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- BMW announced a recall of 76,565 model year 2006 and 2007 vehicles equipped with certain seat types due to an issue that could cause the airbags to fail to deploy in a crash. – *Car Connection* (See item [4](#))
- A section of U.S. Interstate 35 in Mason County, West Virginia, was closed for several hours following a chemical leak from a semi-truck. – *Point Pleasant Register* (See item [9](#))
- An explosion at Gate City Apartments in Birmingham, Alabama, injured 8, killed 1 resident, and destroyed 4 units. – *WVTM 13 Birmingham* (See item [27](#))
- A large four-alarm fire at a warehouse complex in St. Louis, Missouri caused extensive damage to the structure. – *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (See item [28](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 17, Threatpost* – (International) **ICS-CERT warns of flaws in wind farm management app.** The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) warned wind farm operators using the Nordex NC2 control portal that the software contains a reflected cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability that could be exploited remotely and used by an attacker to run arbitrary code.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/ics-cert-warns-of-flaw-in-wind-farm-management-app/103212>
2. *December 16, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Report: Utah tunnel wasn't secure, worker killed.** The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration released a report on a tunnel collapse that killed one worker in a mine near Huntington, Utah, and found that the mine's owner did not sufficiently support the mine's ceiling, leading to the collapse. The report stated that the mine owner was cited for roof-control issues and that signs of a potential collapse were seen before the cave-in.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/business/energy/article/Report-Utah-tunnel-wasn-t-secure-worker-killed-5069278.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *December 16, Reuters* – (International) **Eurocopter issues safety alert over EC135 fuel gauge error.** Eurocopter warned operators of its EC135 helicopter that tests by an operator in the U.K. following a crash and by two other operators in Europe identified a fuel gauge issue that can overestimate the fuel remaining onboard.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/16/britain-helicopters-idUSL6N0JV4I920131216>
4. *December 16, Car Connection* – (National) **BMW recalls over 76,000 vehicles from 2006 & 2007 due to air bag flaw.** BMW announced a recall of 76,565 model year 2006 and 2007 3-Series, 5-Series, 7-Series, and X5 vehicles equipped with certain seat types due to an issue with occupant-detection mats that could degrade over time and

fail to deploy the airbag in a crash.

Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1089140_bmw-recalls-over-76000-vehicles-from-2006-2007-due-to-air-bag-flaw

