



USA: NACS, Pinnacle launch new anti-skimming app

Pinnacle and NACS have launched SkimDefend, a new mobile solution that will aid gas station operators avoid credit card skimming at the pump.

The SkimDefend app will enhance security at the pump and reduce skimming risks, according to the fuel retailing association and the Pinnacle Corporation.

“By teaming up with Pinnacle, NACS is able help convenience store operators combat skimming at the dispenser, and anywhere else hardware is at potential risk,” said Doug Spencer, director of products and services at NACS.

The app works alongside tamper-evident NACS WeCare decals, which help retailers identify potential security breaches when fuel dispensers or other unattended PIN-entry devices are opened to install skimming mechanisms. With the SkimDefend app, store operators scan the code at each pump location where a NACS WeCare decal is applied, or enter label numbers manually.

“Pinnacle is pleased to bring the strength of its mobile platform to the NACS WeCare program by introducing the SkimDefend mobile app, providing retailers a powerful tool to help mitigate the risks of skimming devices,” said Melissa Hadley, Pinnacle’s director of product management.

The SkimDefend app creates a virtual tracking mechanism that helps store operators monitor fuel pumps, as well as help provide forensic evidence should a skimming incident occur, according to NACS Online.