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- General Motors announced a recall of 303,000 model year 2014 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra vehicles due to a software issue could pose a fire risk. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [8](#))
- Target confirmed that the cause of a recent breach of customers' payment card information was malware installed by criminals on point of sale devices. – *Softpedia* (See item [9](#))
- Department store Neiman Marcus confirmed that attackers breached its systems and obtained an undisclosed amount of payment card information. – *The Register* (See item [10](#))
- More than 30 Detroit schools sent students home early January 10 after a cable feeding a major substation failed and caused a major power outage and loss of heating. – *WWJ 62 Detroit* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 13, KABC 790 AM Los Angeles* – (Washington) **Utility says power to be restored to Washington residents Sunday.** Puget Sound Energy reported that a wind storm caused more than 30,000 Washington residents to be without electricity January 11. The company worked to restore power to all customers by January 12.
Source: <http://www.kabc.com/common/more.php?m=58&ts=1389600302&article=035A3E797BC911E3B51EFEFDADE6840A&mode=2>
2. *January 13, Bend Bulletin* – (Oregon) **Weekend weather leads to outages.** Approximately 14,000 central Oregon residents were without power after a winter storm with high winds moved through the area January 11-12, causing outages.
Source: <http://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/1679815-151/outages-throughout-central-oregon#>
3. *January 10, WWJ 62 Detroit; Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Michigan Gov. declares emergency over propane shortage.** The Michigan governor declared an emergency due to a temporary shortage of propane and heating oil in the State caused by increased demand and heavy snowfall delaying the delivery of fuel.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/01/10/michigan-gov-declares-emergency-over-propane-shortage/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *January 12, WTVQ 36 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Chemical leak causes fire at Avantor plant in Paris.** Fire crews spent 8 hours cleaning up the aftermath of a fire sparked by a nitric acid leak at Avantor Performance Materials, Inc. in Paris, Kentucky January 12. The fire was extinguished by the facility's on-site sprinkler system.
Source: <http://www.wtvq.com/content/localnews/story/Chemical-Leak-Causes-Fire-at-Avantor-Plant-in-Pari/O5naS4UVfEGAZfnBVm1h2Q.csp>
5. *January 11, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **ExxonMobil to pay \$2.3M in settlement with La.** ExxonMobil finalized a \$2.3 million settlement agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality January 9, resolving citations for chemical releases and spills and other violations at four of the company's Louisiana facilities.
Source: <http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140111/APN/1401110573>
6. *January 10, WIVB 4 Buffalo* – (New York) **Chemical fire causes \$20,000 in damage.** The accidental ignition of a pyrophoric metallic compound sparked a fire in a lab at the Isle Chem Research and Development complex in Grand Island January 10, which

caused an estimated \$20,000 in material damage.

Source: <http://www.wivb.com/news/local/chemical-fire-causes-20000-in-damage>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *January 11, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposes fine for Univ. of Michigan Radiation Safety Service.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission cited the University of Michigan Radiation Safety Service for an undisclosed security violation found during a 2013 inspection of the university's Ann Arbor campus. The violation was corrected and a fine of \$3,500 was proposed.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/45cc0fa9535641329abd15619a4ba8a2/MI--University-of-Michigan-NRC-Fine>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *January 10, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **GM recalls 300,000 Chevy Silverado, GMC Sierra trucks for fire risk.** General Motors announced a recall of 303,000 model year 2014 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra vehicles due to a software issue that that could cause exhaust system overheating which poses a fire risk.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-gm-silverado-sierra-recall-20140110,0,6870918.story>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

9. *January 13, Softpedia* – (National) **Target CEO confirms hackers installed malware on POS registers.** The CEO of Target confirmed that the cause of a recent breach of customers' payment card information was malware installed by criminals on point of sale (POS) devices at various Target stores.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Target-CEO-Confirms-Hackers-Installed-Malware-on-POS-Registers-416146.shtml>

10. *January 13, The Register* – (National) **Hackers slurp credit card details from US luxury retailer Neiman Marcus.** Department store Neiman Marcus confirmed that attackers breached its systems and obtained an undisclosed amount of payment card information. The company was alerted in December 2013 to unauthorized card activity and is continuing to investigate the breach.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/01/13/neiman_marcus_credit_card_breach/
11. *January 13, Associated Press* – (North Carolina; Florida) **7 charged in \$49M Fla., NC mortgage fraud scheme.** Seven Florida residents were charged by federal prosecutors with running a \$49 million mortgage fraud scheme involving properties in a development in Cashiers, North Carolina. The alleged scheme utilized shell companies, straw buyers, fraudulent documentation, and the help of a SunTrust Mortgage loan officer.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/7-charged-in-49M-Fla-NC-mortgage-fraud-scheme-5137343.php>
12. *January 10, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Brim Beanie Bandit robs sixth bank, this time in Dedham.** A suspect known as the “Brim Beanie Bandit” robbed a Dedham Savings bank branch in Dedham, January 10, the sixth robbery linked to the suspect.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2014/01/10/brim-beanie-bandit-robs-sixth-bank-this-time-dedham/jMO5hkC5gwJ1imt7zRRXiM/story.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

