

**SAM – INFORMATION SECURITY**  
**(Office of Information Security)**

**INCIDENT RESPONSE TESTING**  
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**Introduction:** Incident response testing includes an assessment of the effects on state entity operations (e.g., reduction in mission capabilities), state entity assets, and individuals due to incident response, and involves the use of checklists, walk-through or tabletop exercises, and simulations to prepare personnel and mitigate the impacts of actual incidents.

**Policy:** Each state entity shall exercise or test their incident response capability to determine its effectiveness, document the results and incorporate lessons learned to continually improve the plan.

**Implementation Controls:** NIST SP 800-53: [Incident Response \(IR\)](#)