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Energy Sector

1. *January 4, WHSV 3 Harrisonburg* – (Virginia) **Power restored to thousands after substation malfunction.** Dominion Virginia Power restored service after 13 hours to nearly 32,000 customers in August County and Waynesboro after a substation malfunctioned January 4.
Source: <http://www.wHSV.com/news/headlines/Power-Restored-to-Thousands-After-Substation--238734351.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *January 6, New York Times* – (National) **BMW is recalling 51,000 motorcycles for fuel leak.** BMW announced that it is recalling around 51,000 model year 2005-2011 R and K series motorcycles due to the potential for cracks developing in a fuel pump component that could lead to a fuel leak.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/07/automobiles/bmw-is-recalling-51000-motorcycles-for-fuel-leak.html?_r=0

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

3. *January 6, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Lawyer pleads guilty in “Operation Running Man” insurance scheme.** A Bridgeport lawyer pleaded guilty January 3 to running a large insurance fraud scheme involving victims of minor traffic accidents and several health professionals that defrauded 10 insurers of up to \$2.5 million between

2006 and 2010. Six others previously admitted to their roles in the scheme, including recruiting accident victims, submitting fraudulent medical claims, and issuing prescriptions.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-haddad-guilty-plea-20140103,0,995779.story>

4. *January 3, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Larkspur man accused of robbing 11 banks in Marin County.** A man who was shot and arrested during a robbery in Novato in December 2013 was charged January 3 with robbing 11 banks in Novato, San Rafael, Mill Valley, Greenbrae, San Anselmo, and Corte Madera between December 12, 2012 and November 21, 2013.
Source: http://www.marinij.com/crimebeat/ci_24843262/larkspur-man-accused-robbing-11-banks-marin-county

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *January 6, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **14 commuters hurt when train hits post in Chicago.** A Rock Island District line train from Joliet hit a bumping post in downtown Chicago's LaSalle Street platform, injuring 14 passengers and sending 6 to the hospital January 6. A second accident with no injuries occurred earlier in the day, and Metra commuter rail agency is investigating both incidents.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/us/article/14-commuters-hurt-when-train-hits-post-in-Chicago-5117589.php>
6. *January 6, Associated Press* – (National) **State-by-state look at the freeze gripping the US.** Plummeting temperatures and heavy snow created hazardous conditions across many States, prompting numerous travel warnings, canceled flights, and school and government closures. The "polar vortex" was also forecasted to hit the South with temperatures falling January 6 and January 7.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/state-by-state-look-at-the-freeze-gripping-the-us>
7. *January 6, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Aspen airport remains closed after deadly crash.** A private jet crashed upon landing at the Aspen, Colorado, airport January 5, killing the co-pilot and injuring two others aboard. All three men were pilots from Mexico, where the flight originated.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/1-killed-2-injured-in-aspen-colo-plane-crash>
8. *January 5, Associated Press* – (New York) **Small plane makes emergency landing on Bronx highway.** A small aircraft traveling to Connecticut went down for an emergency landing on the northbound side of Deegan Expressway January 4 in the Bronx area of New York City. The highway was closed for about 3 hours and no serious injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/article/20140105/NEWS/140109853>

9. *January 5, NBC News* – (California; Kansas; New York) **Device found on New York-bound plane forces emergency landing in Kansas City.** An American Airlines flight to New York City from San Francisco made an emergency landing in Kansas City January 5 after what appeared to be a flash drive was found taped to part of the plane's bathroom. Officials determined the device to be a camera and Kansas City FBI officials are working to determine the source of the device.

Source: http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2014/01/05/22190786-device-found-on-new-york-bound-plane-forces-emergency-landing-in-kansas-city

10. *January 4, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Leaking ethanol tanker emptied at Phoenix rail yard; no injuries.** A tanker car in at a downtown Phoenix railroad yard was recovered by authorities after nearly 10,000 gallons of flammable ethanol alcohol leaked while the remaining 20,000 gallons was pumped into tank trucks to stop the leaking January 3.

