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- Authorities are investigating a 5-alarm fire and series of explosions that destroyed two factories in Bridgeport, Connecticut, September 11 forcing 400 residents from nearby homes and sending chemicals into the air and water. – *Hartford Courant* (See item [3](#))
- A Southwest Airlines flight from Seattle to Denver was delayed for 4 hours September 11 after a potential threat was discovered when a passenger aboard the plane used threatening names for his Wi-Fi hot spot. – *KIRO 7 Seattle* (See item [8](#))
- An employee of the New York City Human Resources Administration's Medicaid Reimbursement Unit pleaded guilty September 11 to a Medicaid fraud scheme where he manipulated system to embezzle over \$1 million worth of checks. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [16](#))
- Authorities are investigating after more than \$250,000 in copper wire and refrigerants was stolen from a vacant Winn Dixie supermarket in Albany, Georgia, causing an estimated \$500,000 in damage to the structure and its contents. – *WALB 10 Albany* (See item [26](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *September 11, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Texas man dies in Oklahoma oil-field incident.** A Mercer Well Service employee was killed during an unspecified incident at an XTO Energy Inc., oil well in Johnston County September 10. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://newsok.com/one-killed-in-oil-field-incident/article/5340918>
2. *September 10, Orange County Register* – (California) **Chevron pays fine for selling gas contaminated with water.** Chevron agreed to pay \$298,000 in a settlement after the company's stations in Orange County, California, accidentally sold gas contaminated with excess water in 2011, causing minor damage to at least 44 vehicles. The settlement also included restitution for the 44 damaged vehicles.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/chevron-634484-county-stations.html>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *September 12, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Massive Bridgeport fire sends chemicals into the air, water; 400 forced to leave homes.** Authorities are investigating a 5-alarm fire and series of explosions that destroyed the Rowayton Trading Co. and JWC Roofing and Siding factories in Bridgeport September 11. An evacuation order for 400 residents from area homes was lifted September 12, while crews remained at the scene to test air and water quality due to chemicals releases caused by the blaze and a fishing ban was put in place for Bridgeport Harbor and part of Long Island Sound.  
Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/bridgeport/hc-bridgeport-fire-0912-20140911,0,2054578.story>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *September 12, CarConnection* – (National) **2005-2008 Ford Escape Hybrid, 2006-2008 Mercury Marine Hybrid recalled for stalling.** Ford announced a recall for 70,209 model year 2005-2008 Ford Escape Hybrid and model year 2006-2008 Mercury Mariner Hybrid vehicles due to the potential for the hybrid system's coolant pump to fail, causing hybrid electronics overheating that could create stall-like conditions. Ford stated that they will begin notifying owners around October 27.  
Source: [http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1094391\\_2005-2008-ford-escape-](http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1094391_2005-2008-ford-escape-)

[hybrid-2006-2008-mercury-mariner-hybrid-recalled-for-stalling](#)

5. *September 11, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Kidde recalls smoke and combination smoke/CO alarms due to alarm failure.** Kidde announced a recall for around 1.3 million Kidde hard-wired smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in the U.S. and Canada due to the potential for the alarms to fail to alert consumers of fire or CO hazards following a power outage. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Kidde-Recalls-Smoke-and-Combination-SmokeCO-Alarms/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Texas) **16 indicted in north Texas ID theft, bank scam.** Sixteen people were indicted September 11 for allegedly operating an identity theft and check fraud scheme in the north Texas and Dallas-Fort Worth areas that caused over \$1.3 million in bank losses. The alleged ring would break into vehicles to obtain victims' personal information and checks, cashed stolen checks at drive-thru bank lanes, and used stolen license plates to disguise their vehicles. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/texas/article/16-indicted-in-North-Texas-ID-theft-bank-scam-5749881.php>
7. *September 11, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Liberty Reserve employee pleads guilty in bank scheme.** The former chief technology officer of digital currency service Liberty Reserve pleaded guilty to helping run the illegal money service. The former CTO was the third person to plead guilty connected to the service that concealed over \$6 billion in criminal proceeds. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-09-11/liberty-reserve-employee-pleads-guilty-in-black-market-bank-case.html>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *September 11, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Person detained after security incident on plane at Sea-Tac Airport.** A Southwest Airlines flight from Seattle to Denver was delayed for 4 hours September 11 after a potential threat was discovered when a passenger on board the plane used threatening names for his Wi-Fi hot spot

such as “Southwest – Bomb On Board” and “Bomb Location 19E.” All passengers aboard the plane were rescreened and later reboarded the plane while the man responsible for the threat was detained by authorities.

Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/person-detained-after-incident-plane-sea-tac-airpo/nhLMj/>

9. *September 12, Aiken Standard* – (South Carolina) **Edgefield Highway reopens after multiple-vehicle collision.** All lanes on Edgefield Highway near Lakeshore Drive reopened to traffic after being closed for nearly three hours after a multi-vehicle collision September 12. At least six people were injured and sent to nearby hospitals.  
Source: <http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140912/AIK0101/140919874/1083/update-multiple-vehicle-collision-blocks-edgefield-highway>
10. *September 11, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Accident leaves big rig hanging from 610 Loop, closes 59.** Northbound lanes on U.S. Route 59 reopened to traffic after being closed for 7 hours when a semi-truck was traveling onto a ramp, veered off, and fell 46-feet to the freeway below September 10, injuring the driver. The Interstate 610 Loop westbound exit was also closed while crews repaired damage to the roadway and shoulder of the ramp.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-traffic/article/Crash-snarls-Estex-Freeway-in-NEHouston-5745966.php>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *September 12, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Washington) **Washington firm recalls pork sausage product due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.** Interbay Food Company, LLC announced September 12 that it issued a recall for approximately 4,820 pounds of its The British Pantry Ltd., British Style Bangers products due to misbranding and undeclared milk.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-057-2014-release>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

