Policy. FCC Instruction 1479.2, [the directive] establishes policy and assigns responsibilities to ensure that there are adequate levels of protection for all FCC computer systems - Personal Computers (PCs), the FCC networks, applications and databases, and information created, stored or processed, therein.

Computer Security Program History. The Computer Security Program is actively involved in helping establish policy and procedure to keep FCC computer systems secure from unauthorized access and inappropriate use. Those involved in designing and maintaining the FCC network have also worked to ensure that the network is configured to sustain a secure environment allowing you [system user] a secure platform on which to perform day-to-day work. The Office of the Inspector General also supports similar efforts by conducting independent audits of information technology (IT) systems.

FCC Computer System Rules of Behavior Form. The FCC Computer System Rules of Behavior form was created in 1995 and appended to FCC Instruction 1479.1, FCC Computer Security Program Directive. Since that time, the form has been used to gain “buy-in” from system users to ensure their respective user account remains secure and is used only for authorized purposes. The objective in having the form signed continues to be the same today.

Renewed focus to keep FCC computer systems secure. As you have heard so many times, the world changed on September 11, 2001. In addition to work done to ensure a safe and secure work environment, the Computer Security Program has increased its presence to further ensure a secure network.

Since 9-11, I have increased the amount of information shared with Commission system users, i.e., the creation of the FCC Computer Security Notice series, hosting additional workshops classes on computer security, Computer Security Week [held in December 2002], and other information sharing avenues to keep you apprised of computer security efforts.

Signing the FCC Computer System Rules of Behavior. While the directive sets the mandate that the form be signed, it’s extremely important in this day and age that the Commission knows that each system user is doing their part to keep our Federal government computer systems secure. Signing and returning your form is a step in the right direction. If you have not done so in the past two months, please take the time to sign your Rules of Behavior Form. A link is provided below to gain access to the form.

You can download a copy of the FCC Computer System Rules of Behavior Form at:


You can also access additional information about the FCC Computer Security Program at: