

## **Security and Privacy Day Enables FSA to Learn More about Security**

FSA hosted its first Security and Privacy Awareness Day, SPAD, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Throughout the day, speakers discussed the latest issues in security and privacy affecting the world of FSA today. Several speakers were from FSA itself, FSA Technical Architect Srini Kankanahalli presented on identity theft, FSA Security and Privacy Team Member Bill Kirkendale lead a discussion on spyware, and another Security and Privacy Team member, Jill Mossman gave a presentation on social engineering.

There were also special guest speakers from outside of the Department that joined the day. Department of Interior Privacy Act Officer discussed privacy as it relates to electronic government. Forensics Consultant Tristan Morel L’Horset drew upon his expertise and gave an introduction to computer forensics and how it relates to incident response. Finally, Ray “The D\*I\*C\*E Man” Semko gave a rousing presentation on the current threats to U.S. national security and stressed the importance of continuing to remain aware of threats all around us. Copies of the presentations are available through the Online Security Center, at [http://fsanet.ed.gov/cio/products/it\\_security\\_portal/training/index.html# Security and Privacy Awareness Day](http://fsanet.ed.gov/cio/products/it_security_portal/training/index.html# Security and Privacy Awareness Day).

In addition to the speakers, SPAD offered a number of other interactive activities. Various articles about the latest security news covered the walls. The FSA Security and Privacy Team set up a booth in the lobby with a host of items including security articles, materials (videos and cds) from the Security Library, and information on additional training opportunities. Employees could test their security knowledge with a word search and several crossword puzzles.

Over 110 people attended the sessions, which were offered in the two rooms in the FSA Learning Center. The Department anticipates they will also be having a Security Day, probably in the fall.