

Computer Bits by Mark Eggert of Raad One Network Solutions, Inc.

Welcome to Computer Bits, a series of articles on computers and network information. I hope everyone had a great holiday season! I'd like to let you all know that I've asked for permission to join the TDMAW Yahoo Group and I have been invited to join. My purpose for doing this is to be better able to inform you of serious computer concerns in a quicker timeframe than my monthly article in the newsletter. I hope this will encourage those of you who haven't joined to the Yahoo Group to do so. I will also be happy to answer any questions via group.

I hope that you've seen the upsurge in business this past quarter like I have. While you are probably asking your employees and equipment to do more, I also hope you're thinking of asking your computer systems to do more. I've found an article on "How to protect your business" that has ten good points for Small and Midsize Businesses (SMBs) that I'd like to share with you over the next two articles.

These are 10 tips to protect your business in a cost-effective, sustainable way.

**1. Develop a backup and recovery strategy.**

Many SMBs have not determined the value of their data. Most who have are surprised at the high value and the high cost of recovery. A winning backup and recovery strategy is tested regularly and includes full and incremental backups. Store backups offsite, in case disaster strikes at the office.

**2. Embrace remote server management.**

Cut operating costs by managing servers from one location. Solve problems before they happen, even on servers far away.

**3. Enable remote client management.**

Establish a solution for managing systems and data centrally, including software updates and data back and restore.

**4. Protect against hacker attacks.**

When hackers poke around on a network, they do so in predictable patterns. An intrusion detection system can notify you of this activity, allowing you to stop the attack and figure out how to prevent similar attacks in the future.

Well, stay tuned for next months article for the rest of the tips.

If you have a computer or network question you'd like answered and you think others would like to know the answer too, please forward them to me. My email address is meggert@wi.rr.com, my phone number is 262-679-7704 and my fax number is 262-679-7664.