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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- Framingham MetroWest Daily News reports a chemical explosion January 17 at the Spectrum Microwave building in Marlborough, Massachusetts, sent about 20 employees to the hospital. (See item [13](#))
- A former New York commodities trader is facing charges he made repeated death threats against 47 employees of the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission, according to the Associated Press. (See item [48](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 18, Frederick News-Post* – (Maryland) **Tanker truck crash closes I-70 lanes for hours.** A tanker truck filled with liquid propane overturned on I-70 near Mount Airy, Maryland, sending two people to the hospital and bringing traffic to a halt for more than 5 hours. The crash happened January 17 when the driver of the tanker lost control of the truck, according to Maryland State Police. The truck's rear tires veered onto the grass median strip just past the Md. 27 exit in the eastbound lanes of I-70,

police said. The truck turned over on the driver's side, sliding approximately 100 yards before ending up along a guardrail in the median. None of the approximately 8,600 gallons of propane spilled from the tanker, but the entire eastbound side of the highway, as well as all but one lane of the westbound side, was closed while the crash was investigated. Maryland State Police were on the scene investigating along with the emergency response team from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Carroll County Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co. and the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Co. helped secure the scene, and assistance was also provided by the Howard County Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, and the state highway administration. Investigators found driver error was the primary cause of the crash, police said.

Source:

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=115396>

2. *January 17, Bellingham Herald* – (Alaska) **Trans-Alaska pipeline restarted after leak repair.** The Trans-Alaska oil pipeline was restarted January 17 after a roughly 58-hour shutdown to allow repair work to deal with a leak. The Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. shut down the 800-mile pipeline January 15 to install a bypass pipe around the leak at Pump Station 1, where the pipeline starts on the North Slope. The shutdown was expected to last 36 hours. A spokeswoman said crews completed work on a 157-foot bypass line to go around the leak, and began the process for restarting the pipeline January 15. After the leak was discovered January 8, Alyeska shut down the pipe for about 84 hours, and production at the more than two dozen oil fields was reduced 5 percent of normal, or about 30,000 barrels per day. As of January 17, Alyeska had recovered about 13,300 gallons of spilled oil from the building where the leak occurred. No oil has been discovered outside the building, the company said. More than 600 people had been involved in responding to the leak, including 375 workers at Pump Station 1. The North Slope oil fields account for about 11 percent of U.S. domestic production.
Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/01/17/1820965/trans-alaska-pipeline-restarted.html>

3. *January 17, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **IE underground explosion sends 2 to hospital.** An underground, high-voltage explosion rocked San Bernardino, California, January 17, sending two people to the hospital. It happened about 1 p.m. in a vault at 13th Street and Waterman Avenue, sending massive chunks of roadway flying. Two people heading inside a restaurant near the explosion were injured by the debris. Southern California Edison (SCE) workers continued to survey the damage and repair efforts January 17. "The first engine company that arrived found a sizable crater with two individuals down," a San Bernardino Fire captain said. "An underground power transformer had exploded. The vault had come through the street and caused the debris to fly and that's what struck the individuals that were injured." The two people hurt were taken to a local hospital with minor injuries. Investigators said it could have been a lot worse had the DMV across the street been open and the usual dozens of people were lined up on the sidewalk.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/inland_empire&id=7904101

4. *January 15, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Small explosion, fire reported at Oklahoma plant.** Authorities said no one was hurt when a small explosion and fire occurred at the Superior Pipeline gas processing plant near Cashion, Oklahoma. Firefighters told KWTW the blast happened January 15 and was contained to one piece of equipment. The Cashion plant is part of a system located in Oklahoma, Logan, Canadian, and Kingfisher counties that has about 91 miles of pipeline providing service to 80 wells. Natural gas liquids for companies, including Oneok, are produced there. Source: <http://www.kfor.com/news/sns-ap-ok--plantfire,0,6131508.story>

5. *January 14, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Marathon cleans up small leak at Garyville refinery.** Marathon Oil Corp. halted a leak in a 3-inch diameter crude line at a Mississippi River dock and was cleaning up a small spill, the company said January 14. About 50 gallons of crude was spilled in the leak January 13 at Marathon’s Garyville refinery, near Mississippi River mile marker 140, west of New Orleans, Louisiana officials said. “Garyville had a very small release at one of our dock facilities. Cleanup is currently being completed. This was a minor incident,” a Marathon spokesman said. A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said the agency was monitoring the cleanup. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1416382520110114>

6. *January 14, Next Gov* – (National) **GAO: Feds need to strengthen smart grid standards and oversight.** Federal agencies need to strengthen cybersecurity guidelines and improve oversight of industry efforts to secure smart grid systems and networks, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO). While energy companies are using information technology to make the electricity grid more efficient and reliable, those technologies also are creating security vulnerabilities. Federal standards for identifying and mitigating security risks are inadequate, GAO said in a report released January 9. The watchdog found that while the National Institute of Standards and Technology developed and issued cybersecurity guidelines as a result of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, they do not deal with key issues, including the risk of attacks that involve both cyber and physical means. “Until the missing elements are addressed, there is an increased risk that smart grid implementations will not be secure as otherwise possible,” GAO said. GAO also found the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission lacks the ability to enforce standards. Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110114_5416.php?oref=topnews

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *January 16, KTSM 9 El Paso* – (Texas) **Chemical spill in Horizon City toxic.** A chemical that leaked out of a tractor trailer January 15 in Horizon City, Texas, was

toxic. El Paso County Sheriff's deputies said the truck was being worked on when the driver noticed the leak. She was transporting dozens of 55-gallon drums containing a corrosive and toxic chemical so she called 911. The haz-mat team responded, and four mechanics had to be decontaminated, but they were released on scene. The spill has been cleared.

Source: <http://www.ktsm.com/news/chemical-spill-in-horizon-city-toxic>

8. *January 13, Crescent City Triplicate* – (California) **Oxygen leak scare.** Nearly 3 square blocks in Crescent City, California, were blocked off by law enforcement officials January 12 after an Apria Healthcare truck began leaking liquid oxygen. The truck, parked on Sixth Street between G and H streets, was carrying refrigerated liquid oxygen, an element used in medical oxygen tanks. The truck driver said he was delivering the oxygen from Eureka when one of the valves started to malfunction. “The (oxygen) tank hasn’t been used in a couple of years,” he said, adding condensation in the valve could have caused it to leak. Clouds of moisture billowed from the truck as the liquid oxygen vaporized. Officials responded around 3 p.m. to block off city streets and evacuate people from homes close to the truck. Officials were concerned for residents’ safety because liquid oxygen accelerates combustion. If it comes into contact with organic materials, the chance of explosion increases. The Crescent City fire captain said he was told by the haz-mat team with Eureka’s Fire Protection District to let the oxygen continue to leak until all of it vaporized. The driver estimated there were 970 pounds of oxygen left in the tank when the leak became uncontrollable — a figure that left officials saying they were “going to be there all night.” Attempts to turn the tank’s pressure relief valve or toggle any of the other valves were unsuccessful as they were frozen in place by the vapors.

Source: <http://www.triplicate.com/20110113111202/News/Local-News/Oxygen-leak-scare>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *January 18, Bloomberg* – (Georgia) **Southern Co. slows Hatch 1 reactor in Georgia to 41 percent.** Southern Co. reduced output at its Edwin I. Hatch 1 reactor near Baxley, Georgia, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported. The 876-megawatt unit was operating at 41 percent of capacity January 18, down from full power January 17. Another unit at the site, the 883-megawatt Hatch 2, was operating at full power. The plant is located about 74 miles west of Savannah.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-18/southern-co-slows-hatch-1-reactor-in-georgia-to-41-percent.html>

10. *January 17, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Groups disagree with VY analysis.** Several groups opposed to the continued operation of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon, Vermont spent 3 days the week of January 9 giving testimony

as to why it should be shut down. Vermont's Public Service Board held technical hearings, which began January 11, requested by Conservation Law Foundation and the New England Coalition. Nearly 1 year ago, a leaked of tritiated water was discovered at the plant. A high-ranking engineer for Entergy, which owns and operates Vermont Yankee, said leaks from two pipes were merely a "contributing cause." The chief engineer of boiling water reactors for Entergy, said the reason the Root Cause Analysis was not focused on the leaking pipes was because the problem statement was a leak to the environment. Entergy has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to extend Vermont Yankee's operating license another 20 years. In addition to re-licensing, which currently expires in March 2012, Entergy must also obtain a certificate of public good. In February 2010 however, the Vermont State Senate voted 26-4 not to do so.

Source: http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_17115617

11. *January 15, WHTC 1450 AM Holland* – (Michigan) **Survey for evacuation of nuke plant planned.** Some residents along the Lakeshore will be asked to participate in a survey involving evacuation plans for the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert, Michigan. First Market Research will call people in Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien counties for their thoughts on how long it takes them to get to work and how many vehicles they would have if a clear-out warning was issued due to an incident at the power plant. Officials of Entergy, which owns the facility, said KLD Engineering will put the poll information together with updated census data to develop an evacuation plan.

Source: <http://www.whtc.com/news/articles/2011/jan/15/survey-evacuation-nuke-plant-planned/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *January 14, Middletown Record* – (New York) **Revere Smelting fined for workplace safety violations.** Revere Smelting & Refining in Middletown, New York, has been fined for workplace safety violations. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fined Revere \$30,000 for 12 serious violations. Several violations are connected to a July 16, 2010 accident at the Ballard Road plant, according to inspection documents obtained by the Middletown Record. A worker was jackhammering inside a furnace when a large section of brick slid down and broke his leg. OSHA said the company did not evaluate the potential hazards of removing brick from the furnace. Revere also did not train its employees for those hazards or keep permits they needed to work in a confined space, federal watchdogs said. Revere is also accused of skipping inspections of some equipment, leaving a floor opening unguarded, and allowing at least one worker to become exposed to chromium at more than three times the allowed levels. Revere has been ordered to fix the violations by January or February. Revere is a battery recycling plant that melts batteries and resells their essential parts.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110114/NEWS/110119844>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *January 18, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Marlborough chemical explosion sends 20 to hospital.** A chemical explosion January 17 at the Spectrum Microwave building in Marlborough, Massachusetts, sent about 20 employees to the hospital. The fire department said it appears a plastic drum with a 20- to 30-gallon capacity apparently ruptured under pressure, causing the explosion at 400 Nickerson Road. The explosion shot the chemicals around the laboratory, but the fire chief said he believes the incident was contained to the lab. The pressure from the explosion knocked over other drums in the lab, but none of them appear to have leaked, he said. There was no fire. There were some employees in the laboratory, but none were injured by the drums. About 50 people were nearby. Six people were taken to Marlborough Hospital and 12 people were taken to Worcester hospitals as a precaution. Patriot Ambulance assisted with the process, sending five of its ambulances to the building. Firefighters evacuated the building after the 7 a.m. incident and took employees next door to 200 Nickerson Road. The building was expected to reopen January 18. Spectrum's products are used in the aerospace, defense, and communications industries.

Source:

http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/police_and_fire/x1390757884/Marlborough-chemical-explosion-sends-20-to-hospital

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *January 18, Infosecurity* – (International) **Ex-banker gives WikiLeaks data on 2,000 private Swiss bank accounts.** A Swiss banker handed over two discs of data to WikiLeaks, which could contain evidence of tax evasion and criminal activity committed by prominent people, BBC reports said. The banker will go on trial for breaking bank secrecy laws. In a statement, the bank told the BBC: "Evidently disgruntled and frustrated about unfulfilled career aspirations, the banker exhibited behavior that was detrimental and unacceptable for the bank, which led to termination of the employment relationship." Authorities in the United States are reportedly urging government agencies to set up programs to identify disgruntled employees who might leak sensitive information. The move comes after whistle-blowing Web site WikiLeaks published thousands of leaked diplomatic cables. Twitter was recently issued with a subpoena by the government to release the personal details of people connected to WikiLeaks. The bank account data is expected to appear on WikiLeaks.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/15245/exbanker-gives-wikileaks-data-on-2000-private-swiss-bank-accounts/>

15. *January 16, Middle East Media Research Institute* – (International) **Jihadi cleric Anwar al-Awlaki to jihadists living in the West: Obtain money by any means**

possible, especially from the U.S. government and its citizens. In a new fatwa issued in the lead article of the fourth issue of Inspire magazine, which was published January 16, a Yemeni-American jihadi cleric encourages jihadists living in the West to assist the financing of jihadi activities through any means possible, including theft, embezzlement, and seizure of property. The U.S. government, and U.S. citizens are singled out as prime targets for these acts. Following are the main points and excerpts from the article: In an attempt to deal with the cash-shortage jihadist groups are facing, the cleric gives religious justification to any actions used by jihadists to obtain money. In the article, titled “The Ruling on Dispossessing the Disbelievers’ Wealth in Dar Al-Harb,” the cleric deals with the issue by ruling that Western countries are considered dar al-harb [the territory of war], countries on which the rules of war apply. Since this is the case, the cleric says Muslims living in the West are not bound by any laws or contracts that prohibit them to harm their countries of residence: “It is the consensus of our scholars that the property of the disbelievers in dar al-harb is halal [permissible] for the Muslims and is a legitimate target for the mujahidin.”

Source: <http://www.memritv.org/report/en/4921.htm>

16. *January 15, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Suspected bank robber arrested in Smyrna.** Police in Smyrna, Tennessee, and the FBI said they have arrested a man they believe may be linked the three holdups at the Ascend Credit Union, at 2:05 p.m. January 15. Police said the suspect was arrested, without incident, at a North Lamar Road home just outside the Smyrna city limits. The suspect is currently being charged under federal indictment for one count of armed robbery at the Ascend Federal Credit Union on Nissan Boulevard in Smyrna. Investigators said the suspect is linked to three robberies at the bank: one in January and two in December.
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/news/26506606/detail.html>
17. *January 14, Pasadena Star-News* – (California) **Man suspected of leaving explosive device near Arcadia bank in custody.** A 23-year-old man was in custody January 14 after he entered Foothills Middle School in Arcadia, California. He was asked to leave by school officials and then left what appeared to be a “homemade explosive device” near a Foothill Boulevard bank, school district and police officials said. The 23-year-old suspect was booked on suspicion of possession of an explosive device, an Arcadia police spokesman said. The Bank of America, the McDonald’s, and a strip mall parking lot on Foothill Avenue were among the areas evacuated for a few hours until the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Bomb Squad successfully detonated the device in the early afternoon. Traffic was also blocked with police cars between First and Second Avenues during this time.
Source: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_17097888
18. *January 14, Greeley Tribune* – (Colorado) **Greeley couple arrested, accused of four bank robberies.** A woman arrested for her involvement in six northern Colorado robberies in the past month that netted more than \$11,000, told police she and her boyfriend “deserved” the money because they had a tough life. The 20-year-old female suspect and her 22-year-old boyfriend both told police they also spent much of their stolen money on heroin. In appearances in Weld District Court January 15, the male’s

bond was set at \$400,000 and the female suspect's at \$210,000. The Weld District Attorney has until 3:30 p.m. January 19 to formally charge them. According to court affidavits, the female suspect told investigators that no one was hurt in the robberies, because the gun was not loaded and her boyfriend "was only stealing from the government or the FDIC." The couple was arrested January 13 after a bank teller at the Credit Union of Colorado placed the money in the robber's bag, along with an electronic device that enabled police to track the stolen cash.

Source: <http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20110114/NEWS/701149993/1005>

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Transportation Sector

19. *January 18, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia; Maryland; Virginia) **Icy conditions leave region slippery.** The Washington D.C. metro region woke up to ice. Ice encrusted area roads and sidewalks, prompted schools to close or open late and provided federal workers some leeway in coming in late January 18. Icy streets and sidewalks presented the biggest problems. People walking to train stations found, in some cases, they had to walk in the street because the sidewalks were so icy. Road crews worked through the night, treating highways. Drivers found roads slushy in some areas, slick or icy in others. Temperatures were expected to reach near 40 degrees January 18. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Airports warned travelers to check with airlines before heading to the airport. Dozens of flights at Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport, as well as in cities across the eastern United States were canceled, and a few others were delayed. Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport saw some delays and cancellations.

