



Case Study

Blackthorn Information Security Helps a Police Department Defend Against Attacks

The Client

A large city Police Department

The Scenario

When a politically-motivated criminal hacking group publicly threatened to attack the network of a large city police department over perceived political issues, the chief of police requested the assistance of Blackthorn Information Security in ensuring that the network would be secure from attack.

The Investigation

A penetration test and extensive review of the network revealed several areas where the network might be compromised, and that data might be stolen or misused. Some of those areas included ongoing investigation reports and notss, officer duty rosters, and the department personnel files. Blackthorn Information Security was then able to demonstrate those security problems and to help the police department's IT staff in closing several potential problem areas.

The Benefits

Blackthorn's penetration test helped the IT staff see several issues that had been missed or ignored, and the staff was quickly able to further secure the network. Although the criminal hacking group made numerous attempts to infiltrate the network, they were unable to gain access. After several days, those attempts appeared to be abandoned.

