CISA Partners With MLB’s Cactus League For Spring Training Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is working with Major League’s Baseball’s Cactus League to ensure safety for its teams and spring training facilities. CISA says it met with league officials, as well as state and local partners, earlier this month to conduct tabletop exercises. The goal was to review incident preparedness measures and response plans at stadiums during spring training.

While several of the teams and stadiums regularly review plans and conduct drills, the aim of the exercise was to bring everyone together to share best practices and discuss coordination should an incident affect more than one venue. Officials stressed the exercise was not a response to any specific threat, but was part of an ongoing collaborative effort to ensure the safety and security of fans attending spring training.

“Today’s exercise was just one of the many examples of the planning and coordination that takes place long before fans arrive in Arizona for spring training,” said CISA Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security Brian Harrell. “Whoever you root for on the diamond, we are all on the same team when it comes to fan safety and security. CISA looks forward to building upon our existing relationships and...”
Gartner: 40% of Boards Will Have Security Committee by 2025

Security continues to get more attention from corporate boards. A new prediction from Gartner forecasts that by 2025, 40 percent of boards of directors will have a dedicated security committee overseen by a qualified board member, up from less than 10 percent today.

This is one of several organizational changes Gartner expects to see at the board, management and security team level, in response to greater risk created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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