Source: <http://www.wtop.com/?nid=25&sid=2237269>

20. *January 18, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Heavy snow closes I-70.** Interstate 70 westbound in Colorado was closed early January 18 due to heavy snow. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) issued the closure shortly after 3 a.m. An hour later, CDOT closed eastbound I-70 at Silverthorne due to adverse conditions. US Highway 6 over Loveland Pass and US 40 over Berthoud Pass were also closed because of adverse conditions. A semitrailer rolled over near Glenwood Springs around 4 a.m., prompting CDOT to close westbound lanes of I-70 4 miles east of Glenwood Springs. The closure lasted about 2 hours. I-70 in that area reopened around 6 a.m.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/26525134/detail.html>

21. *January 17, CNN* – (Florida) **'Suspicious item' reported on plane in Miami, declared safe.** An American Airlines plane was searched and cleared at Miami International Airport in Miami, Florida, January 17 after a "suspicious item" was identified in its cargo hold, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said in a statement. American Airlines Flight 930 from Sao Paulo, Brazil, landed in Miami at

8:46 a.m. “In the process of unloading cargo, a suspicious item was identified,” TSA said. “Out of an abundance of caution, local law enforcement and EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) arrived on scene to inspect. The item was cleared and declared safe at 10:37 a.m.,” the statement noted. TSA did not disclose details. Earlier, an American Airlines spokesman said no explosive material or devices were found on the plane. He said that empty fuse holders were found and described them as like a fuse but not an explosive device. The flight had 169 passengers and 11 crew members on board. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/01/17/florida.airport.plane/?hpt=T2>

22. *January 17, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Elgin derailment not blocking Metra trains.** A freight train derailment in Elgin, Illinois will not disrupt Metra service as much as originally anticipated. Metra originally said it would be running shuttle buses between Elgin’s Chicago Street station and Bartlett station to get around the derailment. But early January 17, the commuter agency said it would run complete service on the Milwaukee District/West Line, although there would be some delays. Delays of about 20 minutes were anticipated for morning outbound trains 2201 and 2203 and morning inbound trains 2222 and 2226 due to necessary track repairs at the derailment site. Eight cars on a westbound Canadian Pacific freight train derailed January 16. The derailment disrupted service on Metra’s Milwaukee District/West Line, which shares the tracks with Canadian Pacific. Though the train was carrying “hazardous materials,” none of the eight derailed cars that landed in a ditch was carrying the material, according to a statement from Elgin police. Police did not say what materials were on the train, which was en route from Savannah, Illinois. Police closed Raymond Street between Bluff City Boulevard and Kenyon Road and Saint Charles Street from Elgin Avenue to Kenyon Road, authorities said. As Metra officials oversee the cleanup, Canadian Pacific officials were on the scene investigating the cause, police said. The Elgin Fire Department was providing assistance in assessing any possible hazardous materials situation, police said.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-elgin-streets-closed-after-fre-01162011,0,2538369.story>

23. *January 15, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Amtrak’s Coast Starlight evacuated in Camarillo after Freon leak.** An Amtrak Coast Starlight train was forced to stop at a Camarillo Metrolink station in California January 15 and evacuate passengers because of a Freon leak in one of its cars. The Coast Starlight was en route from Los Angeles to Sacramento with 134 passengers, an Amtrak spokeswoman said. Everyone evacuated about 2 p.m. was in good condition and safe, the Ventura County Fire Department reported. A hazardous materials team was sent to the site. The leak originated from a chiller used to keep food, beverages, and other things cold, the Amtrak spokeswoman said. Freon is a chemical compound primarily used in refrigeration and air conditioning. It contains fluorine and carbon, and often hydrogen, chlorine, or bromine. It is considered to have low toxicity and is not deemed to be a fire hazard. The incident was cleared and the train was released to resume its journey about 4:15 p.m. after a roughly 2.5 hour delay.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/jan/15/amtrak-coast-starlight-train-evacuated-in-after/>

24. *January 15, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **CSX train derails In Jefferson County.** The Middletown Fire Department said nine cars of a freight train derailed in Middletown, Kentucky January 14. Investigators said the derailment happened at about 10:30 p.m. near the intersection of LaGrange Road and Camberlain Lane, near the Ford truck plant. The 85-car train did not have any hazardous materials aboard. Crews from CSX were working to clean up the site January 15. Investigators were trying to figure out what caused the derailment.
Source: <http://www.wlky.com/r/26505001/detail.html>
25. *January 13, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas workers fired on by gunman in Mexico.** A group of workers repairing an isolated rural road near the Mexican border in West Texas escaped injury January 13 after an unknown gunman fired at them from Mexico, authorities said. A crew of four county employees was working on the county road when they heard around eight rounds fired from across the Rio Grande, said the Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department chief deputy. "They were shooting in the direction of the workers," he said. The workers, who were less than a mile away from the border, quickly fled the area after several of the rounds hit the ground near them. "The road foreman said he saw the rounds plucking up dirt and heard the sounds of the guns firing. He said they were all able to get out safely," the deputy said. Investigators did not find any suspects in the area, about 15 miles south of Interstate 10 between Fort Hancock and Sierra Blanca. One witness told investigators he saw a white pickup truck speeding away after the shooting. It was not immediately known why the workers were fired on, but drug smugglers have been known to use the area.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/01/13/texas-workers-fired-gunman-mexico/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

26. *January 16, Lincoln Journal Star* – (Nebraska) **Fiery explosion destroys mailbox.** A loud explosion destroyed a mailbox January 15 in the 4600 block of Hillside Street in Lincoln, Nebraska. A police spokesman said witnesses saw a teenage boy exit a car and place a burning object in the mailbox at about 5:45 p.m. January 15. They then heard a loud noise as the box exploded. The mailbox was not a piece of government property. The police spokesman said police do not know why that mailbox was targeted. The police spokesman said witnesses recorded the license plate number of the vehicle carrying the teenager, and officers later located the car's owner. The car owner told officers that his passenger set the fire and that he was unaware of his intentions. Officers are seeking the passenger, whom the police spokesman identified as a juvenile.
Source: http://journalstar.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_d3420056-0610-5500-9154-9405ea696700.html
27. *January 15, WRCB 3 Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Post office robber fondles employees.** Police in Chattanooga, Tennessee, are looking for a suspect they said

robbed a post office and fondled employees. The incident happened January 15 around 9:30 a.m. at the E34th post office. Two female employees told police a man forced his way in to the facility, claiming to have a gun and demanded money. He then forced both women to remove their shirts and fondled one of them. The suspect left the scene with \$500 in cash and \$9,000 in stamps. He is described as a black male, standing 5 feet 8 inches and weighing around 150 pounds. Police said he is armed with a silver pistol. The FBI and the U.S. Postal Service are conducting an investigation.

Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13849923>

28. *January 15, South Coast Today* – (New Hampshire) **Mystery package prompts evacuation, closes downtown block.** A bundle of mail, reported to police as a suspicious package, prompted authorities to evacuate a downtown block and close down through traffic on a portion of Spring Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, for about an hour January 15. A woman picked up the package, which was wrapped in a Postal Service envelope, and had no address on it, and was bundled with one red and two “vanilla” elastics, she said. She flipped it over, placed it back in the snowbank and called police. Police evacuated the Spring Street block between the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and the Nativity Preparatory School. That block includes a law office, Supporting Adults for Inclusive Living, commonly referred to as SAIL, Training Resources of America, and parts of the UMass Dartmouth Star Store campus. Authorities sealed off the road with cruisers on both ends of the block. A fire engine was parked farther up Spring Street. Pleasant Street remained open to through traffic. A policeman wearing a vest and helmet approached the package around 12:25 p.m. and motioned for onlookers to back up. Ultimately, police opened the envelope to find a bundle of mail. The street was reopened and people allowed back in the block’s buildings by 12:35 p.m.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110115/NEWS/101150332>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

29. *January 18, Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **200 dead cows found in Wisconsin.** The Portage County Humane Society is trying to figure out what caused 200 cows in Stockton, Wisconsin to die. According to a Portage County Sheriff’s Department news release, deputies were dispatched to the town just after 1 p.m. January 14 after they were notified of numerous dead cows lying in a field in the 8000 block of Fourth Avenue. The owner of the cattle allegedly told deputies he had been working with a local veterinarian and suspected the animals died from either the IBR or BVD virus. According to CattleToday.info, IBR — infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, or red nose — is an acute, contagious virus that usually occurs in the air passages of a cow’s head or its windpipe. Cattle of all ages that have not been vaccinated or have not recovered from the disease are susceptible to IBR, the Web site states. BVD — Bovine Virus Diarrhea — can cause numerous problems, according to the site, such as damage

to a cow's digestive and immune systems, pneumonia, abortions, calf deformities, and other symptoms. Samples of the dead animals were sent to Madison for testing. The investigation is being handled by the Portage County Humane Society. According to the Portage County sheriff's department, there is no threat to humans or other animals. Source:

