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FREE PCI AWARENESS TRAINING AVAILABLE DURING GLOBAL PAYMENT SECURITY EDUCATION WEEK

Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council Celebrates
the Life and Contributions of James Barrow

Wakefield, MA, 12 October, 2015 — Meeting with global payment-security leaders in Tokyo this week at its annual [Asia-Pacific Community Meeting](#), the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council announced its second annual offer to provide free PCI Awareness training in honor of former PCI Council employee and friend James Barrow, who passed away in October 2013.

Open to the first 1,000 registrants, the training offer* - free [PCI Awareness online training](#) - can be accessed via the [PCI SSC website](#). The offer for free PCI Awareness online training runs for one week from 12-16 October 2015. Information on other Council training programs can be found at: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/index.php>

For the second year, the Council's free training initiative, officially called *Global Payment Security Education Week*, coincides with National Cyber Security Awareness month (NCSAM), the U.S. National Cyber Security Alliance effort focused on driving improved understanding of secure online practices to protect sensitive information. The PCI Security Standards Council is an official [NCSAM Champion](#).

"Many in the PCI community remember fondly how strongly James felt about education and the benefits of understanding data security, especially the PCI Security Standards," said PCI SSC Chief Technology Officer Troy Leach. "Continuing free training during *Global Payment Security Education Week* honors James' commitment to protecting people, and the future of payments."

"Honoring James during *Global Payment Security Education Week* supports the Council's mission to give merchants, particularly small merchants, the training resources they need to build a culture of ongoing security. 24x7 vigilance in payment security efforts is the best way, the only way, to protect against attacks, and it starts with education." said PCI SSC General Manager Stephen W. Orfei.

*To access the registration page and enroll for free PCI Awareness training, please use this link: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/awareness_registration.php

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