

Staying Secure to Protect Lives



Customer-at-a-glance

Company name

National Directorate General for Disaster Management, Ministry of Interior

City/State

Hungary

Industry

Government

Sophos Solution

UTM 625

N° of users

12.000

With an outdated system defending its perimeter, OKF determined the organization needed a new and more effective security solution for its network. As the organization had grown, many varied IT devices had to be integrated into the current system. Adding to this challenge: the growing number of cyberattacks and types of threats. It was absolutely necessary to evolve to the next level of IT security.

Sophos helped make this happen with the roll-out of a UTM solution to defend the perimeter while providing centralized management and effective policies.



The basic function of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management, Ministry of the Interior (NDGDM), is to protect the lives and the property of the population of Hungary and to ensure the safe operation of the national economy. It also protects critical elements of the country's infrastructure. The NDGDM is a law enforcement body that is incredibly important for public safety. Its primary mission is to prevent disasters; carry out rescue operations in civil emergencies; organize and control protection activities; eliminate problems caused by emergencies; and perform reconstruction and rehabilitation activities.

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Business Challenge

OKF used an out-of-date system to defend the perimeter. As the existing product's support lifecycle was coming to an end, the organization had to find a different solution. As the number of users grew, they had to integrate a lot of varying IT devices into their current system. Plus, the growing number of cyber attacks brought on more varied threats every day, like CryptoLocker viruses and more. They had to evolve to the next level of IT security.

OKF had to create a new perimeter defense. Plus, due to significant changes in the structure of the organization, the review process for a new solution was more complicated as the organization tested more products before the decision was made, and required more compromise between those decision-makers. OKC chose Sophos, as the company's products best met the needs put forth by the different decision-makers, providing great usability and performance at a convincing price point.

Also important to note: the deployment of a new solution had to meet OKF regulations, which defined compliance when choosing a suitable solution.

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Technology Solution

At a minimum, the organization needed to deploy a trusted, redundant perimeter defense. The following functions were critical: integrated Wi-Fi management; transparent user interface; external logging; IPS function; Botnet, C&C server traffic recognition; antivirus, anti-spam, and anti-spyware filtering; web filter; web application; and firewall, as well as a SSL VPN.

By using the Sophos UTM solution OKF was immediately able to see improvements to efficiency and security. A range of security elements are now controlled in a much more efficient and functional way. This, together with the rapid reduction in technical support calls made by staff, has made security management simpler and easy-to-manage. Sophos UTM gives the team complete security, from the network firewall to web filtering, in a single modular appliance.

Business Results

By unifying network security with Sophos UTM, the IT team have seen improvements to performance and efficiency.

"From an efficiency point of view, it was vital that we deployed a simple, easy-to-use but comprehensive solution," says Ferenc Horváth, deputy head of department. "With simple and straightforward interfaces, the UTM delivers this, and we also have richer functionality."

Moreover, the team now has time to focus on resolving other issues and can focus on proactive tasks.

"This is great news for us. It boosts overall morale and helps with our departmental."

As Sophos UTM is a plug-and-play solution, the team has not needed additional training. The simplicity of the product and the intuitive interface has meant they face very few problems with day-to-day use.

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