

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

Jan – Jun 2020

Disruptions

The Tallapoosa County Probate Office was **locked for days due to a ransomware attack** on their network.

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Bernards Township's **network was down for weeks due to a ransomware attack.**

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Minneapolis city's network was **brought down for hours by a denial of service attack.**

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Olean city network **was completely shut down for several hours, and partially for days, due to a ransomware attack.**

Olean, NY / Apr 2020 / [Story](#)

Over **200 La Salle County computers and 40 servers were affected by ransomware.** It took weeks to get the systems restored.

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Although caught quickly, a Rabun county **employee fell victim to a phishing attack that led to ransomware.**

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Grayson County **shut down all its systems** after being hit with ransomware.

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The city of Wayne was hit with ransomware that **locked employees completely out of the network.** It took days to recover.

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Ryuk **ransomware took down Port Lavaca City Hall's server,** including their **online and autopay billing systems.**

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The North Miami Beach police department was **hit with ransomware**.

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Twenty servers and 600 computers associated with the Volusia County Library **were encrypted Ryuk ransomware**.

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A **ransomware attack** locked the city of Racine's **website, email, and online payment system**.

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A cyber attack affected **dozens of computers** on the Belvidere city network, leaving employees **without access to email and other programs**.

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Greenville Water experienced a cyber attack that **shut down their network and phones for days**.

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The town of Colonie was hit with ransomware and **a \$400K ransom demand**. The town was **forced to work from backups**, slowing their day-to-day processes.

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The city of New Orleans **canceled all municipal and traffic court dates for a time** due to a ransomware attack.

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Data Breaches

The city of Palm Bay **online utility payment users had their personal information compromised** due to the **Click2Gov** insecurity.

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COVID-related **personal data was accidentally published** as public information.

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Bluffton Township Fire District employees were left **unable to file reports, access email, and perform other functions** after the network was hit with ransomware. It took approximately one month to fully recover.

Bluffton, SC / Apr 2020 / [Story](#)

The town of Houlton police department **disclosed their second ransomware attack in five years.**

Houlton, ME / Mar 2020 / [Story](#)

A city of Los Banos employee had a **laptop stolen from their vehicle.** The laptop contained **names, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, passport number, financial information such as account or credit/debit number, usernames and passwords, and biometric and/or medical information.**

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A breach of a third-party benefits administrator put 1,900 Wake County employees' data in jeopardy.

Compromised data **included names, dates of service and partial social security numbers.**

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Any residents of Carson City that used the city's water online billing system had their **financial information compromised** in another **Click2Gov** incident.

Carson City, NV / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

Vernon officials shut down the town's network after **an unauthorized user attempted to access their system.**

Vernon, CT / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

A cyber attack on the Grundy County Clerk's office **affected several computers and their primary server,** potentially **compromising names, addresses, dates of birth, and social security numbers of employees.**

Grundy, MO / Feb 2020 / [Story](#)

Multiple email accounts were affected by a data breach, leading to the **possible exposure of sensitive information for 300 Detroit Water & Sewerage Department customers.**

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Bend utility customers who paid online had their **financial information compromised** due to the **Click2Gov** security issue.

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Names, credit cards, and expiration dates were compromised for Aurora Water customers due to **Click2Gov.**

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Financial Loss

The city of Keizer **paid a \$48,000 ransom to unlock their network** after a ransomware attack.

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After realizing hackers had been in their network for over a month, the city of Florence decided to **pay \$300,000 worth of bitcoin** to prevent hackers from sharing their data.

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