

# Wireless Insecurity

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## Introduction

Wireless networks are very popular for obvious reasons – no wires! We can place computers and networking equipment where we want them without the hassle and expense of running cables. We can also take care of business on the road by connecting to the Internet at libraries, hotels, coffee shops, etc. While all of this is great for convenience, there are special security considerations because our information is now being transmitted via radio signals.

## What will the presentation will cover?

We will discuss the basics of wireless networking, explain potential security issues, how to evaluate your current use, and security solutions. Jon Hebert of the Carroll County Sheriff's department will provide some real-world examples of things that have happened right here in the MWV.

## Who is the intended audience?

We will be focusing primarily on business use of wireless networks, but the same considerations apply to personal use.

## So, what are some of the issues with Wireless networks?

There are two aspects to be concerned with:

- The privacy of your data being transmitted over the network or stored on your computer
- Use of your network by unauthorized individuals
  - They can be pursuing illegal or immoral activities
  - Or, just using up the capacity of your internet connection and making it slower for you

We will address both aspects and suggest solutions. Jon will give us some real world examples of what can happen.

## This is very technical stuff, do we have to be experts?

There is complicated technology involved, but the basic ideas are easy to understand. Evaluating the security of your environment is not difficult either. The solutions can require more technical ability, but those with some experience should be able to take it on themselves. There are several vendors in the area that can help too.

## Presented by:

The Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

## When and where:

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

***The Tech Village***  
**Technology Lane**  
**Conway, NH 03818**

## Presenter Profiles:

**Greg Edson** is the owner of **EE Computer Services**, a leading provider of IT services in the Mt. Washington Valley and Western Maine. Greg has over 20 year of experience in network solutions designed for and implemented by major corporations world-wide. Prior to establishing EE Computer Services, Greg held product management, business development, and consulting positions for network management solutions at Hewlett Packard.

**Jon Hebert** holds the rank of Captain and Chief Operating Officer at the **Carroll County Sheriff's Office**. He is also currently working closely with the NH Attorney General's office on criminal investigations. He has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1996, and graduated from the FBI Academy in 2003.

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