

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

Jul – Dec 2020

Disruptions

The Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority found that a ransomware attack that blocked access to “vital” water and sewer information **jeopardized the “health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jersey City”** and led to an **“emergency condition.”**

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A ransomware attack rendered the city’s **water treatment plant inoperable.**

Jefferson, KY / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

The city’s **administrative functions were taken offline** due to a ransomware attack.

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A cyber attack **impacted the bill pay, websites, and email systems** of Dade City.

Dade City, FL / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

A ransomware attack left the city of Ellensburg’s network, including **utility billing, administrative, and financial services, locked up.**

Ellensburg, WA / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

A “widespread” IT issue caused the **shutdown of Texarkana Water Utilities systems and services** across multiple states.

Texarkana, AR / Texarkana, TX / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

The city of Long Beach shut down its network for several days due to a cyber attack.

Long Beach, NY / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

The Hampton Roads Sanitation District was **forced to take its entire network, including their customer payment system, offline** due to a ransomware attack.

Hampton Roads, VA / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

A **\$500K ransom** was demanded after the Delaware County network was hit with **ransomware that affected police reports, payroll, purchasing, and other databases.**

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The Northampton Area Public Library **closed due to a ransomware attack**, noting it make take **several days to reopen**.

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The **email and phone systems as well as the Indian River County website** were **affected by ransomware**.

Indian River, FL / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

Chenango County employees were **locked out of their computers due to a ransomware attack**. Hackers **demand \$450 per computer to relinquish control**.

Chenango, NY / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

Parker County **services were affected by a cyber attack**.

Parker, TX / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

The **entire City of Shafter network was locked** due to ransomware.

Shafter, CA / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

A ransomware attack **disrupted multiple Hall County government systems such as phone, email, financial services, tax offices, and more**.

Hall, GA / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

A **hack of a third-party contractor** compromised the personal information of up to **570 current and former city employees, including social security numbers, addresses, and dates of birth**.

Lexington, KY / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

A ransomware attack affected the **phone and computer systems** of the city of Mt. Pleasant.

Mt. Pleasant, MI / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

The city of Odessa experienced a **second data breach** related to third-party bill pay provider, **Click2Gov**.

Odessa, TX / Oct 2020 / [Story](#)

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

Greenville, SC / Jan 2020 / [Story](#)

A **'data security incident'** shut down the county network.

Clarksville, TN / Sep 2020 / [Story](#)

A ransomware attack caused a **disruption in services for several days.**

St. Clair, AL / Sep 2020 / [Story](#)

Officials **shut down the city's official website** after a **hacking incident.**

Carmel, IN / Sep 2020 / [Story](#)

Utility payment and other services were disrupted by a cyber attack.

Rocky Mount, NC / Aug 2020 / [Story](#)

Data Breaches

A ransomware attack also included a **data breach that affected the town's payroll system.**

Ludlow, MA / Dec 2020 / [Story](#)

A ransomware attack of a sheriff's office led to a breach and release of personal data.

Cooke, TX / Jul 2020 / [Story](#)

Old data, stored offsite, was **stolen.** The county became aware when the thief contacted them directly.

Martin, FL / Sep 2020 / [Story](#)

Financial Loss

The city of Lafayette **paid a \$45,000 ransom to unlock their network** after a ransomware attack.

Lafayette, CO / Aug 2020 / [Story](#)