

CASE STUDY – TIMRÅ IK



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TIMRÅ IK SECURES THEIR DIGITAL OPERATIONS WITH HORNETSECURITY AND STRIMMA IT

Timrå IK is a successful and professional ice hockey team based in Timrå located close to Sundsvall in Sweden. The town is as renowned for its engrained passion for ice hockey as it is for the dense, deep and beautiful forests that encircle the conurbation.

The ice hockey team competes in the Swedish Hockey League (SHL) - one of the top leagues in Europe and is ranked amongst the top six for the 2024-2025 season, with strong aspirations of winning the championship this coming spring. With 70 back office staff supporting up to 500 players across various levels of Timrå teams, playing team members span in age from five years to senior levels, Timrå IK recognised the need for robust IT security to protect their growing digital presence.

Partnering with Strimma IT, Timrå IK implemented Hornetsecurity's 365 Total Protection to fully safeguard their Microsoft 365 environment and enhance operational efficiency.

THE CHALLENGE

Before implementing Hornetsecurity, Timrå IK relied on Microsoft Defender for many years for their email security internally and externally. However, they faced several persistent challenges:

Email Threats: A significant volume of phishing, spam, and malware emails infiltrated Timrå's system daily, creating risks. The IT team knew that just one errant click could bring their entire IT down through ransomware or malware infection.

Operational Disruption: With errant emails circulating internally, staff were spending too much time chasing and ringfencing, increasing the likelihood of missing critical communications.

Compliance Needs: Faced with a rising volume, managing email security and regulatory compliance was becoming an increasingly time-consuming process.



Their trusted advisor and local IT support company, Strimma IT, quickly highlighted that to combat these risks, a comprehensive and user-friendly cybersecurity solution was needed – and fast – before a critical own goal occurred!

They already had trust in Strimma IT a local IT service provider with extensive expertise in cybersecurity, cloud computing, and managed IT solutions and long lasting client relationships with their clients.



The Solution

With the recommendation of Strimma IT, Timrå IK evaluated Hornetsecurity's 365 Total Protection, a solution totally focused to meet the demands of Microsoft 365 users. After a detailed presentation and overview from Strimma IT, the team decided to give it a try, and the results were immediate and impressive. Key highlights the team immediately liked included:

Advanced Threat Protection: as it proactively blocked phishing, ransomware, and spam.

Spam and Malware Filtering: as it significantly reduces unwanted emails, ensuring cleaner inboxes.

Email Archiving and Compliance: as it provides tools for efficient email search, recovery, and regulatory compliance.

User-Friendly Management: as it simplifies IT workflows and empowers administrators with an intuitive control panel.

Strimma IT facilitated a seamless migration, ensuring minimal disruption to operations and providing ongoing support.

The Results

The implementation of Hornetsecurity's 365 Total Protection delivered measurable benefits for Timrå IK:

Enhanced Security: Daily email threats were drastically minimised, stopping malicious emails before they reached team members' inboxes.

Improved Efficiency: Cleaner mailboxes reduced distractions, enabling staff to focus on core sports-related digital tasks.

Operational Reliability: Emails that previously disrupted internal workflows were no longer an issue

Ease of Use: The solution's easy to use control panel plus Strimma IT's support made managing the new system simple and straightforward.

Key Feedback from Timrå IK

"Under the previous system, it was a matter of time before something went seriously wrong. The user mailboxes are much cleaner now, minimising the risk of missing something important. Initially, it required some effort, but everything runs smoothly now."



Jonas Larsson
Administrative Manager
Timrå IK

"We recommend all companies have a look at Hornetsecurity's cyber security product. We're even encouraging other teams in the SHL to explore this solution, again with Strimma IT also as their trusted partner."

Conclusion

Timrå IK's adoption of Hornetsecurity's 365 Total Protection highlights the importance of robust email security in today's sports industry. With a safer, more efficient digital environment behind them, the team can concentrate on their mission: excelling on the ice and engaging with fans. Their proactive approach to a secure M365 environment sets a benchmark for other SHL teams and beyond.

