



# 2025 Fire Rescue Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Assessment

## Inspector General Department

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In accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services' HIPAA Security Rule, CFR 164.308(a)(1), a Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Assessment was conducted to evaluate the County's ability to detect, respond to, and recover from a DDoS attack. A DDoS attack is a malicious attempt to disrupt normal system operations by overwhelming a server, service, or network with excessive internet traffic, potentially rendering it slow or unavailable.

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The last pages of the report include management's plans to address opportunities for improvement. I can provide answers regarding observations, but please direct questions or concerns about remediation and timelines to John Simpson, the County's HIPAA Privacy Official, Erikk Ross, Jennifer Barker, Tommy Carpenter, and David Kilbury.

We appreciate the invaluable assistance provided by John Simpson and Erikk Ross during the review.

Respectfully submitted,

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