

<u>TouchPoint Networks Launches SaaS Alerting Technology to Manage</u> Common Business Applications

Leading Managed Technology Services
Provider Invests in Advanced
Cybersecurity Tools

EUGENE, OR – September 29, 2021 -TouchPoint Networks, a leading managed technology services provider (MTSP), has increased their investments in an advanced cybersecurity technology to create additional layers of protection for their customers. TouchPoint Networks is deploying a SaaS (Software-as-a-Service) alert technology to help its customers monitor, protect and manage their employees access on widely-used business applications like G Suite. Salesforce, Slack, Dropbox, Office 365 and Box. TouchPoint Networks's new SaaS alert technology monitors upwards of 35 different types of applications and gives SMBs real-time alerts and reporting capacities. Additionally, it automatically responds to issues which require attention before the customer has initiated any action.

"We're excited to deploy this technology because it empowers our customers to immediately be notified of any issues so that they can be rectified, immediately," said Gary Gonzalez, President of TouchPoint Networks. We've all heard about the acceleration of ransomware attacks in the news lately, the real problem behind any breach, is not knowing the extent of the breach for a long period of time. With this technology, our customers will know instantaneously if a breach has been attempted as we thwart attacks on their behalf."

While technologies like G Suite, Salesforce, Slack, Dropbox, Office 365 or Box have become ubiquitous in the modern workplace, they unfortunately expose networks to certain vulnerabilities which can be prevented. While TouchPoint Networks's particular technology monitors and

alerts SMBs on up to 35 different types of cyberattack methods, many businesses are undereducated as to the 6 most common attacks.

1. Brute Force Attacks - this is when cybercriminals use automation and scripts to guess passwords. Typical brute force attacks make a few hundred guesses every second which take advantage of simple passwords which use common expressions like 'user123' or 'password1,' and can be cracked in minutes.

2. Logins From Unauthorized
Countries - these types of breaches
can be spotted through various
indicators such as: a VPN connection
from an unknown device or
anonymous proxy, an abnormal
amount of data uploaded during a VPN
session, an increase of companyrelated data files accessed, multi-factor
authentication (MFA) from a new
device, or too many failed VPN logins.

3. Outdated File Shares From OneDrive/Google
Drive/Dropbox/Etc. (Orphaned
Links) - these occur when attackers overtake expired, stale, and invalid external links on credible websites, portals, or applications so that they can repurpose them for fraudulent activities.

4. Data Exfiltration - this is when any malicious actor targets, copies, and transfers sensitive data outside out of a company's network, which can often be used to extract a ransom or be offered to a competitor for a bribe.

5. Confidential Files Viewed

- when businesses are immediately notified as to which users are accessing confidential. A telltale sign that a cyber attacker is poking around in a network that they shouldn't be meddling in, is when confidential files are being viewed frequently.

6. Security Group and Policy Changes - this is often a means to

make it easier for a hacker to break in and cause a deeper extent of damage to a business or organization, yet SaaS alert technology can be configured to send off an alert to ensure that the company is in control of any changes being made to the security group.

"While there are many more types of attacks which can be rectified with various levels of complexity, these SaaS alerts can add a much-needed layer of security for any organization," added Mr. Gonzalez. "However, as cybercriminals continue to innovate, so must the technology that we leverage to protect our customers."

ABOUT TouchPoint Networks

Gary Gonzalez and his business partner's Chuck Whiteley and Tamara Gonzalez, are owners of TouchPoint Networks, a member of the Technology Assurance Group (TAG). TouchPoint has built a team of professional voice and data specialists dedicated to the highest levels of customer support. TouchPoint's pattern of steady growth reflects their commitment to keeping pace with the constantly evolving telecommunications technology arena, and the dramatic expansion of the Pacific Northwest's business market. With offices located along the I-5 Corridor in Portland, Eugene, and Medford, TouchPoint Networks is uniquely positioned to respond quickly and effectively to a wide range of customer equipment and service requirements. For more information on TouchPoint Networks, please visit www.asktouchpoint.com.