<http://www.wisconsinrapidtribune.com/article/20110115/WRT0101/101150429/1982/WRT04/200-dead-cows-found-on-town-of-Stockton-farm>

30. *January 17, Food Product Design* – (New Jersey; National) **Spoiled ground beef recall expanded.** One Great Burger of Elizabeth, New Jersey, is expanding its January 10, 2011, ground beef recall to include an undetermined amount of additional ground beef products that may have become spoiled, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced January 14. The recalled meat is considered adulterated because the company's food safety plan was inadequate to produce safe product. In a continued investigation of the January 10, 2011 recall, FSIS became aware of additional consumer complaints of discoloration and off-odors in the products. The recall involves 4-pound boxes of "Winn Dixie beef patty 100% Beef" containing 16 frozen patties weighing .25-pounds each. Each box bears establishment number "EST. 34575" within the USDA mark of inspection. The products have "sell by" dates of "01/01/11" through "02/27/11" printed on the bottom of each box, followed by the lot code "204110." The products were produced between April 2010 and May 2010 and distributed to grocery stores in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Source: <http://www.foodproductdesign.com/news/2011/01/spoiled-ground-beef-recall-expanded.aspx>

31. *January 15, KRDO 13 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Ground beef recall in Colorado.** Colorado Meat Packers, a Denver, Colorado, establishment, is recalling approximately 2,234 pounds of beef trim that was improperly labeled and potentially adulterated, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced January 15. The product label includes "For Cooking Only," indicating it is intended for further processing to apply a full lethality at a federally inspected establishment. Because the product was sent to a federal establishment that does not conduct lethality operations, the product must be removed from commerce. The following product is subject to recall: 2,234 lbs. Combo Bin of All Beef Trimmings. The bin bears the establishment number "EST. 17086" inside the USDA mark of inspection and can be identified by the case code "9002 N." The ground beef trim was produced December 2, 2010 and sent to a federal establishment in Colorado for further processing without testing. Source: <http://www.krdo.com/news/26503890/detail.html>

32. *January 14, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Union City store owners planned to sell stolen goods, launder money, officials say.** Officials said three brothers from Hudson County, New Jersey, are facing federal charges that they conspired to sell \$135,000 worth of baby formula stolen from numerous stores across the southeastern U.S., as reported by the Jersey Journal. A 52-year-old man and a 49-year-old man both of North

Bergen, and a 44-year-old man of West New York, the operators of Los Hermanos Supermarket, on Bergenline Avenue at 26th Street in Union City, allegedly conspired to receive stolen goods and launder money, as well as structure cash deposits to conceal its source, according to the complaint. The complaint said that from September to December they conspired to structure about \$208,750 in bank deposits in amounts of less than \$10,000 each in order to avoid filing currency transaction reports, the complaint said. It is also noted that the suspects' extended family has been suspected of "...excessive moving of funds to countries such as Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Antigua," according to the investigation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other agencies.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2011/01/union_city_store_owners_planne.html

33. *January 14, KTLA 5 San Diego* – (California; International) **Two Canadian nationals charged with smuggling 100 pounds of cocaine.** Two male Canadian nationals were arrested January 14 in Los Angeles, California, for allegedly trying to smuggle more than 100 pounds of cocaine to Canada, hidden in boxes of romaine lettuce. Along with the cocaine and lettuce, federal agents also found nearly \$2.5 million in cash inside a safe inside a warehouse. The 19-year-old and 32-year-old suspects from the Toronto area were expected to be arraigned in Los Angeles County District Court January 18 for possession of cocaine. The two men were at a Valencia warehouse on Constellation Road, when the agents and officers moved in. Besides the safe, investigators found dozens of boxes of romaine lettuce stacked inside the building. Agents believe the cocaine was ultimately destined for Canada, and speculate the produce was going to be used to try to obscure the smuggling scheme.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-cocaine-canada-smuggling,0,6513813.story>

34. *January 14, BBC News* – (International) **Man jailed over Sainsbury's Nectar point scam.** An IT worker at England's Sainsbury supermarket chain was jailed after he stole more than 17 million Nectar points from the firm. The worker created false accounts to give himself the points under the shop's reward card system, the Old Bailey reported. The points would have been worth 81,000 pounds to the worker, 45, from Muswell Hill, north London. He was sentenced to 20 months in prison for fraud but will be released after 10 months, on license. The man had worked for the company for two decades and had access to the IT networks controlling the Nectar card scheme. He created 18 accounts and added points to them between 2003 and 2004, the court heard. But he waited until 2007 and 2008 to begin using the points. He then went on test runs, buying only one item at a time, the court heard. When the fraud was discovered by Sainsbury's, he told them he had "discovered a loophole in the system", the court heard. He was ordered to repay 8,120 pounds he stole to pay for goods.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-12189919>

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Water Sector

35. *January 17, Ozarks First* – (Missouri) **Water main break interrupts St. Louis traffic.** People in St. Louis, Missouri, had to drive around a water main break January 17. Roads were closed in south St. Louis after an 8-inch water main burst near Clifton and Rhodes. That sent thousands of gallons of water gushing into nearby neighborhoods. Utilities were shut off so crews could try to fix the broken main.
Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=387906
36. *January 15, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Man focus in police siege worked at water plant.** A Pelham, Massachusetts man involved in a marathon standoff with police January 14 was once tasked with providing safe drinking water to Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was charged with reckless conduct with a firearm. The city fired the 72-year-old from his job as a filter operator at the water treatment plant after he stopped showing up for work in May, the personnel director said. Officials previously placed him on paid administrative leave after he engaged police in a 6-hour standoff at his home in October 2007. That incident began after he had an argument with his wife. The director said, “I cannot have somebody like that working in a water treatment plant, putting the safety of 70,000 Lawrence residents in jeopardy.” The city laid off the man and all other water treatment plant employees in December 2007 after the state department of environmental protection declared the city was unable to adequately maintain operation of its water treatment facility. The city hired private engineers to run the plant. It rehired the filter operator in September 2008 as part of an arbitration settlement. Filter operators use chemicals to clean the water and monitor machines and perform tests. In an e-mail obtained by the Eagle-Tribune, the director told the police chief the man had used “threatening body language and facial expressions” during an unemployment hearing last month. “With the current events, I am concerned that he may eventually be violent against this office, me or my staff,” the director told the chief. The operator previously worked at water departments in Tewksbury, Newbury, Merrimac, and Ashland.
Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/local/x1221291229/Man-focus-in-police-siege-worked-at-water-plant>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *January 18, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Bioterror fears prompt U.S. to keep its smallpox cache.** The United States and Russia will fight international efforts the week of January 17 to set a deadline to destroy the last known stocks of smallpox, saying the deadly virus is needed for research to combat bioterrorism. Members of the World Health Organization (WHO) will meet January 19 to begin debating the future of what is left of what was one of the world’s most lethal viruses before it was eradicated more than 30 years ago: samples are kept in tightly guarded freezers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a Russian government lab near Novosibirsk. The U.S. says it needs to maintain the virus samples to develop new

drugs and vaccines to counter a potential bioterror attack or accidental release of smallpox from an unsanctioned stock. “Our position is that we need to have the virus collections maintained for the foreseeable future,” said a U.S. official familiar with the matter. Russia also believes the virus should be kept for research and is likely to concur with the U.S. position, said an official in the Russian delegation to the WHO executive board. U.S. officials say they need in particular to finish developing and licensing antiviral medications to treat infected people. None are currently approved.

