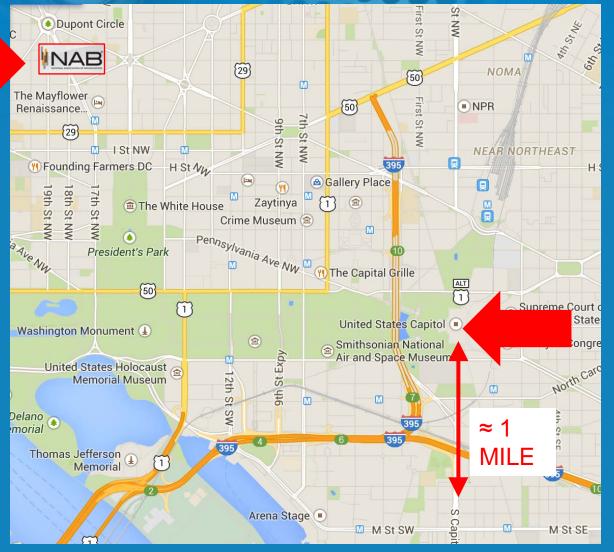


### Broadcast Blog



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# **Broadcast Cybersecurity**



Documented Instances of Hacks in the broadcast Industry

June 12, 2016 - (Softpedia) Anonymous Attacks South African Broadcaster Over News Censorship (DDoS)

May 27, 2016 - (Radioworld) Avoid Paying a King's Ransom (Ransomware)

May 6, 2016 -(Talkers) Your Radio Station Is in Danger of Being Hacked

May 5, 2016 - (MalwareBytes) CBS-affiliated Television Stations Expose Visitors to Angler Exploit Kit (Malvertising exploit)

April 5, 2016 - (ArsTechnica) Nation-wide radio station hack airs hours of vulgar "furry sex" ramblings (STL hack)



- On September 6<sup>th</sup> Radio station in Alabama Hacked
  - Automation system wiped clean
  - Almost 2K files destroyed or deleted, including music, liners and over 900 ads.
  - Apparent ransomware
- The station has TWO firewalls and anti-virus software in place.
   Hackers went through two servers with separate IP addresses and different passwords.
- Station remained on-air because they had TWO backup systems.



#### Feb. 2013 EAS Zombie Attack

"Civil authorities in your area have reported that the bodies of the dead are rising from their graves and attacking the living. Follow the messages on screen that will be updated as information become available. Do not attempt to approach or apprehend these bodies as they are considered extremely dangerous."



TV Monde (French National Network)





- Broadcast station are considered by FCC & DHS Critical Infrastructure (Public Alerting Functions/EAS)
- FCC is concerned that stations On-Air ops are not adequately protected
- Fed Gov (FCC) may hold victim companies liable for hacks if adequate protections were not taken
- What to do???



- Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC)
  - CSRIC-4 WG4 report on cybersecurity March 2015
  - CSRIC-4 WG3 Report on EAS security May 2014
- Based on NIST Cybersecurity Framework
  - Assess your risk then take action to protect your station

Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

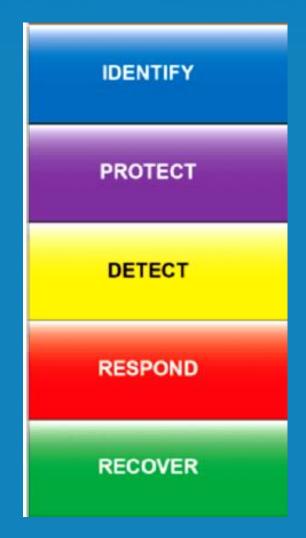
Version 1.0

National Institute of Standards and Technology

February 12, 2014



NIST Framework





- NOT IF... BUT, WHEN!
- Most of Station's Critical Equipment is Linux or Window Machines
- Not Connected to Open Internet Still Not Safe e.g. Target/TV Monde
- Common Sense Approach
- Assess Your Risk (using the 5 steps have a plan)
- Practice Good Cyber Hygiene
  - Strong Passwords (and User Names)
  - Change Default Pass Words (and User Names)
  - Firewall off B'cast network from station's general network
  - Try to Implement Station Wide Policies
- FCC Will be Calling Your CEO





http://www.nab.org/cybersecurity/







- Nationwide test
  - Last Wednesday at 2:20 pm EST
  - Largely uneventful (i.e. went very well)
  - All participants were required to report to the FCC w/in 24 hours on the ETRS (Form 2)
  - Form three must be filed on or before November 14, 2016
- Results...
  - FCC received over 22K responses
  - Vast majority indicated that they received the test
  - FCC seems pleased.



#### Security

- FCC released an R&O requiring Participants to certify that they comply with CSRIC EAS security recommended best practices.
- https://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/advisory/csric4/CSRIC\_IV\_WG3-EAS\_SECURITY\_INITIAL\_REPORT\_062014.pdf
- Via ETRS
- New Handbook
  - Used for Nationwide test
  - https://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/eas/ETRS/EASOperatingHandbookk2016.pdf



- FALSE EAS ALERTS! Prohibition on...
  - Non-alert/non-test use of EAS tones
  - Mimicked or simulated EAS tones
  - The prohibition includes news and includes digital platforms
  - FCC Waiver for FEMA PSA



