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POVIAT STAROTSTY IN PIASECZNO

A NEW VPN INFRASTRUCTURE TAILORED
TO A CONSTANTLY EVOLVING NETWORK
Interview with Marius Wawrzen, Poviat Starosty in Piaseczno IT Director.

300
COMPUTERS

8
SITES

5
FIREWALLS DEPLOYED

The customer

The Powiat Starosty is in charge of all public responsibilities (in the fields of education, health, communication, agriculture, building permits, geodetic surveying, etc.) on behalf of the Powiat (district), an administrative division and intermediate local authority between the voivodeship (administrative region) and the gmina (municipality).

The background

The customer was using a UTM firewall solution that had become obsolete, and therefore needed to review the security of its information system. This architecture overhaul also provided an opportunity to install new-generation firewalls that were better suited to the constantly-changing needs of this local government unit, which is involved in performing public sector administrative functions. The current network consisted of 300 computers across 8 sites interconnected by VPN tunnels.

The chosen solution

In 2019, the customer launched an invitation to tender with several manufacturers before finally opting for Stormshield Network Security solutions, and more specifically the SN910, SN210 and SN160 models. A total of 5 firewalls were deployed.

The solution's user-friendly Polish-language interface, and the simplicity of managing the extended network via the administration console – offering benefits such as task automation – were important factors in the final decision.

According to Marius Wawrzen, IT Director for the Poviat Starosty, "*Managing an infrastructure that covers such a wide area is a major challenge in itself; that's why we are very pleased with the transparency and the fully localised Polish console interface, which makes our job easier.*"

During the migration, one of the main priorities was to be able to move over from the old system in such a way as to maintain operational continuity for the other components of the infrastructure. This objective was almost entirely achieved, and the whole deployment was conducted without any issues within the specified timescale. The integrator completed the deployment in one week, after which the configuration was transferred to the new solution.

All infrastructure operated normally almost as soon as the new firewalls went into operation. In addition, the customer also subscribed to the Premium UTM Security pack, providing a single overview of all information, network status as well as of the system's key functions, and also enabling the administration process to be streamlined considerably. This pack also includes vulnerability audits, enabling it to quickly detect and eliminate internal problems before they cause serious issues.

"*The new firewall has fully met our expectations. Everything is working without the slightest hitch, which is saving us time allows us to devote more time to our employees and provide them with quality technical support*," says Wawrzen.

The customer reports that they are satisfied with the situation because the Stormshield solution meets its requirements and provides not only security but also smooth operations across the whole network, which is constantly expanding. They are also happy to be using robust European solutions that have been approved by the European Union and NATO.

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