Source: http://www.trivalleycentral.com/casa_grande_dispatch/arizona_news/leaking-ethanol-tanker-emptied-at-phoenix-rail-yard-no-injuries/article_9630feee-7569-11e3-b68b-0019bb2963f4.html

11. *January 4, Associated Press* – (California) **2 survive small-plane crash off California coast.** A single-engine plane crashed near Catalina Island January 4 after engine failure. Both people aboard survived and were rescued by a passing boat.

Source: <http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/national/2-survive-small-plane-crash-off-california-coast>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *January 6, WIFR 23 Freeport* – (Illinois) **Fire at South Beloit's Axium Foods causes over a million dollars in damages.** A fire broke out January 5 at an Axium Foods, Inc., factory in South Beloit causing about \$1.5 million in damages. Officials believe cold weather likely froze a part of the ventilation system and started the fire.

Source: <http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/Fire-at-South-Beloits-Axium-Foods-Causes-Over-A-Million-Dollars-in-Damages-238850341.html>

13. *January 5, Ontario Argus Observer* – (Oregon) **Heinz continues cleanup from fire.** Restoration efforts at the H.J. Heinz Co. factory in Ontario, Oregon, commenced following a December 2013 fire that caused an estimated \$15 – \$20 million in damages and left an undisclosed number of employees without work until cleanup efforts are complete. Authorities are still investigated the cause of the fire.

Source: http://www.argusobserver.com/news/heinz-continues-cleanup-from-fire/article_8fab60d0-75ac-11e3-90c4-0019bb2963f4.html

14. *January 4, Food Safety News* – (National) **FSIS releases new compliance guidelines for hog facilities.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection

Service released new compliance guidelines January 6 on controlling Salmonella levels at hog facilities in response to pork being implicated in recent outbreaks.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/01/fsis-releases-new-compliance-guidelines-for-hog-facilities/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *January 5, WIBW 13 Topeka* – (Kansas) **Boil water advisory issued for Burlington.** After a 20 minute water tower shutdown and lack of water pressure, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued a boil water advisory notice January 5 to the city of Burlington in Coffey County until further notice in case of contamination.
Source: <http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/Boil-Water-Advisory-238782631.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *January 6, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **National Guardsman fires shots at Halifax hospital before killing self.** A U.S. National Guardsman committed suicide after entering Halifax Health Medical Center in Daytona Beach January 5 where he injured two nurses with the end of his shotgun. The gunman threatened other staff members and patients before killing himself.
Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/police-shots-fired-halifax-hospital/ncctJ/>
17. *January 6, WTRF 7 Wheeling* – (West Virginia) **Residents evacuated after fire at nursing home.** A January 3 fire at the Valley Haven Nursing Center in Beech Bottom prompted a 2 hour evacuation after the furnace malfunctioned and filled the building with smoke.
Source: <http://www.wtrf.com/story/24355581/residents-evacuated-after-fire-at-beech-bottom-nursing-home>
18. *January 4, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts; New Hampshire) **Stolen medical data prompts \$150K fine.** The Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights reported that Adult & Pediatric Dermatology settled any potential violations of health and security rules by paying \$150,000 after a 2011 theft of a computer flash drive. The flash drive, which contained 2,000 patient records, was stolen from a locked car at an employee's home in Lowell, Massachusetts, and has not been recovered.
Source: http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/police_and_fire/x579268196/Stolen-medical-data-prompts-150K-fine
19. *January 4, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Harper Woods nursing home evacuation halted, patients return.** Patients were evacuated for more than 5 hours January 4 after a broken water pipe disabled the sprinkler system at Henry Ford Continuing Care-

Belmont in Harper Woods, Michigan.

