

# Local Government Cyber Roundup: Disruptions, Data Breaches, Financial Loss

Jan – Jun 2018

## Disruptions

The City of Atlanta was hit with a **widespread ransomware attack** which may be the worst for any U.S. city in history. **More than 1/3 of 424 software programs were thrown offline or disabled** due to the attack, with 30% of those considered “mission critical.”

*Atlanta, GA / Mar 2018 / [Story](#)*

The city of Goodyear **disabled their online bill pay system after a customer reported suspicious activity** on the card used to pay their city utility bills.

*Goodyear, AZ / May 2018 / [Story](#)*

Okaloosa County also **disabled their online bill pay system** in an abundance of caution after it was discovered that residents who use a debit or credit card to pay their water and sewer bill may have had their **financial information compromised**.

*Okaloosa County, FL / Mar 2018 / [Story](#)*

Some **financial and public safety operations** in Allentown were **forced to shut down** due to a malware virus known as Emotet. The **virus has threatened all city systems and may cost up to \$1M to recover**.

*Allentown, PA / Feb 2018 / [Story](#)*

A ransomware virus named **Samas compromised the Davidson County network**. The virus disabled more than **70 servers and an unknown number of computers and the County's phone system**. City officials **refused to pay a \$23K ransom** requested by the hackers.

*Davidson County, NC / Feb 2018 / [Story](#)*

Ransomware known as **SamSam shut down multiple functions** of the City of Farmington, such as **electronic bill pay and records processing**. The City refused to pay the 3 bitcoin ransom.

*Farmington, NM / Jan 2018 / [Story](#)*

The Riverside Fire and Police Department fell **victim to ransomware twice in a month's time**. The department **lost 10 months of work** related to active investigations.

*Riverside, OH / May 2018 / [Story](#)*

## Data Breaches and Disclosures

Residents of Oxnard, CA were put at **risk of a credit card breach** due to **vulnerabilities in the city's online utility payment system**, serviced by third party vendor, Click2Gov.

*Oxnard, CA / May 2018 / [Story](#)*

**Vulnerabilities in Click2Gov** also affected residents of Wellington, FL.

*Wellington, FL / Jun 2018 / [Story](#)*

The Monroe County Clerk is under investigation after **sensitive documents were found in the dumpster** behind local DMV centers. Information found on the discarded documents included **names, address, social security numbers**.

*Monroe, NY / May 2018 / [Story](#)*

Sensitive information from Los Angeles County was **shared publicly online**. Information included in the breach: **access credentials for operators and detailed call notes**.

*Los Angeles, CA / May 2018 / [Story](#)*

The city of Thomasville **accidentally released the Social Security numbers of 269 employees** when answering a public records request.

*Thomasville, NC / Feb 2018 / [Story](#)*