13. *January 13, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **I-270 reopens following officer-involved shooting.** Officials closed Interstate 270 between Interstate 25 and Interstate 70 for about 7 hours January 13 after an officer-involved shooting.
Source: <http://kdvr.com/2014/01/13/i-270-closed-indefinitely-after-officer-involved-shooting/>
14. *January 13, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Indiana) **Cline Avenue reopened after pothole closure.** All lanes of Indiana 912/Cline Avenue between Interstate 80/94 and Columbus in Lake County were shut down between January 11 and January 13 to repair potholes left behind by inclement weather.
Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/traffic/transit/Pothole-Damage-Closes-NW-Indiana-Road--239838011.html>
15. *January 10, WOIO 19 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Service restored at Tower City RTA station after flooding.** Regional Transit Authority trains headed eastbound from the Tower City stop in Cleveland were forced to stop running for 5 hours January 9 after frozen water pipes burst at the stop.
Source: <http://www.19actionnews.com/story/24411872/service-restored-rta-towercity>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *January 12, KTVU 2 Oakland; Associated Press* – (California) **Foster Farms voluntarily closes plant after cleanup.** Foster Farms voluntarily and temporarily halted production at its Livingston chicken facility to expand food safety measures January 12, one day after it reopened following food safety violations. The plant was closed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture January 8 for a cockroach infestation, requiring a thorough cleanup treatment of the plant.
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/foster-farms-voluntarily-closes-plant-after-cleanu/nck7Q/>
17. *January 10, Food Poison Journal* – (National) **Tyson's mechanically separated chicken recalled due to Salmonella.** Tyson's Foods, Inc. of Sedalia, Missouri recalled nearly 34,000 pounds of mechanically separated chicken products January 10 due to a possible contamination with Salmonella Heidelberg. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service, the product was sold nationally for institutional use only and has been linked to illnesses at a Tennessee correctional facility.
Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/food-poisoning-watch/tysons-mechanically-separated-chicken-recalled-due-to-salmonella/>
18. *January 10, Minnesota Farm Guide* – (Minnesota; Wisconsin) **USDA designates 3 counties in Minnesota as primary natural disaster areas.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture declared an agriculture disaster January 8 in three Minnesota counties following major losses caused by drought conditions and lack of moisture between September 1 and November 15, 2013. Farmers and ranchers in 14 contiguous counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin are also eligible for natural disaster assistance.
Source: http://www.minnesotafarmguide.com/news/regional/usda-designates-counties-in-minnesota-as-primary-natural-disaster-areas/article_5facd2e8-7a0b-11e3-a3cc-0019bb2963f4.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *January 12, CNN* – (West Virginia) **West Virginia officials study test results after chemical spill.** West Virginia officials continued testing water samples January 13, 4 days after a chemical used to clean coal leaked from a chemical plant in Charleston, necessitating a do-not-use order for around 300,000 residents and businesses in nine counties. West Virginia American Water officials stated that water restrictions will be lifted by zone once water samples consistently returned safe.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/12/us/west-virginia-contaminated-water/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *January 10, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Police seek 3 armed robbers who stole from Woburn, Mass. Walgreens.** Police are looking for three gunmen who stole narcotics and assaulted two clerks at a Walgreens in Woburn January 9.
Source: <http://www.necn.com/01/10/14/Police-seek-3-armed-robbers-who-stole-fr/landing.html?blockID=861521&feedID=11106>
21. *January 10, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Chicago-area hospital probes failure of generators.** Back-up generators at Alexian Brothers Women and Children's Hospital in Hoffman Estates failed after kicking in during a power outage January 9, forcing the hospital to relocate patients to other facilities. Power was restored to the hospital 3 hours after the incident, and the cause of the failure is being investigated.
Source: <http://www.whbf.com/story/24418661/chicago-area-hospital-probes-failure-of-generators>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *January 13, WFTS 28 Tampa* – (Florida) **Students evacuated as school bus catches fire.** Approximately 60 students were evacuated uninjured from a school bus in Riverview, Florida, after the vehicle's rear engine caught fire January 13. Southbound U.S. 301 was closed while crews put out the fire and investigated the incident.
Source: http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_east_hillsborough/brandon/students-evacuated-as-school-bus-catches-fire
23. *January 12, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Schools cancel classes due to W.Va. spill.** West Virginia public schools in four counties and the University of Charleston were closed January 13 due to water contamination after a chemical spill prompted a do-not-use order for water.
Source: <http://www.wowktv.com/story/24428867/schools-cancel-classes-due-to-wva-spill>
24. *January 12, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Vandals damage computer lab at Englewood High School early Sunday morning.** Englewood High School in Colorado cancelled classes January 13 after three men vandalized the band room and a computer lab and attempted to set fires. The incident was under investigation.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/vandals-damage-computer-lab-at-englewood-high-school-early-sunday-morning>
25. *January 10, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Cold, dark Detroit schools forced to close early Friday.** Detroit students were sent home early January 10 after a cable feeding a

