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## **Knowledge, Wisdom, and Freedom**

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

The above quote is often attributed to Mark Twain, and is believed to have been distilled

from a longer version of this story told in 1915, five years after Twain's death:

*It reminds one of something Mark Twain said to the effect that when he was seventeen he couldn't bear to have his Father around while they were discussing important questions but when he was twenty-five it was wonderful how the old man had improved. Some college students think their opinions on such subjects are final-poor chaps, they sure have another guess coming.*

I thought about this quote last week last week as the media descended upon the students in Florida, all who were traumatized by the fear of losing their life to a gunman, and some who took to the airwaves with the answers for everything related to school safety. "They must be heard because the adults are foolish when coming up with solutions" we were told.

I couldn't help but think of the Mark Twain quote.

The students' opinions are important, but

making policy and strategic decisions based on teenagers and emotions is a recipe for regret. A dose of knowledge, wisdom, and an appreciation for the freedoms guaranteed by the constitution are always important factors when balancing safety and freedoms.

I don't have the answer, and the kids have a point that adults are letting them down, both in Florida and in many other incidents, including the most recent shooting at Huffman High School in Birmingham. But running to the children for answers is not the answer.

It's up to us to find answers that protect the students, while protecting our freedoms. It's not easy.

It will take wisdom and courage that comes from learning, from life and books.

*"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives." -*

*James Madison*

*"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." - Frederick Douglass*

As always, any thoughts you have are welcome and I will share them with the 1500 recipients of the ICJE network next month. Just send me an email at [jimrechel@iafci.org](mailto:jimrechel@iafci.org).

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## Tax Fraud Resources


Tax Season is in Full Swing and So is Fraud

KEEP IN TOUCH! After your return is filed, we may send you letters asking for more information. If you do receive a letter from us, you should respond quickly so we can review your information and get your refund to you as soon as possible.

- Fraud Detection. To detect and combat tax identity theft, ADOR uses a variety of methods to validate your identity and tax return. To help protect your information and keep your dollars from going to criminals, we may send:
  - An Identity Confirmation letter that asks you to take a short online quiz or provide copies of documents to verify your identity (<http://revenue.alabama.gov/idquiz/>)
  - A return verification letter that asks you to verify online whether you or your representative filed the tax return we received

For Federal Tax fraud and other identity theft resources the FTC has great information for victims and law enforcement personnel seeking more knowledge.





[Log In](#)  
 CHAT WITH OUR SUPPORT TEAM  
(Mon-Fri, 9am - 8pm EST)

1 Theft Details

2 Your Information

3 Suspect Information

4 Additional Information


5 Personal Statement

6 Review Your Complaint

### Report Identity Theft to the FTC and the IRS


Next, we are going to ask for specific details. We will use the information you provide to create your:

FTC Identity Theft Report



&

IRS Identity Theft Affidavit



&

Recovery Plan



These will help you **fix problems** caused by the identity theft.

Continue →

**How we handle your information**

It's up to you to determine how much personal information you want to provide. The FTC enters this information into a secure online database that law enforcement agencies use in their investigations.

Please read our [Privacy Policy](#) to learn more about how we safeguard your personal information.

OMB Control Number: 3084-0047

For the FTC link:

<https://www.identitytheft.gov/>

## 2018 Twist on Tax Fraud Scheme

April 15th is almost here...., from an article in Wired:

".....it's peak tax fraud season. The Internal Revenue Service has



played some epic games of cat-and-mouse with phone and online scammers over the past 10 years, but the latest scamming trend for 2018 has a particularly devious twist.



Here's how it works:

Attackers use a taxpayer's stolen identity information to fraudulently file their returns for a refund. They allow that refund to direct deposit into the victim's actual bank account. Then the real fun starts. The scammers-posing as the IRS-call the victim, demanding that they return the wrongfully allocated refunds. Since the victim presumably hasn't yet filed their own taxes, it's easy for them to assume a mistake was made-and send their money to the crook."

Link to the Wired Article: [2018 Twist on Tax Fraud Scheme](#)

## **Equifax Breach...Have You Checked Your Credit Bureau?**

In a recent post Brian Krebs indicated that he and his wife had previously tried to access their credit bureau via [annualcreditreport.com](#) without success.

I had the same experience, and I have not gone back to check. That will be a task on my To Do list tomorrow. If you have not checked I would highly recommend logging in and checking your credit bureaus.

You can check all three now, or check one credit bureau now and the other two spread out over the year to create a free credit monitoring service yourself.

## **Phishing Attack Has Success at Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC)**

In another reminder that everyone has to be on alert for the most simple of hacking techniques, the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) announced last week that one of their employees had clicked on a link in a realistic looking email. It was caught quickly, but not before the perpetrators used their access to continue to phish FS-ISAC members.



