CASE STUDY

Enhancing Statewide Cybersecurity Readiness: A Case Study on Cyber Florida's Strategic Partnership with SimSpace

The Challenge: Integrating Real-Time Cyber Training with Statewide Security Initiatives

The primary challenge faced by Cyber Florida was the need to provide individual cybersecurity training and team exercising for public sector employees throughout Florida—city, county, and state levels. This required not only up-skilling individuals through theoretical knowledge and individual training modules but also providing practical, hands-on keyboard individual and team exercises. Additionally, there was a pressing need for a solution that could be rapidly deployed and adaptable to evolving cybersecurity threats and training needs. This necessitated a platform capable of delivering both individual learning and immersive, real-time team cyber exercises to holistically prepare the workforce for real cybersecurity challenges.

"The partnership with SimSpace represents a transformative step for cybersecurity preparedness in Florida. The ability to offer a customizable, intuitive, and highly responsive training platform aligns with our mission to enhance the skills and readiness of our public sector workforce. SimSpace not only understood our needs but also delivered a solution that we could deploy swiftly and efficiently. This investment will undoubtedly pay dividends in strengthening our state's resilience against cyber threats."

Bruce Caulkins
Cyber Range Director, Cyber Florida

An Effective, Flexible Solution

SimSpace proved to be an optimal solution for Cyber Florida, addressing their needs with its **adaptable**, **cost-effective**, and **high-quality** platform. The partnership facilitates both individual training through asynchronous and live modules, and team training exercises that continuously evolve to reflect current cyber threats. This approach not only **enhanced real-time incident response capabilities** across Florida's government levels but also achieved significant cost efficiencies by **consolidating training resources** into a single platform. The intuitive design and **minimal latency** of the system further contributed to a realistic training environment, effectively meeting Cyber Florida's success criteria of quality, user-friendliness, and value for money, thereby establishing a model for similar cybersecurity initiatives in other states.

CHALLENGES

- Train and educate public sector employees across Florida in cybersecurity effectively
- Flexible, high-quality training platform that could be customized and quickly implemented

BENEFITS

- Practical, hands-on cybersecurity training and simulations.
- Significant overlap with local Florida Training Requirements Guide
- Increased responsiveness and readiness for cybersecurity incidents at all government levels
- High-quality training with reduced setup and operational complexities