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Special Theme Edition: How to secure city services and ensure privacy

Security: If you don't address it, you will be a target

If someone wanted to create absolute traffic chaos in your city, they likely could. It would take only a little know-how and a few hundred dollars in equipment. Cities have been lucky so far. Here's why you should care about security so you'll be protected when your luck runs out.

Talk to your citizens about connected smart cities (They're nervous)

It's a connected Internet of Things world for smart cities now. But most consumers — your citizens — don't know much, if anything, about it. They understand the benefits smart devices can bring. Who wants to be without a smart phone (and maybe a smart home) these days? But they're worried about their privacy and who does what with their personal information. Our story shares some good news too.

Fraud is costing your city money. How to get it back

As local governments across the country continue to recover from the recession, many city and county leaders are weighing the options of raising revenue or cutting services. But, now is a good time to look at a third option: cutting expenses by identifying fraud. See how to do that.

Feds to connected car makers: Do more about security — now

Many cities are counting on connected cars and their technologies to help them deal with traffic snarls, accidents and other transportation-related issues. And car makers are doing their best to make those connected cars safe and reliable. Their latest challenge? The DOJ wants those cars to be so secure they won't be vulnerable to terrorists, cybercriminals and other bad guys.

How can you have privacy when devices are always on and listening?

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Every day we're surrounded by more devices that are always on and listening to us. These devices provide us a great deal of convenience, but what are the privacy implications? There are no easy answers. Check out a new white paper for a review of the key issues.

Smart Cities Readiness Guide

You can secure your city's smart infrastructure. The Council's Smart Cities Readiness Guide, now available as a web-based resource, shows you how. It's full of ideas, best practices and case studies that will help you plan your smart cities initiatives, get the most from them and chart their success.

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