

Attention Disbursing Officers and Supply Officers

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Subject: **Maintaining Navy Cash Laptop Security Patches and Updates**

Attention: Disbursing Officer/Supply Officer

1. The Navy Cash laptop was initially developed as a backup to the Navy Cash workstation, but the cyber-security world has evolved in such a manner that network assets need to be online on a regular basis to ensure vulnerabilities are properly patched to avoid system compromise. Software vulnerabilities are being identified more frequently than in the past, and attack methods exploiting these vulnerabilities are becoming more complex, so we must ensure we are patching our systems at least twice a month.
2. To ensure Navy Cash laptops receive the necessary patches, the Navy Cash Program Office Information Assurance (IA) Team recommends the laptops be connected to the ship network at least twice a month, for a period of 48 hours, preferably towards the end of the week (Thursday). In some cases, if you do not have a dedicated LAN drop for the laptop, you may need to disconnect the workstation to plug in the laptop to the LAN. The laptop should be powered up and remain on the login screen. The updates will occur automatically, but on some rare occasions the laptop may require a reboot, so please be proactive and monitor the update process. Updates requiring a reboot will typically occur around 1000 ZULU, so please ensure the laptop is connected well past this hour.
3. The Navy Cash IA Team conducts security audits on a regular basis by remote access and ship visits, and they will be checking the laptops to ensure they are receiving the required updates. Failure to comply with this FLASH will result in notifications sent to the Supply Officer and TYCOM.
4. If you have any questions please contact Karl Larson at karl.larson1@navy.mil or 717-605-3506 or DSN 430-3506. Thank you for your support.


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