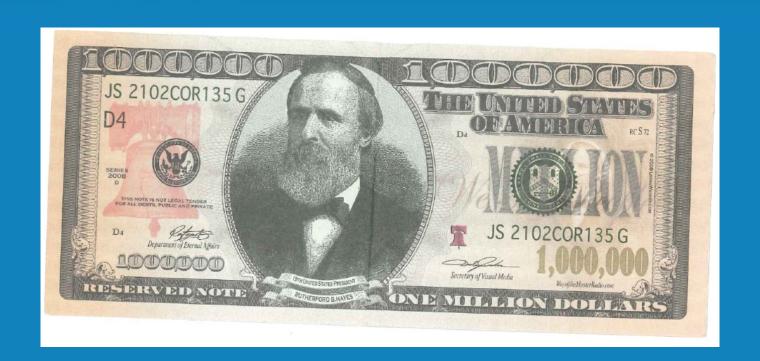


# EAS Cautionary Tale





#### Like Taking Candy from a Baby





#### Too Close for Comfort





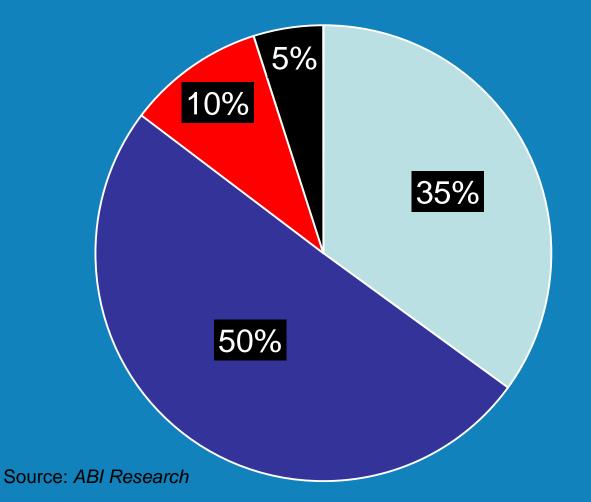
FM Activation Among Top-Selling Smartphones in U.S.

U.S. ACTIVATION DATA (1Q16)



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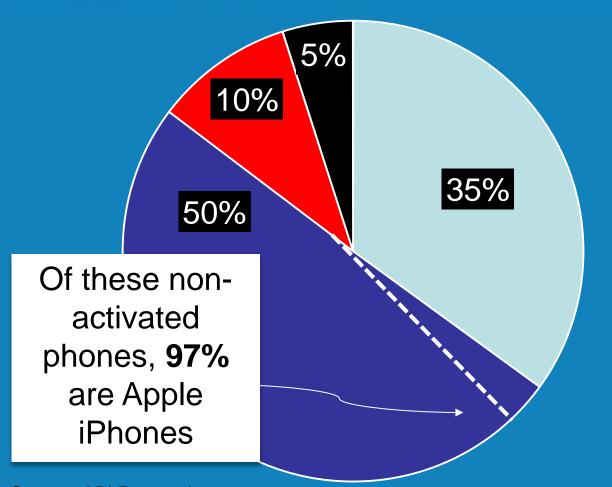
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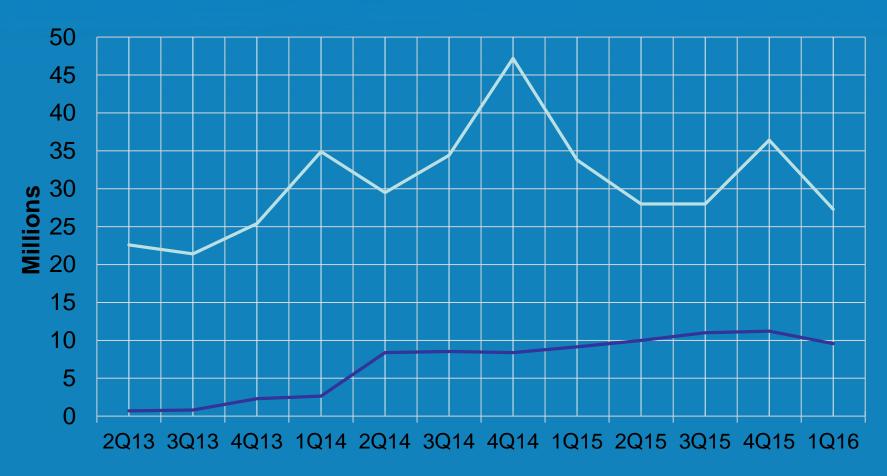
#### Smartphones Sold in U.S. with FM Radio Activated (millions)\*



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#### Smartphones Sold per Quarter (millions): Total Units vs. FM Activated Units\*



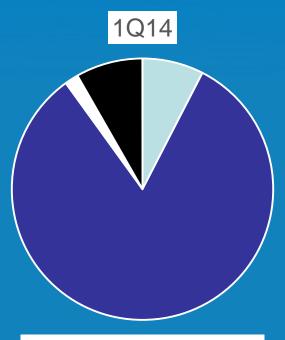
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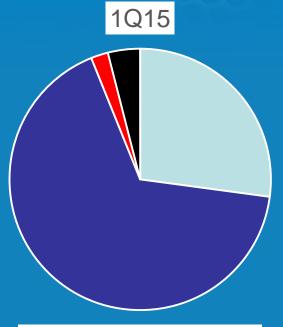
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#### FM Radio Capability in Top-selling U.S. Smartphones: Y2Y Comparison

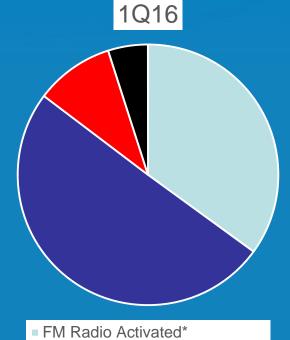


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### Questions?

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