



Using FAIR to take the Headache out of considering Cyber Insurance for your Business

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should bfd corp buy cyber insurance?

the board







this isn't time for paint by numbers

the board



come back with a financial analysis

the board









why the worried look? </> analyst #1 i need to make a financially-based recommendation to the board for or against purchasing cyber insurance



ciso

ciso

remember when i told you about fair?



the risk analysis using numbers?







yes (())

analyst #1

you threw me out of your office

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analyst #1



it was a stressful day







every day is stressful



i remember, so
what does my
problem have
to do with
fair?

ciso

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<//>analyst #1

if risk is quantified in dollars, and if financial recommendations are usually made with dollars in mind...

analyst #1









what?

i bet fair will
allow us to
financially
determine if
cyber insurance
is worth the
investment







great idea...

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analyst #1







will do



choose your scenarios wisely…







is it large enough?
(policy retention)



is it probable enough? (no asteroid strikes)



loss magnitude





how many sensitive records might bfd corp lose?





sasha romanosky every 10% increase in company revenues corresponded to a 1.3% increase in cost of incident

extrapolate for the bfd corporation



\$209 million

sasha romanosky. (2016) examining the costs and causes of cyber incidents. journal of cybersecurity, 2: 121-135.



sasha romanosky

every 10% increase in compromised records corresponded to a 2.9% increase in cost of incident

extrapolate for the bfd corporation





the policy considered is capped at coverage of \$215 million per event

your highest estimated single loss magnitude is a little higher than this

coverage appears sufficient and for simplicity consider a \$209m loss

\$150 million \$209 million \$217 million



the policy capped at \$215 million per event

has a \$40 million retention

and premiums are \$4 million



instead of settling on one reasonable estimate like single loss magnitude

allow for a range of possible frequencies with most likely



i'm done quantifying information risk, can you figure out a way to turn this into a cost benefit analysis?

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analyst #1



cost benefit

consider a cost benefit analysis

over the next 20 years

the value of invested avoided premiums over a 20 year period is given by

the cost to achieve this value over the next 20 years is given by

the cost for one major event every 30 years is given by

the cost for one major event every 10 years is given by

the most likely annualized rate of return is given by

the 1 in 30 annualized rate of return is given by

the 1 in 10 annualized rate of return is given by

for self-insurance annual rate of return we have

min: -2.1% for one major event every 10 years

most likely: 0.0% for one major event every 20 years

max: +1.6% for one major event every 30 years

the most likely value from transferring risk over the next 20 years is given by

the value for 1 in 30 year frequency over the next 20 years is given by

the value for 1 in 10 year frequency over the next 20 years is given by

the most likely cost from transferring risk over the next 20 years is given by

the 1 in 30 year cost from transferring risk over the next 20 years is given by

the 1 in 10 year cost from transferring risk over the next 20 years is given by

the most likely annualized rate of return is given by

the 1 in 30 years annualized rate of return is given by

the 1 in 10 years annualized rate of return is given by

the transference annual rate of return we have

min: +1.5% for one major event every 10 years

most likely: +3.7% for one major event every 20 years

max: +8.1% for one major event every 30 years

option	min	most likely	max
self-insure	-2.1%	0.0%	+1.6%
transfer	+1.5%	+3.7%	+8.1%

transfer

after the fair savvy risk analysts completed their work, our concerned ciso wowed the board of directors with a strong case justifying the purchase of cyber insurance, after which the board elected not to purchase, because they felt the budget dollars should go toward a more important project... finding a jet with more comfortable seats

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