Source:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704029704576088032149613692.htm?mod=googlenews_wsj

38. *January 17, WHP 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb scare at Harrisburg Hospital.** A bomb threat was called in to Harrisburg Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 17, and police discovered a suspicious device in a hospital bathroom. Sources told CBS 21 News police had a man in custody. The man reportedly told police he wanted some “excitement,” but the excitement ultimately involved a hoax. Around 9 a.m. January 17, the state police bomb squad and emergency responders raced to PinnacleHealth after the call of a bomb. “They did find a device. It looked like a bomb had wires on it. It was taped to the bottom of a commode everything was taken very seriously,” the chief operation officer (COO) of PinnacleHealth. The call came in from the second floor of the hospital’s parking garage. They immediately went to a “condition orange,” in which all are evacuated 300 feet below and above where the suspicious device was discovered. State police pulled out the device, X-rayed it, and deemed it fake. “We kept the hospital operating as best we could. We had to divert patients to different entrances, we shutdown some services for the safety of our patients,” the COO said.

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/UPDATE-Bomb-scare-at-Harrisburg-Hospital/iqM98pMnO0eOpotqjj2SqQ.csp>

39. *January 17, SC Magazine* – (Oklahoma) **Cancer researcher has laptop stolen with no data backed up.** A cancer researcher at the University of Oklahoma (OU) has had her laptop stolen, with several years worth of research lost. According to Softpedia, she left the laptop in her car and returned January 9 to find a smashed window and the 13-inch white Macbook and bag missing. She said the research was for a prostate cancer cure and as it was never backed up, it cannot be replicated. She also confirmed the nature of the data means that most of it can never be replaced, some parts can be reconstructed by redoing tests but this could take up to 2 years. Speaking recently to Oklahoma’s News 9, she said: “I cannot eat and sleep since last Sunday. I’m devastated and I feel so guilty.” A professor of cell biology at OU said: “Please return the computer with the data saved. This would tremendously help us and you would do something for society.”

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/cancer-researcher-has-laptop-stolen-with-no-data-backed-up/article/194357/>

40. *January 16, Associated Press* – (California) **Man arrested after threats in emergency room.** A Northern California man is facing charges after police said he brought a gun

into a hospital emergency room and threatened to start shooting if he did not get faster attention for treatment he was seeking. Police arrested the man after the incident at Mercy Medical Center in Redding, California, around 4:30 p.m. January 15. A Redding police corporal said officers responding to the hospital found a loaded .22 caliber handgun in the man's car and ammunition in his pants pocket. The 24-year-old Anderson man was booked on suspicion of possessing a concealed, loaded weapon, of being an ex-felon possessing a firearm and ammunition, and of resisting arrest. He was being held in lieu of \$25,000 bail at the Shasta County Jail.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/01/16/state/n135038S88.DTL>

41. *January 15, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Indiana) **Indiana man indicted for health care fraud.** The U.S. attorney's office announced the following indictment was returned in South Bend, Indiana: A 59-year-old Gary, Indiana was charged January 15 with two counts of health care billing fraud and two additional counts of conspiracy to commit billing fraud. In particular, the indictment alleges the man, as part of one fraud scheme, caused Human Services Transport Provider Incorporated, located in Gary, Indiana, to submit fraudulent billings to Indiana Medicaid from 2006 through 2010 for medical transportation services that were never in fact provided. A second fraud count alleges he executed and participated in a similar fraud scheme on behalf of At Your Service Transport Provider from 2009 through 2010. The indictment alleges a loss to Medicaid of \$1.9 million.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/369720/indiana_man_indicted_for_health_care_fraud.html

42. *January 14, Fox News* – (National) **Study: Toxic chemicals found in pregnant U.S. women.** A study released from the University of California, San Francisco reveals that an overwhelming percentage of pregnant women in the United States may have highly toxic environmental chemicals — some illegal — in their bodies. The trial found that out of the 268 pregnant women tested for toxins, 100 percent showed traces of several individual chemicals in their blood or urine. They include certain polychlorinated biphenyls, organochlorine pesticides, PFCs, phenols, polybrominated diphenyl ethers, phthalates, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and perchlorate. Some of the chemicals have been illegal since the 1970s — and others were comparable to those found in non-stick cookware, furniture, and beauty products. Researchers concluded that pregnant women in the United States are exposed to far too many environmental chemicals, and further studies are planned to understand the exact sources of exposure, and how they can be avoided.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2011/01/14/study-toxic-chemicals-pregnant-women/>

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Government Facilities Sector

43. *January 18, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **3 shot at Gardena High School; gunman still at large.** A student dressed in black who allegedly shot three fellow pupils at Gardena High School in Gardena, California January 18, surrendered to police in a dramatic end to a standoff. TV footage showed students running out of a classroom where the alleged gunman was hiding. Police then handcuffed the student and took him away. The shooting occurred about 10:30 a.m. on the campus at 1301 W. 182nd St. The alleged gunman apparently pulled the gun out of his backpack. Officials said the gun went off, with one bullet hitting several students, a source told the Los Angeles Times. One student was hit in the head, another in the neck. Their conditions were unknown. A lieutenant said officers were on the scene investigating what happened. The school was placed on lockdown.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/01/3-shot-at-gardena-high-school-gunman-still-at-large.html>
44. *January 17, Associated Press* – (New York) **Man busted for FBI, Congressman threats.** A 55-year-old Hicksville, New York, man has been arrested and accused by authorities of repeatedly calling a U.S. Representative and threatening local and federal law enforcement officials. Nassau County police said the suspect was arraigned January 15 for aggravated harassment after making about 40 rambling calls to the Representative's Queens office over a few weeks, then making seven more on January 13 and 14 after being warned to stop by police. Authorities say that in one of the recent calls, the suspect made threats against law enforcement. He was arrested January 14 and hospitalized for evaluation at Nassau University Medical Center. His arraignment took place by his hospital bed, and he was ordered held on \$100,000 bond.
Source: http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/local_news/brooklyn/Man-Busted-For-FBI-Congressman-Threats-20110117-APX
45. *January 15, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Arson cited in Old Kihei School fire.** Old Kihei School in Honolulu, Hawaii, was heavily damaged by an intentionally set fire January 14, according to a Maui County fire official. The fire was reported at 11:43 p.m. at 131 South Kihei Road, which is officially known as Kenolio Recreational Complex. The battalion chief said one classroom was destroyed and another heavily damaged. Investigators found evidence of a break-in. A county spokesman said pieces of furniture were stacked in the corner of one room and set on fire. The damaged section includes the Maui Bridge and Intellectual Game center where the mayor regularly plays bridge. Damage was estimated at \$100,000 to the building and \$50,000 to the contents.
Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/26507069/detail.html>
46. *January 15, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Bail for CSUN student accused of bringing explosives on campus boosted to \$1 million.** A 22-year-old Cal State Northridge student was being held on \$1 million bail after prosecutors charged him with possessing explosive materials and having a firearm on campus. Officials asked for the high bail given the seriousness of the allegations. His bail was originally

\$150,000. He pleaded not guilty. The suspect was charged with two felonies in connection with the case, according to a copy of a criminal complaint filed in San Fernando Superior Court. The complaint alleges the suspect had the explosive materials with the intent of making a destructive device, and that he possessed the weapon while he was on campus. The items were allegedly found in his dorm room January 12, according to authorities.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/01/bail-for-csun-student-accused-of-bringing-explosives-on-campus-boosted-to-1-million.html>

47. *January 14, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **8 sickened by gas fumes; state building evacuated.** The Mississippi Department of Revenue building in Clinton was evacuated January 14 because of a suspected natural-gas leak. Workers with Atmos Energy and other state agencies continued that day to look for the cause of an odor that sent at least eight employees to local hospitals where they were treated and released after complaining of difficulty breathing, said the assistant chief of the Raymond Fire Department. He said a leak had been found January 11 and repaired. He said the source of the lingering odor was being investigated. As of about 1:30 p.m., he said, a gas leak had not been found. “But the smell was there, and that’s why we treated it as a gas leak and did the evacuation,” he said. An agency spokeswoman said Atmos Energy had been at the 300-employee building most of the week to pinpoint the source of a gas smell.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2011/01/14/2779391/8-sickened-by-gas-fumes-state.html>

48. *January 14, Associated Press* – (New York; National) **Feds: NY man threatened US regulators.** A former New York commodities trader is facing charges he made repeated death threats against federal regulators. The suspect from Long Beach, New York is accused of threatening 47 employees of the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and other agencies. Prosecutors said he also posted a \$100,000 reward on his Web site seeking personal information about several government officials. A criminal complaint said the threats followed a CFTC civil enforcement lawsuit filed against the man. The complaint alleged the suspect has been the subject of various disciplinary proceedings. The suspect was arrested January 13 and ordered held without bail during an initial court appearance January 14 in federal court in Central Islip, New York.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=13846164>

49. *January 14, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **OU building evacuated because of risk of explosion.** A building at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, was evacuated January 14 as a precaution after the discovery of a bottle of acid that was possibly explosive. The university’s associate vice president for risk management and safety said visible crystals were found in the bottle of picric acid in the school’s Life Sciences Building. The acid can be sensitive to heat, shock, or friction when crystallized. No one was hurt and the acid was not spilled. A university spokeswoman said the acid was removed by an explosive ordnance disposal squad from Columbus.

Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/01/14/ou-building-evacuated.html?sid=101

50. *January 13, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Feds: Evidence indicates suspect would-be suicide bomber.** Accused of biting two FBI agents, and now painted by prosecutors as a would-be suicide bomber, a 21-year-old suspect will remain in jail pending trial, a U.S. district judge decided January 13. The detention hearing that led to that decision followed a similar hearing the week of January 3, after which a U.S. district magistrate judge ruled the suspect could be released to a halfway house. Both the U.S. attorney's office and the federal public defender's office appealed, with the former saying he should stay in jail and the latter saying he should return to his father's Mayport, Pennsylvania, home. He has remained jailed pending those appeals. Prosecutors presented evidence, including FBI testimony regarding the placement of weapons in the suspect's bedroom at his father's house, and online communications linked to him through his personal laptop. One detailed how an old Buick could be turned into a car bomb using gasoline and tanks — apparently of propane — that could be ignited with a gunshot. Another talked of “being a suicide martyr on your school,” or taking school kids as hostages and demanding the freedom of Muslim prisoners. On January 4, agents searched the house in Mayport, in Armstrong County, with a warrant that is still sealed and that emanated from another federal district. The suspect's bedroom contained 14 firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition and a fake hand grenade, an FBI special agent said. Three of the firearms, including one found under his pillow, were AK-47-type rifles, he said. Agents also found a helmet and gas mask there, and rifle rounds in the bedroom he used at the Natrona Heights home of his mother, who is divorced from his father.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11013/1117738-100.stm>

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Emergency Services Sector

51. *January 17, CNN Money* – (New Jersey) **Camden, N.J., to lose nearly half its cops.** There will be fewer cops patrolling the streets of Camden, New Jersey, come January 18. Struggling to close a \$26.5 million budget gap, the city with the second highest crime rate in the nation is laying off 163 police officers. That is nearly 44 percent of the force. And Camden will also lose 60 of its 215 firefighters. Some people with desk jobs will be demoted and reassigned to the streets. The mayor's office said the cuts will not affect public safety. “We're still going to protect our residents,” said a spokesman for the mayor. Public safety “will remain our top concern. We'll shift our resources to be more efficient with what we have.” But police and firefighter union officials said the layoffs will most certainly have an impact. “It's absolutely physically impossible to cover the same amount of ground in the same amount of time with less people,” said the president of the Fraternal Order of Police union in Camden. “Response times will be slower.”

Source:

http://money.cnn.com/2011/01/17/news/economy/camden_police_layoffs/index.htm?hpt=T2

52. *January 17, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Three treated by hazmat crews.** Emergency crews and a hazardous materials team were called out January 17 near Herndon, Pennsylvania, after a man reported a possible chemical burn. According to state police, a man had illegally ridden the train from Philadelphia to Northumberland County. He got off the train near Herndon, and troopers said medical personnel were called to treat the man for severe burns on his abdomen. A news release later stated there was no evidence the man was burned on the train. Paramedics with the Dalmatia Area Ambulance League responded to the location off Route 147 to treat the man and they, too, reacted to the suspected chemical. Hazardous materials crews were called in and decontaminated all three men. A nearby park was closed as a precaution. “When the ambulance crew interfaced with him they started getting sick and that’s when they called for a haz-mat team,” the assistant fire chief of Herndon Fire Company said. The man was brought into an ambulance that will now have to be decontaminated inside and out. They put up a decontamination shower and the men were cleaned off, including the hazmat team. The Northumberland County director of public safety said they, along with the department of environmental protection are trying to identify the chemical.

Source: <http://www.wnep.com/news/countybycounty/wnep-numb-hazmat-incident,0,7944262.story>

53. *January 13, USA Today* – (National) **Police turn to drones for domestic surveillance.** Police agencies around the United States soon could have a new tool in their crime-fighting arsenal: unmanned aerial vehicles. Local governments have been pressing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for wider use of unmanned aircraft (UAV) — a demand driven largely by returning veterans who observed the crafts’ effectiveness in war, according to experts at New Mexico State University and Auburn University. Police could use the smaller planes to find lost children, hunt illegal marijuana crops, and ease traffic jams in evacuations of cities before hurricanes or other natural disasters. The FAA is expected this year to propose new rules for smaller unmanned aircraft, a process that will include input from the public, an FAA spokesman said. The agency also is talking with the Justice Department and national law enforcement groups “about possibly trying to streamline the process of applying for certificates of authorization” to operate such planes. Drones have flown in the United States for several years but have been limited to restricted airspace and to portions of the borders with Canada and Mexico. One of the chief obstacles to widespread use of UAVs is their inability to “see and avoid” other aircraft as required by federal regulations, a key to flight safety. No local police departments have been authorized to use unmanned aircraft.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/surveillance/2011-01-13-drones_N.htm

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Information Technology Sector

54. *January 18, BBC News* – (International) **Facebook U-turns on phone and address data sharing.** Facebook appears to have decided to allow external Web sites to see users' addresses and mobile phone numbers. Security experts said such a system would be ripe for exploitation from rogue app developers. The feature has been put on "temporary hold," the social networking firm said in its developers blog. It said it needed to find a more robust way to make sure users know what information they are handing over. "Over the weekend [January 15 and 16], we got some useful feedback that we could make people more clearly aware of when they are granting access to this data. We agree, and are making changes to help ensure you only share this information when you intend to do so," the firm said. The updates would be launched "in the next few weeks," it added and the feature will be suspended in the meantime.
Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-12214628>
55. *January 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **Third-party apps remains security weak point.** Microsoft is still burdened with a bad reputation among users for security, although figures show its products are more secure than most on a person's computer, according to new data from the Danish security vendor Secunia. The number of vulnerabilities in software commonly found on PCs shot up by 71 percent between 2009 and 2010, mostly due to problems in third-party applications rather than in the Windows OS or Microsoft apps, said a research analyst director for Secunia. The company released its annual vulnerability report January 18. For its report, Secunia used data from its Personal Software Inspector application, which analyzes PCs to see if the installed programs have the latest patches.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9205399/Third_party_apps_remains_security_weak_point
56. *January 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **ICQ's critical flaw allows attackers to serve malicious software update.** ICQ — the popular instant messaging application — has a gaping security hole that can allow attackers to execute malicious code on the targeted system, a researcher said. The flaw affects the application's automatic update mechanism, and affects all versions of ICQ 7 for Windows up to the latest one. The problem is the application does not verify the identity of the update server or the origin of updates through digital signatures or similar means. "By impersonating the update server (think DNS spoofing), an attacker can act as an update server of its own and deliver arbitrary files that are executed on the next launch of the ICQ client," explained the researcher in a BugTraq post. "Since ICQ is automatically launched right after booting Windows by default and it checks for updates on every start, it can be attacked very reliably." He even developed (and published) a PoC ICQ update builder and shared step-by-step instructions on how to run a HTTP server to serve the malicious updates. Since there is no way to switch off the automatic updating mechanism, the

researcher advises users to stop using the application until a fix is issued.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1594