**Date:** February 28, 2018

**To:** FS-ISAC Members

**Action:**

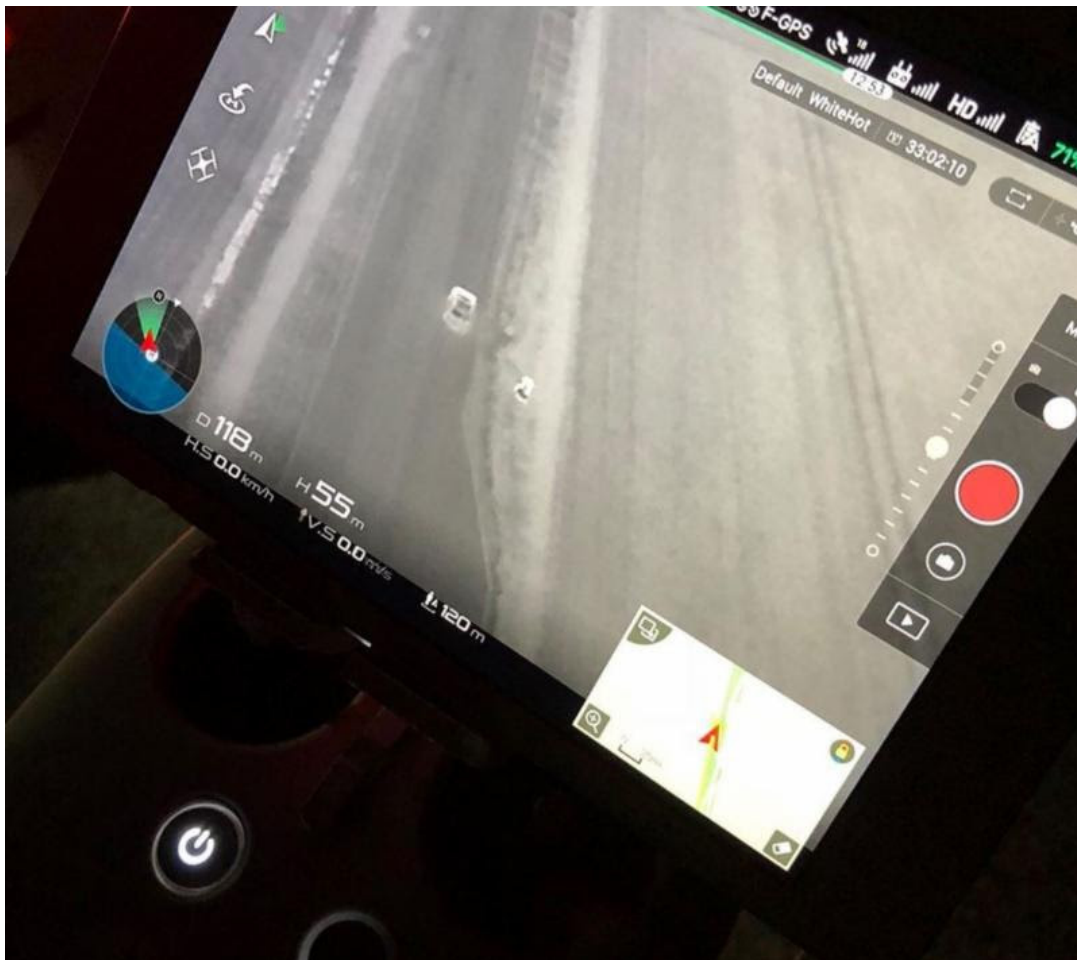
- Members should become familiar with the situation outlined below.
- Members that have received a phishing email from FS-ISAC should not click on the attachment and disregard, delete and/or destroy such emails.
- Further questions should be directed to [admin@fsisac.com](mailto:admin@fsisac.com).

**Note from FS-ISAC CEO Bill Nelson:**

Dear Member,

An FS-ISAC employee recently clicked on a phishing email, compromising that employee's login credentials. Using the credentials, a threat actor created an email with a PDF that had a link to a credential harvesting site and was then sent from the employee's email account to select members, affiliates and employees. FS-ISAC IT and security staff members identified this issue and were able to contain this incident related to the compromised email account.

## **Drone with Infrared Used to Find Accident Victim Who left Accident Scene Before Collapsing Out of Sight**



In a very positive use of a police drone equipped with a thermal imaging camera, police in England were able to locate a vehicle accident victim who had walked away from the car before collapsing. First responders could not locate him, but the drone came to their aid. A very positive use of new technology.

For the article and accompanying video:  
[Police Use Drone to Find Dying Man](#)

## **Alabama Police Trainers' Association**

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of APTA to provide information, education, and support to those individuals who are dedicated to the training of Alabama law enforcement personnel.

In support of this mission, we are committed to:

Excellence by promoting professionalism and ethics as a basis of the organization;

Meeting the changing needs of Alabama Law Enforcement Trainers by providing them with information on new trends and techniques of training;

Serving as a forum to bring together Alabama Law Enforcement Trainers so they can share different ideas and practices of training; and,

Providing advanced training and certifications to Alabama Law Enforcement Trainers.

The goals of APTA are:

- To instill a need for ethically-based training throughout the Alabama law enforcement industry;
- To share ideas about Best Practices in training;
- To provide information about current training technology;
- To become a skills bank repository for members and departments;
- To provide basic instructional training for new trainers;
- To provide advanced instructional training for experienced trainers; and,
- To establish certification standards for our members and provide the resources by which these standards may be reached.

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