

Community Defense Program: Free OT Cybersecurity Monitoring Technology & Resources for Small Utilities

Utilities in smaller cities and municipalities provide essential services such as power, water and natural gas that communities depend on every day. These organizations are increasingly targeted by ransomware groups and nation-state actors. With limited staff, budgets, and expertise in cybersecurity, defending operational technology (OT) environments can feel overwhelming.

The Dragos Community Defense Program (CDP) gives you peace of mind with free access to the Dragos Platform, the leading OT cybersecurity monitoring solution, along with other key resources to strengthen cyber defenses, build resilience, and protect your community with confidence. Together, we can make critical infrastructure safer for everyone.

Why It Matters

- **Unlock access to technology and threat intelligence** that small utilities often lack, empowering teams to defend OT environments with confidence.
- **Maintain operational continuity** with real-time visibility into assets, intelligence-driven threat detection, and response capabilities tailored for industrial systems.
- **Strengthen your preparedness** with free resources, and expert guidance to improve incident response and cyber resilience.
- **Leverage shared threat intelligence** across the community to detect faster, respond smarter, and stay ahead of threats

Who Qualifies	What You Get
• Electric, water, or natural gas utilities in the United States or Canada • Annual revenue under \$100M USD (~\$140M CAD)	• Dragos Platform • Neighborhood Keeper • Dragos Academy • OT-CERT Membership



Working with Dragos’s free Community Defense Program has been a game changer. Their commitment to providing top-notch cybersecurity support—without cost—to public sector agencies that are often under-resourced truly speaks volumes. This program not only bolstered our cybersecurity posture but also demonstrated a genuine commitment to service that is rare in today’s landscape.

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What You'll Need

To utilize the Dragos Platform, you'll need to provide:

- **System resources to run the Dragos Platform** software on a virtual machine or on dedicated hardware (see Commercial Off the Shelf specifications). Dragos has taken into account the size of these environments and made the resourcing needs light to support.
- **Internet connectivity to enable secure communications with Neighborhood Keeper**, Dragos's collective defense capability. This capability also supports the CDP Threat Hunting capabilities with trusted insights.
- **Skills and resources to deploy and operate the technology safely** in an industrial environment with free access to training, guides, worksheets, and more.

Beyond the Dragos Platform

CDP provides more than just the Dragos Platform. Program participants who are in the process of getting resourced to utilize the platform can participate in:

- Monthly community calls to learn and share experiences with other CDP participants.
- Dragos OT-CERT: offering free toolkits, guides, working sessions, and coordinated vulnerability disclosures.
- Dragos Academy with on-demand training to strengthen expertise with practical lessons.

The Dragos Platform – Leading OT Cybersecurity Platform



Asset Inventory

Discover and catalog OT, IT, IoT, and IIoT assets with passive-first monitoring.



Vulnerability Management

Prioritize vulnerabilities with Dragos's "Now, Next, Never" vulnerability analysis framework and OT-specific context.



Threat Detection

Detect malicious activity with the industry's most comprehensive threat detections that are continuously updated with Dragos intelligence.



Investigation & Response

Investigate faster with case management, timelines, forensic data, and analyst-authored playbooks designed for OT environments.



Neighborhood Keeper

Collective defense through anonymous, near real-time intelligence sharing. Early warning and shared situational awareness across utilities.



CDP Threat Hunting

Expert Dragos hunters analyze telemetry from program participants to detect stealthy threats and provide actionable findings.



To get started, learn more and apply for participation in Dragos Community Defense: dragos.com/community/community-defense-program

About Dragos, Inc.

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