

Police Dept Achieves CJIS Compliance with Least Amount of Effort

To access Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), all justice agencies are required to achieve compliance for "advanced Multi-Factor Authentication". For this Midwest city police Department, compliance was achieved simply by using Power LogOn to control access to their computer and network systems.

The Challenge

- Police stations are required to conform by September 2014 All criminal justice agencies who did not achieve conformance by the deadline would not be allowed access to the criminal justice information services that are so essential to police work. Solution for both desktop and vehicle computers.
- Busy IT personnel needed a solution that would fit in with no disruption Many of the potential solutions IT staff found required infrastructure changes and were overly complex. Staff wanted to find a system that would make things easier rather than more complicated.

The Solution

Already in use:Mifare building access cardPurchased:Power LogOn software, licenses, and Mifare card readers

Some highlights of their solution:

Seamless transition

Because Power LogOn installs into Windows environments out-of-the-box, there was no down time and no need to make any changes to existing Windows setup. To add Power LogOn's "advanced authentication" capabilities, staff simply self-enrolled with Power LogOn at their workstations.

Advanced authentication requirement met

CJIS compliance requires that when police department staff need to access the network from an unsecured location, they must use advanced authentication.

Power LogOn's true two-factor authentication fulfills this requirement. Staff present their card (Factor 1: Possession) and type their PIN (Factor 2: Knowledge) to logon.

User groups provide additional control

IT staff defined three different Power LogOn user group security levels: high, middle, low. Creating managed logon entries for each user group level allowed IT staff to easily control access to confidential information.

Audit information trails also a plus

Power LogOn keeps a log with user IDs and timestamps of when employees' logon and logoff a workstation, lock and unlock a workstation, and which workstations they use throughout the day. A log also records actions performed by different administrators, so any change made to the system is traceable.

Customer Feedback

"Having to conform to the CJIS requirements was a challenge. So, we were all about trying to keep things as simple as possible. We're happy to say that it really was easy to implement Power LogOn, and we are very satisfied. The system runs by itself and has actually freed up our time instead of adding to our workload. Power LogOn works with both the squad car's computers and the station's computers."

"Since we manage the logon entries, employees no longer need to know any of their passwords. We no longer get interrupted throughout the day resetting forgotten passwords."

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