


Cyber Security

- **Threat level – on the increase**
- **For municipalities – targeted attacks**
 - “Spear phishing”
- **Defense at the perimeter**
 - Firewall – intrusion prevention
 - Updated every 2 hours
 - Web filter -- by category
 - Spam filter – scan contents, sources
 - Proactive threat protection – analyze packets
- **Defense on the desktop**
 - Desktop antivirus – stop known malware, suspicious activity
- **Defense at the fingertips**
 - Alert and informed users
 - Awareness training
 - Penetration testing
- **The pound of cure**
 - Backup – on site
 - Backup – off site



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- Ransomware attacks are costly for state and local government entities. From 2017-2020, the estimated reported ransom paid per event in municipalities was \$125,697.
 - Ransomware attacks can cause significant downtime and denial of critical community services, such as healthcare and law enforcement. One analysis pegged the average downtime from a ransomware attack at 9.6 days.
 - Attacks on local government have risen significantly. Between 2018 and 2019 known attacks on local governments rose 58.5%.

Municipalities Remain Ripe Targets for Cyber Attacks: Research - MSSP Alert

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Dear John,

We recently discovered bad actors have purchased the domain “esosolutions.org” and are sending emails from this domain in an attempt to spoof our customers. Unfortunately, the emails appear to use the name of a current ESO employee and our current signature format. The only giveaway is the “@esosolutions.org” in the email address. Specifically, these bad actors are communicating that ESO’s “receiving payments method has changed” and offering to send a copy of updated banking instructions.

To verify the email address of the sender, see the sample screenshot below. Note the “.org” in the email address that confirms it is fraudulent.

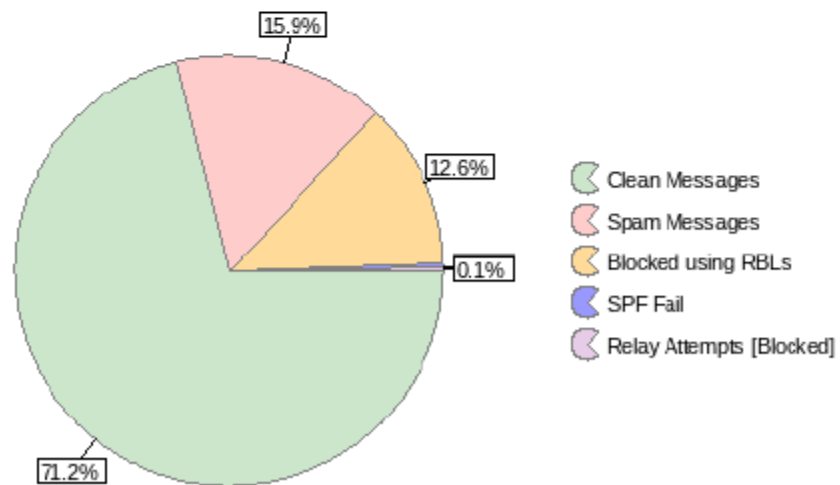
Defend the Periphery



SpamTitan Mail Firewall Report

Report Type:	Summary Report
Hostname	spamtitan.wiltonct.org
Report Period:	26-Feb-2021 00:00 - 26-Feb-2021 23:59
Report Generated:	27-Feb-2021 04:31

	Mail Type	Count
1.	Clean Messages	2824
2.	Spam Messages	630
3.	Blocked using RBLs	501
4.	SPF Fail	12
5.	Relay Attempts	2



Prevention + Cure

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Ransomware Recovery

All backups are scanned for ransomware and mounted to ensure they are ready to restore. Simply 'turn back the clock' to a snapshot before the attack happened.

A Job for the Whole Organization

Why Do Chief Security Officers Leave Jobs So Often?

In both public and private organizations, chief information security officers have shorter tenures than CIOs. Why do cybersecurity heads so quickly leave jobs — or get forced out?

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Is it time to look elsewhere?



Everyone knows that cybersecurity is a red-hot career field, and chief security officers (or chief information security officers in many organizations) are the ones leading the online security defense. So how can we explain the current situation where about **24 percent** of Fortune 500 CISOs last just one year, according to Cybercrime Magazine?

Digging deeper, the average tenure of a CISO is just 26 months, **according to ZDNet.**

