

## Meet Our Team... Cassandra Crowe!

Cassandra is a wife, a mother of 4, and now a grandmother to a beautiful baby boy. Shas been working in sales and marketing for 15 years. Her favorite thing about her position here at Secure Networkers is when a client relationship often times turn into a friendship. Some of her most cherished friendships began with a business conversation. When she isn't working she enjoys family time, movie dates, and home decorating and renovation.

### Specializing in:

- Network Security
- Virtualization
- Disaster Recovery
- Business Continuity
- Co-location (Hosted) Services
- Industry/HIPAA Compliance

Secure Networkers is now an Apple Certified Network (ACN) provider



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**Did you know?**

In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas. It wasn't declared an official holiday until June 26, 1870. Oklahoma was the last U.S. state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1907.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From all us of at Secure Networkers



## PCI COMPLIANCE

### WHAT IS A PCI ASSESMENT?

A PCI assessment is an audit for validating compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), a set of security standards for merchants who accept, process, store or transmit credit card information. The assessment determines whether the merchant has met the PCI DSS 12 requirements. All five major credit card companies require compliance with PCI DSS.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

The growing threat posed by vulnerabilities in the cryptographic SSL protocol requires merchants to move away from vulnerable data encryption protocols. For a complete breakdown of requirements, you can copy and paste this link: <http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/definition/PCI-assessment>

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

There is increased focus on attacking small businesses. Attackers are discovering that many small merchants aren't implemented even with the most basic security measures required by the PCI DSS. As a result, attackers are seeking to compromise small merchant environments which often go undetected for long periods of time due to a lack of monitoring. **If a merchant is compromised the merchant's acquirer may hold the merchant financially responsible for any resulting fraud loss and for other costs.** If an breach is suspected, the merchant may also be responsible for an investigation. Attackers may also compromise non-payment card data, such as financial and human resource records and proprietary or trade secrets that could seriously harm the ongoing operation and reputation of the merchant.

### LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR COMPLIANCE!

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