Introduction

This homework assignment is designed to raise your knowledge and awareness of issues in contingency planning and provide some preparation for the course project. For this assignment you will prepare a top-level draft of a contingency plan for a networked personal computer that you use on a regular basis. The computer you select may be one you own or may be one provided to you by the place you work. In either case, the computer should be one you use and rely upon on a regular (i.e., daily) basis.

Assignment

Begin by providing a brief description of the use of the computer, how and where (e.g., home, work, or school) you rely on it. Include a description of how the computer is networked.

Business Impact Analysis – provide a brief analysis of the impacts that you would suffer from various types of losses of the computer or network access and the informational assets contained on the computer. If you are referring to a computer where you work, give the impacts from a personal perspective, not from the perspective of how the loss will impact your employer.

Incident Response Plan – provide a draft of how you would respond to a detected incident. You should consider each of the major components of the incident response plan discussed in the text.

Disaster Recovery Plan – describe (in the form of a DRP) how you would recover from a disaster. You should include description of how to differentiate a disaster from an incident.

Business Continuity Plan – describe (in the form of a BCP) how you would continue personal productivity in the event of a disaster until you are able to recover normal use of the primary personal computer (hint, use the informational content of your computer is likely a more salient issue than use of the computer itself).

Deliverable

Create a word processed document in which you provide the description of your personal computing assets and contingency plan. Use reasonable font sizes, typeface and margins. Double-space. Add a cover page that includes your name, the course, term, title of the document and notation that of this being Homework Assignment #1. Bind the pages with a single staple in the upper-left corner of the document. While I do not have a strict page limit, I suspect that you could provide an adequate draft in not more than three pages. Remember, this is “just a homework assignment,” it should not take up a lot of your time. Be sure to cite all sources and provide a list of references. The assignment is due on Wednesday, October 1 at the beginning of the class session.