Security Testing, Validation, and Measurement
Computer Security Division
Information Technology Laboratory

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- **NIST's Mission Statement:**
  To promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life.

- **Information Technology Laboratory Mission Statement:**
  To promote US innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology through research and development in information technology, mathematics, and statistics.

- **CSD Mission Statement:**
  Conduct research, development and outreach necessary to provide standards and guidelines, mechanisms, tools, metrics and practices to protect our nation’s information and information systems.

Information Technology Laboratory

To advance the development and productive use of information technology

- tests
- test methods
- reference data
- proof of concept implementations
- technical analyses

COMPUTER SECURITY DIVISION

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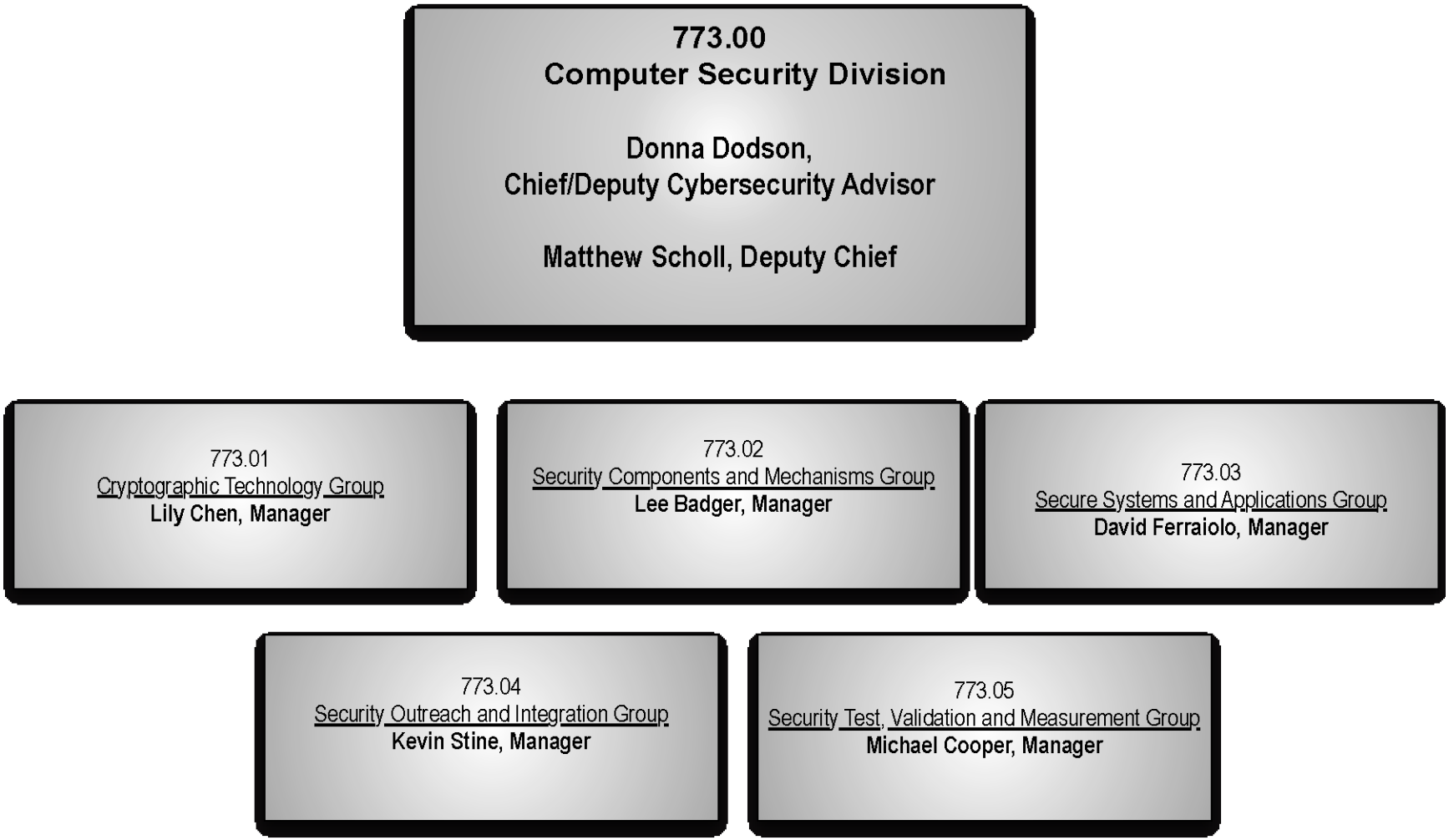

COMPUTER SECURITY DIVISION (773)

- **CRYPTOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY GROUP (773.01)**: Research, develop, engineer, and standardize cryptographic algorithms, methods, and protocols.
- **SECURITY COMPONENTS AND MECHANISMS GROUP (773.02):** Research, develop and standardize foundational security mechanisms, protocols and services.
- **SECURE SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS GROUP (773.03):** Integrate and apply security technologies, standards and guidelines for computing platforms and information systems.
- **SECURITY OUTREACH AND INTEGRATION GROUP (773.04):** Develop, integrate and promote the mission-specific application of information security standards, guidelines, best practices and technologies.
- **SECURITY TESTING, VALIDATION AND MEASUREMENT GROUP (773.05):** Advance information security testing, measurement science, and conformance.

- CAVP – Cryptographic Algorithm Validation Program – Sharon Keller
- CMVP – Cryptographic Module Validation Program – Randy Easter
- SCAP – Security Content Automation Protocol Validation Program – Melanie Cook
- PIV – Personal Identity Verification Validation Program – Hildy Ferraiolo

Cryptographic Standards

- Block Ciphers
- Random Number Generation
- Digital Signatures
- Key Agreement & Transport
- Key Management
- Advanced Hash Algorithm Competition
- Hash Algorithms

Cryptographic Algorithms

Algorithms authorized for use by the US Civilian Agencies are specified in

- FIPS 186-3 Secure Hash Standards
- FIPS 197 Advanced Encryption Standard
- FIPS 198-1 Keyed Hash Message Authentication Code

FIPS-Validated Cryptographic Modules

- Cryptographic modules *may* be embedded in other products
  - Applicable to hardware, software, and firmware cryptographic modules
  - Must use the validated version and configuration
  - e.g. software applications, cryptographic toolkits, postage metering devices, radio encryption modules

- Does not require the validation of the larger product
  - Larger product is deemed compliant to requirements of FIPS 140-2

Division Projects

- Cyber Physical Systems (CPS)
- FISMA Implementation
- Health IT Security
- Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)
- Voting
- FIPS 201
- Biometrics
- Continuous Monitoring
- Privacy
- Authentication
- SCAP
- Hardware Roots of Trust
- Automated Combinatorial Testing

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Computer Security Resource Center

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National Vulnerability Database

http://nvd.nist.gov