major substation failed and caused a major power outage, forcing more than 30 schools to cancel class due to the lack of heat. Crews began to restore power to some schools January 10.

Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2014/01/10/cold-dark-detroit-schools-forced-to-close-early-friday/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

26. *January 13, The Register* – (International) **Microsoft Twitter accounts, blog hijacked by SEA.** Attackers claiming affiliation with the Syrian Electronic Army hacktivist group compromised two Twitter accounts and an official blog belonging to Microsoft between January 11-12.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/01/13/microsoft_twitter_blog_sea_compromised/

27. *January 13, Softpedia* – (International) **Man admits hijacking YouTube channels, hacking AOL CEO's email account.** A Maryland man admitted to working with an accomplice to abuse password reset functions in YouTube, add advertisements to YouTube Channels, and make around \$56,000 from the hijacked accounts. The two men also set up email accounts likely to be used as nonsense addresses at account creation and were able to breach the accounts of several AOL employees, including the company's CEO.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Man-Admits-Hijacking-YouTube-Channels-Hacking-AOL-CEO-s-Email-Account-416356.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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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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Communications Sector

28. *January 13, Daily Ardmoreite* – (Arizona) **Internet outage caused by ‘technical issues’**. Cable One customers in Ardmore, Phoenix, and other areas lost Internet service for several hours January 11-12 due to bandwidth loss caused by equipment failure.
Source: <http://www.ardmoreite.com/article/20140113/NEWS/140119907>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *January 13, Pierce County Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Cottage Grove apartment building fire temporarily displaces 100 people**. A Woodland Park apartment building caught fire January 12 leaving 100 people temporarily displaced and 4 residents in need of treatment for smoke inhalation.
Source: <http://www.piercecountyherald.com/content/cottage-grove-apartment-building-fire-temporarily-displaces-100-people-0>
30. *January 13, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* – (New York) **More woes at Medley Center as water pipes burst**. Portions of the mostly vacant Medley Centre mall were flooded January 12 after a water pipe burst in cold temperatures. The two remaining stores were not affected.
Source: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/local/2014/01/12/medley-centre-water-pipes-burst/4442539/>
31. *January 12, Chicago Sun Times* – (Illinois) **31 displaced in McHenry apartment building fire**. The Riverside Hotel, a McHenry, Illinois apartment building, was rendered uninhabitable by fire January 12 leaving at least 31 people displaced.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/01/12/31-displaced-in-mchenry-apartment-building-fire/>
32. *January 12, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Woman pepper sprays more than 20 people in failed Arundel Mills mall robbery**. A woman was arrested January 12 at the Arundel Mills mall in Hanover, Maryland, after pepper spraying 25-30 people and pulling a knife on a security guard during a failed theft. Two people were taken to the hospital and at least two dozen people were treated at the scene for pepper spray exposure.
Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-01-12/news/bs-md-ar-robbery-pepper-spray-20140112_1_mall-robbery-pepper-spray-endangerment-charges
33. *January 12, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **In San Jose, at least 13 arson fires set**. Officials are searching for a serial arsonist involved in as many as 13 fires at downtown San Jose commercial and residential buildings since January 8.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/In-San-Jose-at-least-13-arson-fires-set-5136623.php>
34. *January 11, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Water main break forces**

evacuations in East Falls. A 48-inch water main ruptured in the parking lot of a shopping center in the East Falls section of Philadelphia January 11, flooding at least 8 businesses. Emergency personnel evacuated employees from a Shop Rite grocery store using small rescue boats.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9389746>

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Dams Sector

35. *January 13, Lynchburg News & Advance* – (Virginia) **Liberty poised to spend \$1M on Ivy Lake dam repairs.** Liberty University officials announced that they plan on lowering water levels in Ivy Lake by 20 feet ahead of planned repairs. The dam was deemed incapable of handling a large storm event and declared a high hazard dam by The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation..

Source: http://www.newsadvance.com/news/liberty-poised-to-spend-m-on-ivy-lake-dam-repairs/article_7a78a32e-7b21-11e3-b986-001a4bcf6878.html

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