

**Briefing on Identity Theft, Cyber-security & Foreign Espionage**

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**Session Abstract**

The United States Secret Service and FBI will be discussing risks and challenges associated with identity theft, fraud and espionage, the issues companies and their employees should be aware of, and how you can prepare your organization to deal with an incident. How and when should you ask for assistance? Who needs to be involved? What should you expect if an incident does occur? What you can do to prepare before law enforcement is involved? Agents from both agencies will discuss these issues from both a “criminal” and “national security” perspective.

**Speaker Bio**

Katherine Pierce has been a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service for over 5 years. During that time she has been assigned to the San Francisco Field Office's Electronic Crimes Squad. Special Agent Pierce has conducted numerous network intrusion and data breach investigations related to fraud, identity theft and intellectual property theft. She also oversees the San Francisco Field Office Electronic Crimes Task Force, a 700 member strong partnership between government, private industry and academia to combat electronic crime and help secure our nations critical infrastructure. Additionally, she was a member of the Secret Service Critical Systems Protection advance for the 2011 APEC Summit and responsible for overseeing the Critical Systems Protection Advance for the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

Joy Mihara-Meer has been a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for over 7 years and has been assigned to the San Francisco Field Division for the duration of her career. She is currently assigned to investigate National Security Cyber Matters including Counterintelligence and Counterterrorism related intrusions. Prior to being assigned to investigate Cyber matters, she was assigned to work Counterintelligence investigations. In 2008, Special Agent Mihara-Meer was awarded the FBI Director's Award for Outstanding Cyber Investigation and the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of US National Security. Prior to joining the FBI, Special Agent Mihara-Meer served for 9 years in the in the United States Navy as an Intelligence Officer. Special Agent Mihara-Meer has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida and a Masters of Public Administration in Justice Administration from Troy State University.