

LOCATION

Exeter, CA

OVERVIEW

The Exeter Police Department's squad cars are equipped with laptops to allow their officers to access law enforcement data as crimes are committed.

NEEDS

Officers need secure, instant and convenient access to the information on squad car laptops, as well as computers within the station.

DIGITALPERSONA PRODUCTS

DigitalPersona® Pro Server
DigitalPersona Pro Workstation

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Exeter Police Department

Security Challenge

The Exeter California Police Department, like law enforcement groups across the nation, faced an urgent need to advance their IT support infrastructure. They needed secure and fast access to data to support split-second decisions. The police officers working in the field via mobile systems must be able to access mission-critical information from law enforcement databases. They need instant access and cannot afford to be locked out of the system due to complicated password-based security.

Squad car officers access their department's database, as well as other agencies' data, using cellular digital packet data (CDPD). Exeter's security requirements include fully lockable remote systems with secure data transfer to and from the police department's network and fast, reliable access during police activities in the field. Exeter's station staff also require secure authentication to access their Microsoft Windows server.

DigitalPersona Solution

In creating the user authentication function for their state-of-the-art system, the Exeter Police Department looked into iris scanning but found it was easy to get around the system. They turned to DigitalPersona because they found fingerprint authentication to be secure, fast and convenient.

Additionally, DigitalPersona's Server component fully integrates with the station's CDPD data transfer. This ensures that user authentication data is transferred in a secure way to remote systems, as well as to desktops connected to the LAN.

Benefits

- **Increased Security** - Access to sensitive law enforcement data on local and remote systems is secure.
- **Full Integration** - DigitalPersona Pro seamlessly integrates into Exeter's data security infrastructure.

- **Fast Access** - Instant, convenient, one-touch access for officers during police emergencies.

The Results

DigitalPersona Pro provides officers with secure, fast access to police data during emergencies and locks laptops and desktop systems when they are not in use. It is impossible to gain unauthorized access to remote systems.

"Police officers love DigitalPersona's technology," said Randy Smith, Data Systems Consultant, Exeter Police Department. "They have instant access to their systems when investigating a crime."

About DigitalPersona

DigitalPersona is the leading provider of fingerprint identity solutions for enterprise networks, custom application developers and consumer OEMs. Since 1997, the company has offered software and hardware that puts security and convenience at people's fingertips. For end users, DigitalPersona takes the pain out of remembering and typing passwords; the company's business solutions help organizations address their security, compliance and loss prevention needs. DigitalPersona's award-winning technology has been used worldwide by over 90 million people. DigitalPersona's solutions are offered by market-leading manufacturers such as HP, Dell and Microsoft.

