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Windstream introduces distributed denial of service (DDoS) mitigation service to help customers protect their network and maximize uptime

Service detects unusual activity, verifies an attack and rapidly mitigates DDoS attacks on protected networks, systems or applications cost-effectively and without interrupting internet service

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 24, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Windstream](#) (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today introduced DDoS Mitigation Service, a turnkey solution that helps customers identify and address distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks in real-time. The service bolsters Windstream's portfolio of security services and complements the company's leading enterprise-grade data and voice services.

DDoS attacks are disruptive and can easily make an organization's internet circuit unavailable, impact their business and potentially put them in non-compliance with industry regulation. Windstream's DDoS Mitigation Service uses a network of highly scalable scrubbing centers that ingest and inspect attack traffic upstream from the customer's network. Keeping attacks at a distance helps insulate a company's network while ensuring that customer traffic is uninterrupted.

"Windstream's DDoS Mitigation Service protects customers from a rising trend of crippling DDoS attacks that have become easier to execute," said Joseph Harding, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of Windstream's Cloud & Connectivity business unit. "In response to customer requests for this type of capability, we are launching it with the ability to monitor and mitigate attacks on their internet circuits to help them stay connected."

The service includes both monitoring and mitigation, regardless of number/size of attacks at a predictable price, for a simpler customer experience. Customers benefit from proactive monitoring to quickly verify an attack and rapidly begin mitigation. Additionally, auto-mitigation is an available option on Windstream's DDoS Mitigation Service, which makes it well-equipped to handle short "hit-and-run" attacks that can wreak havoc on a network.

"Protection against DDoS attacks is critical as companies look for ways to secure their network and maintain uptime," said Martha Vazquez, senior research analyst at IDC. "Turnkey services like Windstream's DDoS Mitigation Service are going to be important for enterprises who rely on resilient internet connectivity to support their users, end customers, and businesses."

Windstream's DDoS Mitigation Service is supported by a powerful backbone across distributed data centers. These centers support the mitigation of amplification and application layer attacks with the support of a dedicated 24x7 Security Operations Center (SOC). Customers also benefit from access to a secure service portal for visibility into real-time alerts, traffic data, and mitigation activity.

Windstream offers a full suite of advanced network communications and technology solutions like [SD-WAN](#), [OfficeSuite](#), [UCaaS](#), [Ethernet](#), [Wavelength Services with Optical Encryption](#), [MPLS](#) and [dedicated high-speed Internet](#). Windstream also offers [managed services](#), [cloud connectivity](#) and [network security](#) services designed to help businesses increase productivity and improve operational costs. For more information, visit [windstreambusiness.com](#).

About Windstream

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