

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

Feb – June 2016

## Disruptions

The City's computer systems were **infected with ransomware delivered under the guise of an e-mail invoice from a vendor**. IT staff worked to decrypt important, costly files rather than pay the \$500 ransom.

*Alto City, TX  
Mar 2016 / [Story](#)*

A “**cyber incident**” affected **functionality of multiple systems** across the County. **Significant delays in services** were to be expected and **residents were urged to postpone business** until systems were restored.

*Larimer County, CO  
June 2016 / [Story](#)*

## Data Breaches

**More than 1,000 Health Department clients** have had personal information such as **names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers, phone numbers and medical record numbers compromised**.

*Palm Beach County, FL  
April 2016 / [Story](#)*

Client and employee **names, social security number, and driver's license numbers** were compromised when an unauthorized third party **hacked into a server** at the Community Development Agency.

*Washington County, MN  
June 2016 / [Story](#)*

## Financial Loss

An individual or group **stole personal information** from an unknown number of Baltimore City employees and **filed fraudulent tax returns**.

*Baltimore City, MD / April 2016 / [Story](#)*

An employee of the Treasurer's Office **erroneously transferred \$48,600** to a cyber-criminal posing as an employee of the Administrator's Office **based on an e-mail scam**.

*Barton County, KS  
May 2016 / [Story](#)*