

#### Welcome!



## Welcome to the First Thursday IMRS Call

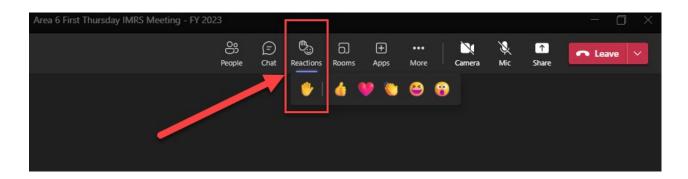
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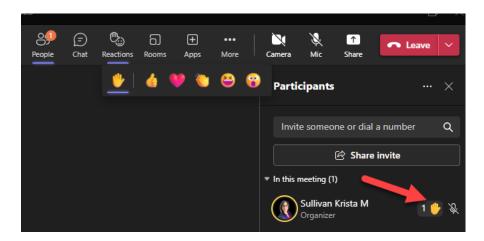
We will begin at 8:00 am Mountain time

Please mute your microphone upon entry.



#### **MS Teams Meeting Controls**





All attendees are muted upon entry.

Raise your hand to request to be unmuted.





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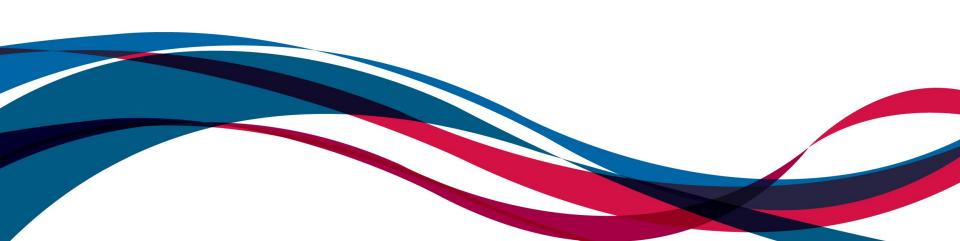
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#### First Thursday Stakeholder Liaisons

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## Data Security for Tax Professionals





#### FTC IRS

- Designated Person
- Limited Access
- Security Software
- Hardware Encryption & Inventoried
- Network Protections
- Passwords
- Multi-Factor Auth
- WISP
- Annual Training & Testing
- Payroll Services and/or CAS
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**IRS Publication 4557** 







#### **Done**

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#### To Do

#### WISP

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# IRS Pub 5708, Creating a Written Information Security Plan for your Tax and Accounting Practice

- Outline.
- Sample Template
- Additional Considerations
- Best Practices





#### Resources

- IRS Pub 4557, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data
- IRS Pub 5708,
   Creating a Written
   Information Security
   Plan for your Tax and
   Accounting Practice
- www.ftc.gov
  - "Safeguards Rule"
  - FTC Data Breach Response Guide

## DATA BREACH RESPONSE

A Guide for Business





**Promoting Identity Protection PIN (IPPIN)** 

Half Full or Half Empty?



 Time to promote the IPPIN

VS.

 Client Sues or Is Lost with Data Breach





#### **Clients Lose Them**

 21 Days: Filed a Tax Return in 2022

VS.

 430 Days: Victims of Identity Theft who Sent a Form 1439 or Form 14039-B, Identity Theft Affidavit



Source: IRS Operations: Status of Mission-Critical Functions



## **Can Not Pass Online Authentication Process**

- Form 15227
- IRS Taxpayer
   Assistance Centers
- IRS Taxpayer Advocate



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Mission-Critical Functions



#### I Just Don't Wanna

- Partnership
   Expectations from SL
- Client Expectations
- Circular 230







**Data BreachTrends** 



#### **Tax Pro Account Update**



#### New (August 14, 2023): View all authorizations, withdraw online

View all your active POAs and TIAs on the CAF and withdraw in real-time. To get started, link your CAF number in your account profile.

#### Active authorizations

Tax Pro Account lets you view all of your active authorizations on the CAF when you link your CAF number. This includes active POAs and TIAs from individuals and business entities submitted with forms and through Tax Pro Account.

If you choose not to link your CAF number, you can view only active POAs and TIAs submitted through Tax Pro Account.

#### Withdraw authorizations

You can withdraw an authorization in real-time with electronic signature in Tax Pro Account.

Once you withdraw, the authorization is immediately and permanently removed from the CAF database.



If you have family or friends interested in a career, please help us promote IRS as a great place to work.

IRS offers multiple benefits including-

- · pension,
- 401k matching,
- · tuition repayment,
- childcare subsidy,
- transit subsidy,
- 11 paid holidays,
- · leave sharing programs and
- a host of other employee programs.

The IRS is hiring for three positions under this special direct hire-

- Tax Examining Technician
- Tax Examining Clerk
- Tax Examining Technician (Bilingual-Spanish)



#### To Apply-

- Submit a resume only
- Submit resumes by September 15, 2023, to kimberly.d.crawford@irs.gov

#### At the top of the resume include-

- the desired location
- preferred shift (day shift or night shift)
- There is no requirement to apply through USA Jobs

### Hiring Locations

Covington KY (Cincinnati)	Holtsville NY
Florence KY	Philadelphia PA
Fresno CA	Memphis TN
Chamblee, GA (Atlanta)	Austin TX
Andover MA	Ogden UT
Kansas City MO	



## State Updates – 1 of 2

Colorado (Bessie Castro-Zepeda)

Kansas (Carl York, Roger Basinger)

Minnesota (Mark Krause)

Missouri (Kaylee Dunham)

Nebraska (Dawn Holtmeier)



## North Dakota (Michelle Henke, Liliya Montgomery)

Wisconsin (Amanda Mosel)





## IMRS is for Issues with an IRS Policy, Practice or Procedure –

We are listening – What is on your mind?



### Thank you!

### Next meeting 10/5/2023