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Enterasys Secure Networks Helps the City of Anaheim Deliver Vital Services and Improve Public Safety

ANDOVER, Mass., Apr 05, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Enterasys and EDS team to architect a Secure Network that supports 340,000 residents

Enterasys Networks(R) [ETS], the Secure Networks Company(TM), today announced that the city of Anaheim, Calif., has deployed a complete Enterasys Secure Network to support the delivery of vital city services--including critical police and fire emergency communications--to 340,000 residents.

"Everything runs off the network, so everything we do depends on it working effectively," says Robb McIntosh, information technology manager, City of Anaheim. "We're not a business where we have trade secrets, but if our network goes down, public safety and services are at risk. Therefore, the network plays a key role in keeping our citizens safe."

Anaheim's previous network was plagued by viruses and vulnerable to intrusion. In addition, the city needed significantly more bandwidth to handle many new applications. An infected device plugged into the infrastructure by a vendor once took down the main city network for half a day--and required unplugging a core router that served the police department--which halted the processing of important paperwork while a patch was added. In addition, music files downloaded from the Internet clogged the network at the expense of official business.

The city hired EDS to conduct a security assessment and scan. EDS recommended replacing the infrastructure with an end-to-end Enterasys Secure Network.

"EDS helped us realize how much our performance would improve and how our costs would be reduced by going exclusively with Enterasys," said McIntosh. "The city has a limited budget, so any cost savings we achieve can be reallocated toward crucial city services, such as hiring additional police officers and purchasing state-of-the-art fire equipment.

"Since installing the Enterasys Secure Networks solution, our network has been up 100 percent of the time and has remained secure," McIntosh continued. "Enterasys also uses an interface common to other routers and switches, so we did not have to retrain our engineers or hire new staff."

Anaheim's Secure Network features Enterasys Matrix N-Series switches and XSR security routers. To configure, monitor, and manage its solution--and realize the full benefits of Secure Networks--the city uses NetSight(R) Automated Security Manager.

The city also has deployed Enterasys' Dynamic Intrusion Response solution, which detects abnormal behavior, locates it on the network and automatically

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takes predefined action, based on the behavior, to intervene and quarantine only the offending user or device, without affecting other users on the VLAN or LAN. Enterasys' Acceptable Use Policy Solution, a unique, policy-based system, prevents unauthorized traffic from entering the network by centrally managing role-based policies for each user and device. For example, a policy for conference rooms prevents access to the network for users who do not meet specific criteria.

Enterasys RoamAbout(R) R2, an expandable wireless access platform, enhances business productivity by providing access to network services from anywhere in the workplace. This enhanced mobility enables city officials to work more efficiently.

"Enterasys is helping Anaheim make the city more secure and manage its diverse services more effectively with maximum business continuity. Our Secure Networks solutions help all types of enterprises work more productively and securely because we build the industry's best security capabilities into our full line of network infrastructure products," said Michael Rivers, executive vice president of worldwide sales and services for Enterasys. "Secure Networks not only reduces vulnerabilities across the entire network, but our centralized NetSight management solution requires fewer IT staff to manage even the largest networks--significantly reducing the cost of operating a highly secure and available infrastructure."