Innovation is at the heart of public safety, which constantly seeks out the best ways to solve community challenges. But as public safety organizations adopt more innovative technologies and purpose-built devices, the risks increase, too. Consider these latest findings from the Verizon Mobile Security Index (MSI) 2021 Public Safety Spotlight.

As cyberattacks on first responders continue coming from a growing number of sources, that threat needs to be taken seriously by leaders in the community.

— Chuck Ramsey, Public Safety Advisor, U.S. Conference of Mayors, former police commissioner in Philadelphia and Washington, DC

Mobile devices are critical to public safety operations and innovation.

Seventy-two percent of public sector respondents said that mobile devices are very critical to efficient operations.

Seventy percent of public sector respondents to our survey said that a security compromise could put people’s lives at risk by impacting critical or emergency services.

Rising “hacktivist” attacks based on social issues or political agendas

The growing value of personally identifiable information (PII)

A growing and increasingly mobile workforce

Being targeted due to perceived weaknesses in agencies’ security and defense measures

When it comes to mobile security, there’s much room for improvement.

Eighty-two percent of public sector respondents said they think that organizations who need to take mobile device security more seriously.

Thirty-five percent of public sector organizations admitted they had sacrificed mobile security to “get the job done.”

Discover additional insights in the Verizon MSI 2021 Public Safety Spotlight.

Contact your Verizon Government Account Manager to learn more about how Verizon and our mobile security solutions can help protect your agency.