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *December 17, Bay Area News Group* – (California) **FBI: “Bad Beard Bandit” tied to bank robberies in East Bay, South Bay.** The FBI asked for the public’s assistance in identifying a bank robbery suspect known as the “Bad Beard Bandit”, responsible for five bank robberies in the East Bay and South Bay areas of California beginning in November.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_24734805/suspect-dubbed-bad-beard-bandit-tied-five-california
6. *December 16, Bakersfield Californian* – (California) **Real estate executive, wife plead guilty in court.** The former chief executive of real estate firm Crisp, Cole & Associates and his wife pleaded guilty December 16 for their role in a mortgage fraud scheme in Bakersfield that caused foreclosures and cost lenders \$29.8 million.
Source: <http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/local/x350994751/David-Jennifer-Crisp-plead-guilty-in-court>
7. *December 16, Reuters* – (International) **Six indicted in Nevada accused of fraud in international investment scheme.** Six men from the U.S. and Switzerland were indicted in federal court in Nevada for allegedly running an investment fraud scheme that supplied fake documentation linked to a Swiss company, allegedly defrauding 12 investors of at least \$5.6 million. Three suspects were arrested and three others remain at large.
Source: <http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2013/dec/16/six-indicted-in-nevada-accused-of-fraud-in-international-investment-scheme/>
8. *December 16, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Attorney, tax preparer admit roles in \$30M mortgage fraud.** An attorney and a tax preparer pleaded guilty to their part in running a mortgage fraud scheme through a Woodbridge, New Jersey-based mortgage brokerage firm between 2006 and 2010, defrauding mortgage companies of \$30 million using fraudulent documentation.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/union/index.ssf/2013/12/attorney_tax_preparer_admit_roles_in_30_million_mortgage_fraud.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *December 16, Point Pleasant Register* – (West Virginia) **Three lanes of U.S. 35 reopened after chemical spill.** A section of U.S. 35 in Mason County was closed for several hours December 16 following a chemical leak from a semi-truck carrying a hexamine solution. There were no injuries and the chemical posed no immediate danger to the public.
Source: http://www.mydailyregister.com/news/home_top/2872448/UPDATED:-Three-lanes-of-U.S.-35-reopened-after-chemical-spill
10. *December 17, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Jose airport Terminal A back open for business one day after flooding.** A water line that broke December 16 resulted in flooding of Terminal A at Mineta San Jose International Airport in California, forcing the closure of the area and delaying or cancelling several flights. Repairs were made and half of the security checkpoints in the terminal reopened December 17.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_24739648/san-jose-airport-terminal-back-open-business-one
11. *December 17, Bergen County Record* – (New York) **Emergency road repairs finished on George Washington Bridge.** Emergency repairs on a support beam under the roadway on the George Washington Bridge in New York City resulted in the overnight closure of two westbound lanes December 16. The lanes reopened December 17, but are expected to close each night during the week of December 16 for additional repairs.
Source : http://www.northjersey.com/news/2_westbound_GWB_lanes_reopen_after_repairs.html
12. *December 17, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **OSHA cites Postal Service in letter carrier's July heat death.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) in the heat-related death of a Haverhill mail carrier. OSHA concluded USPS had not implemented an adequate heat stress management program to aid in the prevention of heat-related illnesses and proposed \$7,000 in fines.
Source : <http://www.wcvb.com/news/local/boston-north/osha-cites-postal-service-in-letter-carriers-july-heat-death/-/11984708/23511438/-/w4qab2z/-/index.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *December 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Kansas) **Tyson Foods cited by US Labor Department's OSHA for 4 workplace safety violations after worker's hand severed by unguarded machine.** December 17 the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Tyson Foods Inc. for four workplace safety violations at its prepared foods manufacturing plant in Hutchinson. Proposed fines totaled \$147,000.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25260
14. *December 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Stone Independent Research Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared milk in EnhanceRx dietary supplement.** Stone Independent Research, Inc. of Syracuse, New York, recalled 15,657 units of dietary supplement EnhanceRx due to undeclared milk. A U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation indicated that a breakdown in the production and packaging processes led to the issue.
Source: http://www.foodconsumer.org/newsite/Shopping/Alerts/dietary_supplement_allergy_alert_1216130645.html
15. *December 16, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **Olé Mexican Foods cited for more than \$150,000 by US Labor Department's OSHA for exposing workers to amputation and other hazards.** Olé Mexican Foods was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration December 16 for 2 repeat, 14 serious, and 3 other-than-serious safety and health violations at its Norcross corporate headquarters. Proposed fines totaled \$150,040.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25245
16. *December 16, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (National) **Zanocap capsules recalled for undeclared milk.** Stone Independent Research, Inc. of Syracuse, New York, recalled 1,040 units of dietary supplement Zanocap Scientific Weight Loss 500 milligram capsules due to undeclared milk. A U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation indicated that a breakdown in the production and packaging processes led to the issue.
Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2013/zanocap-capsules-recalled-for-undeclared-milk/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *December 15, Longmont Times-Call* – (Colorado) **Flood damage leaves Longmont's Main Street bridge with pump station through spring.** Engineers discovered that the sewer line beneath the Main Street bridge in Longmont was damaged in a September flood, leaving the Southmoor Park neighborhood dependent on privately-operated pump station to manage and monitor the sewer line for \$70,000 a month until repairs

can be completed in spring 2014.

