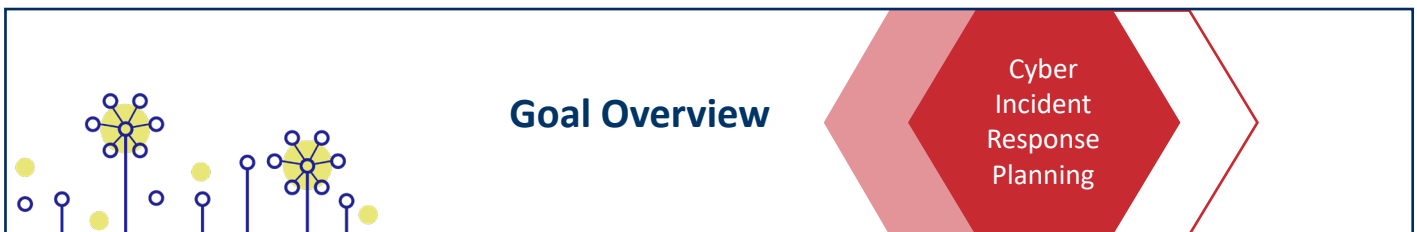
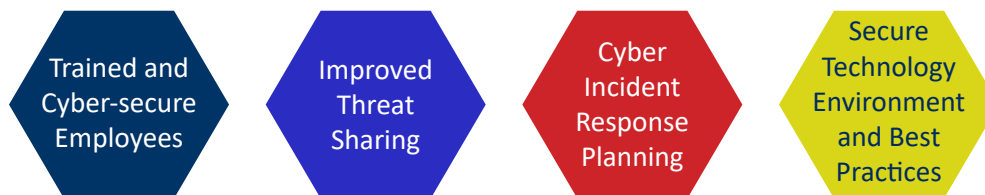




Introducing the Minimum Baseline of Cybersecurity for Municipalities—a framework for helping Massachusetts municipalities improve their cybersecurity posture and protect their municipality from cyberattacks using people, process, and technology.

The purpose of defining a “minimum baseline” – the foundational level of cybersecurity municipalities should achieve – is to encourage municipalities to improve their ability to protect and defend themselves from a cyberattack, inspire collaboration, and strengthen cybersecurity resilience across Massachusetts.

The Minimum Baseline of Cybersecurity is made up of four goals:



Benefit:

Strengthen municipal defenses and minimize cyber incident impacts by creating an effective strategy for handling cyber incidents.

How:

- Use the tools and resources at [MassCyberCenter.org](https://www.masscybercenter.org) to create a cyber incident response plan to protect against and respond to a cyberattack.

How can having a cyber incident response plan help?

1. Having a cyber incident response plan means that you will know who to call and what to do if an attack occurs.
2. Knowing who to call and what to do means that the attack may be shorter in duration and less costly in terms of damage to the systems and impact to the municipal budget.