57. *January 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **Multiple vulnerabilities in Cisco IOS.** Some vulnerabilities have been reported in Cisco IOS, which can be exploited by malicious users to bypass certain security restrictions and by malicious people to cause a DoS, according to Secunia. Vulnerabilities include: an error when processing certain IRC traffic can be exploited to cause a device reload by accessing an IRC channel within 36 hours of a reload; an error in the CME (Communication Manager Express) component when handling a SNR number change menu from an extension mobility phone can be exploited to crash the device; a memory leak when processing UDP SIP REGISTER packets can be exploited to exhaust memory resources via a specially crafted SIP packet; an error in the PKI implementation does not clear the public key cache for the peers when the certificate map is changed (this can be exploited to reconnect and bypass the certificate ban); and a memory fragmentation error in the CME (Communication Manager Express) component when handling SIP TRUNK traffic can be exploited to exhaust memory resources via specially crafted SIP packets. As a solution, users are asked to update to Cisco IOS version 15.0(1)XA5.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10457>
58. *January 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **Vulnerabilities in the Boonana Trojan increase the danger.** First spotted almost 3 months ago, the Boonana Trojan stood out because of its capability to infect computers running Windows, and machines running Mac OS X. The Trojan nestled itself in the system, and allowed outside access to all files on it. It also seems it has vulnerabilities that can be exploited by other attackers to collect information about the system or — according to a Symantec researcher — even be used to create a completely functional parallel botnet or takeover of the existing one. The Boonana bots are designed to take part of a P2P network and to communicate with each other via a custom-designed communication protocol. Apart from making the identification of infected hosts on a particular IP range almost trivial, the P2P protocol also contains an information-disclosure vulnerability that can be used to detect which operating system the computer is running. According to Symantec, in December 2010, 84 percent of infected systems were running Windows, and 16 percent were running a version of OS X.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1592
59. *January 14, H Security* – (International) **SCADA exploit - the dragon awakes.** The recent publication of an exploit for KingView, a software package for visualizing industrial process control systems, appears to be having an effect. Threatpost reports that the Chinese vendor Wellintech and Chinese CERT (CN-CERT) have now reacted. The exploit can be used to remotely gain control of a system. In an e-mail to Threatpost, CN-CERT admits it was caught napping when initially notified of the vulnerability by the developer and US-CERT. It was not until November that a further e-mail from US-CERT alerted it to the presence of the vulnerability and led it to rediscover the earlier e-mails sent in September. In November, CN-CERT informed the vendor Wellintech, which is reported to have released a patch December 15 — without,

however, informing CN-CERT of the fact and apparently without updating the version available to download from its Web site. A general bug report has now found its way into CN-CERT's database and the vendor has released a patched library. The man who discovered the KingView vulnerabilities, complains on his blog that neither the vendor nor CN-CERT have provided any details of the vulnerability, thereby leaving customers in the dark over the risks it presents. CN-CERT is now planning to review its procedures to ensure it does not miss such e-mails in future and to ensure better contact with vendors while problems are being resolved.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/SCADA-exploit-the-dragon-awakes-1169689.html>

60. *January 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **Oracle plans to release 66 patches on Tuesday.** Oracle is planning to release 66 security patches January 18 that affect hundreds of products, according to a notice on its Web site. A number of the patches are for vulnerabilities that meet the most serious risk level under the Common Vulnerability Scoring System, Oracle said. Products affected include Oracle Audit Vault, JRockit, Solaris, and WebLogic Server. Six of the patches fix vulnerabilities in Oracle's flagship database. Two of the bugs can be exploited remotely without a user name or password. Sixteen patches target Oracle middleware products. Twelve of those vulnerabilities allow for remote exploitation without authentication, Oracle said. Other fixes are aimed at Oracle's Enterprise Manager, PeopleSoft, JD Edwards, Glassfish, and OpenOffice. Oracle is also set to release patches for Java SE and Java for Business in February.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9205121/Oracle_plans_to_release_66_patches_on_Tuesday

61. *January 13, Forbes* – (International) **Web security cams are a voyeur's delight: Is your IP cam password protected?** Web security cameras can be insecure, a researcher from Ars Technica found. The researcher took a spin around the Web checking out live feeds from cameras focused on a number of commercial locations. He was even able to tap into police cameras monitoring an intersection in Texas. In most instances, these cameras were not meant to be offering live video for public consumption. Within the surveillance community, many are turning from closed-circuit/analog cameras to Internet protocol (IP) cameras. While IP cameras are cheaper to install, they can also be easy to locate and to hack into if they are not properly protected. "Finding IP cameras with Google is surprisingly easy," the researcher noted. "Though the information the search engine provides on the cameras themselves is typically little more than an IP address and a camera name or model number, Google still provides those who know how to ask with extensive lists of IP cameras and Web-enabled surveillance systems throughout the world."

Source: <http://blogs.forbes.com/kashmirhill/2011/01/13/web-security-cams-are-a-voyeurs-delight-is-your-ip-cam-password-protected/?boxes=Homepagechannels>

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Communications Sector

62. *January 18, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Vandals knock radio station off air.** A Daytona Beach, Florida radio station on the air since 1947 was silenced for more than 20 hours after vandals broke into a transmitting tower and smashed expensive equipment, owners of WROD 1340 AM said. Daytona Beach police and the FBI are investigating. The vandalism was discovered at 5:30 p.m. January 16, said the owner and general manager of the station. He said vandals cut a lock at the gated tower at Beach and Wilder streets. They broke into a locked box. The intruders dropped a rock on a device called an antennae tuning unit. Police did not provide any information on the crime January 17. The owner said he was able to fix the damage and put the station back on the air at 2 p.m. January 17.
Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/east-volusia/2011/01/18/vandals-knock-radio-station-off-air.html>
63. *January 18, IDG News Service* – (National) **Criminal charges filed against AT&T iPad attackers.** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will file criminal charges against the alleged attackers who copied personal information from the AT&T network of approximately 120,000 iPad users, the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey announced January 17. A suspect will be charged in U.S. District Court in New Jersey with one count of conspiracy to access a computer without authorization and one count of fraud. Another suspect will be charged with the same counts at the U.S. Western District Court of Arkansas. The second suspect made headlines last June when he discovered that AT&T's Web site was disclosing the e-mail addresses and the unique ICC-ID numbers of multiple iPad owners. Claiming he wanted to help AT&T improve its security, he wrote a computer script to extract the data from AT&T and then went public with the information. AT&T said nobody from the hacking group contacted it about the flaw. The hacker was arrested January 18 at an Arkansas courthouse, where he had been facing drug possession charges. Those charges have now been dropped.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9205403/Criminal_charges_filed_against_AT_T_iPad_attackers
64. *January 13, Ada Evening News* – (Oklahoma) **105.5 station temporarily off air.** Radio station 105.5FM, known locally as "the X Factor" was temporarily off the air due to a significant malfunction at the top of its 300-foot tower located in Lula, Oklahoma. The

general manager reported the problem was the result of an electrical malfunction which damaged much of the transmission line. If the 300-foot transmission line on the tower has to be replaced, the station could be off the air for up to 2 weeks. “We are doing everything possible to effect repairs as quickly as possible,” he said. “The delays are associated with finding qualified tower crews as there are fewer and fewer people who do this kind of work.” The radio station was purchased 2 years ago by the Chickasaw Nation and serves a 40-mile-radius area including Ada, Lula, Coalgate, McAlester, and south toward Durant.

Source: <http://adaeveningnews.com/local/x316465580/105-5-station-temporarily-off-air>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

65. *January 17, Bridgewater Courier News* – (New Jersey) **300 units evacuated after electrical fire at Franklin high-rise.** An electrical fire January 16 forced authorities to evacuate some 300 units in the Harrison Towers high-rise apartment building in Franklin, New Jersey, officials said. The evacuations were ongoing as of midnight January 17, some 4 hours after firefighters responded to the building at 575 Easton Avenue in the township’s Somerset section, the chief of the East Franklin Fire Department said. One person believed to be a tenant was hospitalized with smoke inhalation, he said. But hundreds of residents in the roughly 20-story building were being forced to relocate as temperatures dipped to around 15 degrees. Officials believe the blaze broke out in a 7th floor electrical panel around 8 p.m. He said crews could not work on the panel without cutting electricity to the entire building, requiring authorities to evacuate the entire building. He described the fire as “not major,” but said it created heavy smoke throughout the high-rise. The operation was expected to last at least through the night.

Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20110117/NEWS/110117001/300-units-evacuated-after-electrical-fire-at-Franklin-high-rise->

66. *January 16, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **No one injured as blaze destroys U.P. ski resort.** A fire at Big Powderhorn Mountain Ski Resort in the western Upper Peninsula, Michigan, destroyed the main lodge January 13, but authorities said no one was injured. The Gogebic County sheriff told the Daily Globe of Ironwood the fire broke out about 11 a.m. on the east side of the lodge. The cause was not immediately known. The resort’s owner said the fire would not interrupt skiing. Firefighters from 11 departments battled the blaze. They had to bring in water because the area does not have any hydrants.

Source:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110116/NEWS06/101160528/1001/NEWS/No-one-injured-as-blaze-destroys-U.P.-ski-resort>

67. *January 16, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota) **St. Louis Park swimming pool, mall evacuated after bleach spill.** Parts of a St. Louis Park, Minnesota, swimming

school and adjoining Knollwood Mall were evacuated January 16 after a fog laced with bleach sickened several people. The owner of the Foss Swim School said about 50 parents, teachers, and kids were in the pool room around 3 p.m. for youth swimming lessons. He said a parent opened an outside door to let some fresh air in. About two cups of bleach had been spilled on the ground on the other side of the door. “The zero degree air on the outside hit the 92 degree water and caused this dramatic fog all over the pool,” he said. About 11 swimmers between the ages of 3 and 10 began coughing. The school put its emergency plan in action, evacuating and calling firefighters. The owner said it is unclear whether anyone went to the hospital, but he believes all the students are fine.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/01/16/bleach-spill-saint-louis-park/>

68. *January 16, Honolulu Star Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Medical waste continues to wash up at West Oahu beaches.** Medical waste continued to wash up at West Oahu, Hawaii, beaches January 16, hours before another storm hit Oahu, and 3 days after heavy rainfall sent debris from the city’s landfill into the ocean. A city councilwoman said she canvassed the beaches January 16 and found more syringes and part of a medical waste container near the landfill’s discharge point and Ewa of Ko Olina. The chairwoman of the safety, economic development and government affairs committee said she was getting a group of volunteers together to help clean up the waste reaching the beaches. “My concern is that the government is not treating this situation like the emergency that it is,” she said. “We’ve got hazardous materials, medical waste floating up on our shores, floating in the water and in some areas there are people out swimming in the water.” Federal officials closed White Plains Beach and Nimitz Beach in Kalaheo January 16 because medical waste was found washing up on shore, a U.S. Navy spokeswoman said. City officials are ensuring the landfill operator is continuing with the clean up and discussing measures to prevent a similar discharge. Waste Management Hawaii said employees had been cleaning up every day since the storm and walked Ko Olina and White Sands the morning of January 16.
- Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/113857779.html>

69. *January 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Pair plead guilty to attacks at synagogue, 2 churches.** Two men pleaded guilty January 14 to federal hate crime charges stemming from February 2006 vandalism of two Modesto, California churches and a synagogue. Federal prosecutors said a Modesto man and a Morgan Hill man, both now 23, face up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in federal court in Fresno to conspiring to violate the civil rights of members of Congregation Beth Shalom. They also admitted vandalizing Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School, and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation by spray-painting the walls. The reverend for the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation said January 14 that prosecutors asked some of the victims to meet with the men. “They want to express their apology,” he said. He noted the two were 18 at the time of the attacks. At his church, the lawn was damaged, a black “666” was painted on a stone cross, and a satanic symbol across the church’s steps. The synagogue’s brick walls were defaced with swastikas, the desecrated Star of David, racial epithets, a reference to Germany’s secret police of the

1940s, and a slur to go “back to the ovens”. At Our Lady of Fatima, a rock the size of a cantaloupe was thrown through a 7-foot window. The suspects will be sentenced in Fresno in April.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2011/01/14/1512645/pair-plead-guilty-to-attacks-at.html>

70. *January 13, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **FEMA surveys southern Utah’s flood damage.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sent teams to southern Utah to inspect the damage caused by December flooding. Washington and Kane counties are hoping FEMA can pay at least part of a multi-million dollar bill for damage that’s still being repaired. In St. George, the damage is evident along the city’s trails and golf courses near the Virgin and Santa Clara rivers. Fox 13 was there as the teams look a close look at the Southgate Golf Course, which had one of its fairways wiped out. “This is going to be pretty devastating for us here in southern Utah. We’ve got four city golf courses, and two of them are greatly affected,” said St. George City’s economic development director. St. George estimates the flooding did about \$10 million in damage. Golf is a multi-million dollar business in St. George. The city has made it a top priority to have the courses repaired, setting a deadline of the first week in February. Both counties hope FEMA and state officials can help pay for some of the repair work, fearing local coffers may be unable to handle it. A decision is likely several weeks away.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/local/kstu-fea-survey-damage-flooding-st-george,0,2890974.story>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

71. *January 15, Frazier Park Mountain Enterprise* – (California) **Two car fire explosions rock Frazier Park.** Two explosions were heard in downtown Frazier Park, California, at about 4:20 p.m. as a camping van was gutted by fire in the parking lot across from Coffee Cantina on Mt. Pinus Way. A couple were on their way from Reno, Nevada, to Long Beach and decided to stop in Frazier Park. “We just pulled over to take the dog for a walk,” one told The Mountain Enterprise, as he watched his 1991 Ford Econoline van burn. “Within a few minutes the van started burning,” he said. Kern County Fire stations 57 and 56 responded with Battalion 5’s chief. A Kern County sheriff’s deputy kept motorists from entering the area on Mt. Pinus Way, as another explosion sent debris shooting across the lot where the van was parked. The couple did not know the source of the explosions, but they assumed it was from either the propane tank or the gasoline tank, or both.

Source: http://mountainenterprise.com/atf.php?sid=8074¤t_edition=2011-01-14

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Dams Sector

72. *January 18, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Washington) **Mount Hood-area flooding forces many to evacuate by foot.** Heavy rain and runoff from melting snow helped push the Sandy River across a road near Mount Hood, Oregon, washing it out and forcing residents to evacuate on foot. The washout January 16 on Lolo Pass Road near the town of Zigzag was part of the damage done across Oregon and Washington by heavy weekend rains that caused landslides and minor flooding. The weather also was blamed for at least one death when a Washington State Department of Transportation worker died after being hit by a falling tree. On Mount Hood, the Hoodland Fire Department sent teams on foot and ATVs January 17 to reach people in 30 to 40 homes cut off when the river washed out about a 300-yard-long section of Lolo Pass Road January 16. According to the National Weather Service, as much as 6 to 10 inches of rain fell in about 24 hours in the Sandy River drainage, and an additional 2 inches of snow melted on the flanks of Mount Hood. The river appeared to have changed course when it washed out the road, also knocking out power to homes in the area. Nearby, flooding forced the evacuation of at least 50 homes in the Welches and Rhododendron areas. Residents there scrambled to pile up sandbags to try to protect their homes as the Sandy River quickly rose. The rains in Oregon were pushing some rivers and streams over their banks at a time when many waterways were rising because of warming temperatures and melting snow, with some rivers reaching flood stage, and more expected to rise above that level. In Washington, heavy rains were causing problems along the Pacific Coast and the Cascades Mountains with flood warnings issued for several waterways, officials and forecasters said.

Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20110118/NEWS/101180326/1001>

73. *January 17, Seattle Post-Intelligencer* – (Washington) **Howard Hanson Dam in good shape; but some flooding upstream from Auburn anticipated.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Seattle District has sent out flood fight teams to the Yakima, White/Puyallup, Green, Snohomish, Skagit, and Chehalis River basins, and the Corps' Emergency Operations Center and Reservoir Control Center were in 24-hour operation, January 17, as warm heavy rainfall continues in western Washington State. Teams deployed to the White and Green river basins are monitoring conditions in the basin and communicating what they see back to the Seattle District's reservoir control center and emergency operations center. Flows are above or near levels — 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) along the White River and 9,000 cfs along the Green River — that trigger the Corps to monitor levees 24 hours a day to make on-the-spot visual assessments of river conditions and levee-system integrity. The Corps does not expect the amount of precipitation in the basins of the Green and White rivers to create operational challenges for its dams. The Corps keeps the reservoirs empty at Mud Mountain Dam along the White River, as well as Howard Hanson Dam along the Green River until storage is required for flood risk management, and both had empty reservoirs January 14. The Corps is storing water behind both dams.

Source: http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433557_sound113851039.html

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