

City Perspective on Cybersecurity

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Background

- The League of Oregon Cities represents all 241 incorporated cities in Oregon.
- Approximately 70% of cities have a population of 10,000 or less
- Not all cities have websites, adequate to broadband, or robust IT infrastructure.
- Many cities run critical infrastructure and have access to sensitive information.
 - Municipally owned water, electric and broadband systems
 - Police and fire departments
 - Municipal courts
 - Traffic sensors and data

Cybersecurity Drivers

- Ransomware attacks, data breaches and other cybersecurity are on the rise.
- Hybrid setups from the COVID-19 pandemic have created new challenges.
- Technology is constantly changing and advancing requiring updating and maintenance.

Cybersecurity Needs

- **Funding**
 - System Upgrades and Modernization (both hardware and software)
 - Vulnerability assessments
- **Technical Assistance**
 - Cybersecurity response plans
 - Grant writing
- **IT Workforce**
 - Not enough IT professionals for the amount of need
- **Adequate Insurance**
- **Education and Training**

Questions

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