Source: http://www.mydesert.com/article/C4/20140104/NEWS05/301040076/Nursing-home-evacuated?nclick_check=1

20. *January 3, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **21 displaced by fire at Plainfield senior housing facility.** The Lawton House in Plainfield, Connecticut, was evacuated and utilities were shut off to the building after a fire broke out January 3. Twenty-one residents were moved to other facilities temporarily while authorities investigated the damage.

Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Fire-Breaks-Out-at-Senior-Housing-Facility-in-Plainfield-238647701.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *January 4, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Gas leak forces evacuation of high-rise apartment building in Ann Arbor.** Officials believe cold weather was to blame for a water main break at University Towers in Ann Arbor, which caused a minor methane gas leak and forced residents to evacuate. Between 25 and 30 units were damaged and University of Michigan officials assisted with temporary housing for students who were displaced.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/01/gas_leak_forces_evacuation_of.html

22. *January 4, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. benefit cards turned off due to Target breach.** The Virginia Department of Social Services announced Xeros deactivated nearly 4,000 State-issued electronic benefit cards that were used at Target Corp. stores after a security breach was announced by the retailer in December 2013.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Va-Benefit-Cards-Turned-Off-Due-to-Target-Breach-238714961.html>

23. *January 3, Seattle Post-Intelligencer* – (Washington; California) **Charter school con man admits to \$7.2 million fraud.** A Los Angeles man pleaded guilty to stealing \$7.2 million worth of computers from the government by creating fake charter schools in California. The suspect began stealing computer equipment through the General Services Administration Program, Computers for Learning, in June 2007 after he concocted more than a dozen fake non-profits and received donations of surplus computers.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Charter-school-conman-admits-to-7-2-million-fraud-5112206.php>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

24. *January 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Yahoo hacked, 2.5 million European users possibly infected with malware.** Researchers at Fox-IT discovered an attack that compromised Yahoo's ad service in order to redirect European visitors to Yahoo to domains hosting the Magnitude exploit kit, affecting as many as 2.5 million users. The attack lasted around 4 days and used Java vulnerabilities to push various pieces of malware.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Yahoo-Hacked-2-5-Million-European-Users-Possibly-Infected-with-Malware-413732.shtml>
25. *January 6, The Register* – (International) **Steam and Origin gamers knocked offline by SEPARATE DDoS attacks.** Distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks launched by a group calling itself DerpTrolling caused disruptions to Electronic Arts' Origin gaming service for about 24 hours and Valve's Steam gaming service for about 1 hour January 3.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/01/06/online_gaming_ddos_spate/
26. *January 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Trojan targeting WoW accounts disguised as Curse client.** Blizzard warned players of its World of Warcraft online game that a trojan designed to hijack accounts has been spreading disguised as a Curse client hosted on fake Web pages.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Trojan-Targeting-WoW-Accounts-Disguised-as-Curse-Client-413555.shtml>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 6, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Man killed, husband critically hurt in Manhattan high-rise fire: Officials.** A 3-alarm fire broke out in an apartment at the Strand condominiums in Manhattan January 5, leaving 1 person dead and at least 8 others residents and firefighters injured. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire and are working to get the residents back into the building.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Midtown-West-Apartment-Building-Fire-FDNY-People-Trapped--238779091.html>
28. *January 5, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Authorities say explosions at Minnesota apartment complex led to evacuation, but no one hurt.** Officials believe a malfunctioning outdoor generator caused a series of explosions that forced the evacuation of 400 to 500 residents from The Preserve at Commerce apartments in Rogers, Minnesota, January 5. Twelve of the building's 192 units were damaged by the explosions, but residents were able to return home.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/238776321.html>
29. *January 4, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Broad Street fire damages 6 apartments, dental business.** Six apartments and a dental business sustained damage from a January 3 fire in Augusta, Georgia. No injuries were reported after firefighters spent more than 8 hours containing the fire.
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2014-01-03/broad-street-fire-damages-6-apartments-dental-business>

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