Resilient PNT for the Civilian Sector

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Introduction

- GPS is the world's clock
- Civilian users require a resilient source of positioning, navigation, and timing information

"... ability to anticipate, withstand, recover from, and adapt to adverse conditions, stresses, attacks or compromises on system resources ..."







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Resilient PNT Conformance Framework Vision

- Operators and vendors recognize there are threats to PNT
- Resilient PNT products are available but it's difficult for operators to know what to purchase
- Conformance framework will provide a common language for describing threats and mitigations
- Different levels of resilience to suit industry-specific needs
- Levels of resilience will enable product differentiation and risk management



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Resilient Framework Functions

- Framework of Resilient Behavior: Prevent, Detect, Report, Mitigate, Recover
- Each of these functions can be basic to sophisticated within a system of UE.



Resilient PNT Conformance Framework Working Group

Introduction:

The Resilient PNT Conformance Framework Working Group (CFWG) is established by the Department of Homeland Security to ensure resilient GNSS-derived timing sources for critical infrastructure.

Objectives:

- Develop an integrated conformance framework for describing resilient PNT systems
- Create meaningful, actionable, and verifiable guidelines for ensuring resilient PNT with a focusing on GNSS dependent timing devices
- Transition to industry application and industry-supported body for adoption and sustainment
- Enable improved risk management and decision making by CI operators when acquiring PNT equipment
- Enable vendors to differentiate products



GNSS – Global Navigation Satellite System

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Types of Threats

Availability

Interference which degrades or denies reception of GNSS signals

Integrity

 Interference which introduces erroneous data and measurements

Incidental

Unintentional interference with a receiver's operation

Targeted

Intentional interference with a receiver's operation



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Threat Class Descriptions

RF

Attacks

Interference or jamming

RF waveforms that disrupt receiver processing

- Effect: Deny or degrade the receiver's ability to process desired signals

Measurement spoofing

- False GNSS RF waveforms intended to gain access to receiver processing
- Effect: Deny, degrade, deceive (e.g. incorrect PVT solution to data processing)

Data spoofing

- Incorrect data messages to disrupt the processing of signals and PVT calculation
- Effect: Deny, degrade, deceive

<u>Timing Equipment and Network attacks</u>

- Embedded System Attacks via external interfaces
- Supply chain vulnerabilities, Malware, Tamper

Cyber Attacks

Attacks can involve a combination of jamming, spoofing, and cyber

PVT – Position, Velocity, Time

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Threat Classification



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GPS Timing Defense-in-Depth Strategy



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Toolkit for Mitigation of Timing Threats



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Conclusion

- The Resilient PNT Conformance Framework will provide a threat/response classification system
- Included mitigation toolkit and resilient behavior functions will provide guidance for effective responses to threats

Goal: provide uninterrupted, reliable time to users, even in the presence of advanced threats.

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