Source: http://www.timescall.com/news/colorado-flood/ci_24737170/flood-damage-leaves-longmont-main-street-bridge-pump

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *December 17, Softpedia* – (Colorado) **Social Security numbers of 18,800 Colorado state workers exposed.** The Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology reported that an unencrypted thumb drive containing names, Social Security numbers, and some addresses of about 18,800 State employees was lost, potentially exposing the information. Those affected are being notified.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Social-Security-Numbers-of-18-800-Colorado-State-Workers-Exposed-409928.shtml>
19. *December 17, Softpedia* – (North Carolina) **UNC at Chapel Hill suffers data breach, 6,000 people impacted.** Personal information of current and former employees, students, and vendors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill were accidentally made publicly available when safeguards were disabled during maintenance and Google indexed the files. Those affected are being contacted and Google was asked to take down the indexed records.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/UNC-at-Chapel-Hill-Suffers-Data-Breach-6-000-People-Impacted-409901.shtml>
20. *December 16, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **Heating problems force Central Cass to cancel classes Monday.** The Central Cass school in Casselton canceled classes December 16 due to a heating regulator issue that caused excessively high temperatures in the school. Classes were scheduled to resume December 17 after repairs were made.
Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/421339/>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *December 16, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Austin 911 crash caused delays as calls were rerouted.** Primary and backup systems in Travis County stopped receiving 9-1-1 calls for almost 6 hours December 16, which affected the callers' wait times. A glitch in the computer system was suspected as the cause and calls were rerouted to neighboring departments during the disruption.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/crime-law/austin-911-crash-caused-delays-as-calls-were-rerouted/ncMgt/>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *December 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Mozilla blocks rogue add-on that made computers scan sites for flaws.** Mozilla added a malicious Firefox extension to its block list after it was found to be the basis for a botnet that used infected computers to search Web sites for vulnerabilities using SQL injection attacks.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2657
23. *December 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Browlock cybercriminals use malvertising to lure victims to malicious site.** Symantec researchers found that the cybercriminals behind the Browlock browser-based ransomware have been targeting a large number of users by using malicious advertising, or malvertising, to direct users to Web sites hosting the ransomware.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Browlock-Cybercriminals-Use-Malvertising-to-Lure-Victims-to-Malicious-Site-410007.shtml>
24. *December 17, Threatpost* – (International) **Chewbacca latest malware to take a liking to TOR.** Researchers at Kaspersky Lab identified a new malware campaign dubbed Chewbacca that is using The Onion Router (TOR) to communicate with command and control servers. The malware drops a keylogger on infected systems and then relays the information back to its servers via TOR.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/chewbacca-latest-malware-to-take-a-liking-to-tor/103220>
25. *December 17, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Google and HP recall HP Chromebook 11 chargers due to fire and burn hazards; charger can overheat and melt.** Google and HP announced a recall of about 145,000 HP Chromebook 11 chargers due to an issue that can cause the charger to overheat and melt, posing fire and burn hazards.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Google-and-HP-Recall-HP-Chromebook-11-Chargers/>
26. *December 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **Attackers exploited ColdFusion vulnerability to install Microsoft IIS malware.** Researchers at Trustwave reported that a remote authentication bypass vulnerability in Adobe ColdFusion was used to infect Internet Information Server (IIS) Web servers with the ISN malware. The vulnerability was previously patched by Adobe in January.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/121613-attackers-exploited-coldfusion-vulnerability-to-276957.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *December 17, WVTM 13 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **One dead after Gate City apartment explosion.** An explosion at Gate City Apartments in Birmingham injured eight and killed one resident December 17. Four units were destroyed and the cause was thought to be related to a gas leak.
Source: <http://www.alabamas13.com/story/24237558/morning-explosion-in-the-gate-city-community>
28. *December 17, St. Louis Post Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Fire destroys massive warehouse south of downtown St. Louis.** More than 80 firefighters responded to a four-alarm fire December 16 at a warehouse at the Cruden-Martin Woodenware complex in St. Louis. The building was extensively damaged and the cause was under investigation.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/crews-battling--alarm-warehouse-fire-in-st-louis/article_aa47c8d7-0e9a-530f-86e1-773b5578c1ec.html
29. *December 17, WILX 10 Onondaga* – (Michigan) **Gas leak closes Lansing Mall for several hours.** A snow plow hit a gas line at the Lansing Mall December 16 and caused a gas leak, closing the mall for several hours as authorities worked to ensure that the mall could be reopened safely later that afternoon.
Source: <http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/236099691.html>

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