12. *September 12, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Street closed, customers without water after Encino main break.** Crews are working to clean up after an 8-inch water main broke in Encino September 12 and flooded about four blocks of Haskell Avenue, prompting authorities to close off the street and leaving about 100 customers without service.  
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Water-Main-Break-Encino-San-Fernando-Valley-LADWP-Ventura-Boulevard-274882881.html>

13. *September 12, WVEC 13 Hampton* – (Virginia) **Swimming advisories lifted for Atlantic Ocean and Bay beaches.** Two swimming advisories issued September 10 for parts of the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay in Virginia Beach were lifted September 12 after water tests showed bacteria levels in the water have lowered and meet the State Water Quality Standards.  
Source: <http://www.wvec.com/my-city/vabeach/New-swimming-advisories-posted-for-Virginia-Beach-274637881.html>
14. *September 11, WFLA 8 Tampa* – (Florida) **‘No Swim’ advisory issued for North Lido Beach in Sarasota.** A no-swim advisory was issued for North Lido Beach in Sarasota September 11 due to high levels of enterococci bacteria found in the water. The advisory remains in effect until water testing results meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s recreational water safety standards.  
Source: <http://www.wsav.com/story/26508614/no-swim-advisory-issued-for-north-lido-beach-in-sarasota>
15. *September 11, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Water main break floods home, forces water shut-off in Central Phx. neighborhood.** Nearly two dozen homes were without water for nearly 3 hours in Central Phoenix after a water main broke September 11.  
Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Water-main-break-floods-home-causes-water-shut-off-in-Central-Phx-neighborhood-274754151.html>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

16. *September 11, U.S. Department of Justice* – (New York) **New York City employee pleads guilty in Manhattan federal court to million-dollar Medicaid fraud.** An employee of the New York City Human Resources Administration’s Medicaid Reimbursement Unit pleaded guilty September 11 to running a Medicaid fraud scheme where he manipulated the Medicaid reimbursement system to embezzle over \$1 million worth of checks and issue them to friends, who then paid him part of the proceeds.  
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/September14/AkimMurrayPlea.php>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

17. *September 12, KFOR 4 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **OCCC campuses reopen later today after water main break.** Four Oklahoma City Community College campuses were closed for several hours September 12 due to a water main break in southwest Oklahoma City.  
Source: <http://kfor.com/2014/09/12/oklahoma-city-community-college-campuses-closed-due-to-water-main-break/>

18. *September 11, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **\$200,000 financial aid scam hits Bay Area College.** College of Marin authorities in California are investigating an alleged financial aid scam believed to involve 23 individuals posing as students to fraudulently obtain \$200,000 in federal financial aid. The suspects allegedly enrolled in online classes with the university, then withdrew from school soon after financial aid was distributed.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/200-000-plot-to-steal-financial-aid-hits-Bay-5749273.php>
19. *September 11, Kansas City Star; Associated Press* – (Missouri) **FBI investigates vandalism at Representative's Kansas City office.** The FBI is investigating after an intrusion alarm was triggered at the Kansas City district office of a U.S. Representative September 11 and police found two devices that resembled Molotov cocktails that appeared to have been ignited, but extinguished when they were thrown. The only reported damage was a broken window.  
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/news/government-politics/article2061336.html>
20. *September 11, KTAL 6 Texarkana* – (Texas) **Texarkana College has been given clearance.** The Texarkana College campus in Texas was evacuated September 11 due to a bomb threat that was called in to a 9-1-1 call center. Police cleared the scene over 2 hours later after they found no suspicious devices.  
Source: <http://www.arklatexhomepage.com/story/d/story/college-campus-evacuated-due-to-bomb-threat/79286/OFCAIsL6MUuBIkO7oBRBwA>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

21. *September 11, Help Net Security* – (International) **Chinese attack groups operate in parallel in cyber espionage campaigns: FireEye.** Researchers with FireEye discovered two cyberespionage campaigns originating in two regions of China that appear to share several commonalities including using the same custom backdoors and remote access trojans (RATs). One campaign dubbed Moafée targets various military, government, and defense industry entities while the second known as DragonOK targets high-tech and manufacturing companies in Taiwan and Japan.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/chinese-attack-groups-operate-parallel-cyber-espionage-campaigns-fireeye>

22. *September 11, Help Net Security* – (International) **Researchers find malicious extension in Chrome Web Store.** Trend Micro researchers identified several malicious extensions inside the Chrome Web Store, including one spread via a Facebook scam campaign that allows attackers to post statuses, send messages, and take other actions using a victim's Facebook account.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2863](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2863)

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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

23. *September 11, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Internet outage frustrates CenturyLink customers in southwest Missouri.** CenturyLink customers in the 417 area code of southwest Missouri were without Internet service for nearly 10 hours September 11 due to a widespread outage.  
Source: [http://www.ky3.com/news/local/centurylink-customers-in-southwest-missouri-frustrated-by-internet-outage/21048998\\_28017358](http://www.ky3.com/news/local/centurylink-customers-in-southwest-missouri-frustrated-by-internet-outage/21048998_28017358)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *September 12, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **Fire tears through Miami Beach apartment building, police say arson possible.** About 40 people were displaced by a September 12 fire at a Miami Beach apartment building that police are investigating as possible arson. One person was transported to an area hospital with significant burn injuries.  
Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Fire-Tears-Through-Miami-Beach-Apartment-Building-274868401.html>
25. *September 11, Reuters* – (New Jersey) **Dozens of children at NJ day care center accidentally drink bleach.** Two adults and 28 children were transported to an area hospital after they ingested a mixture of bleach and water from a repurposed container that was mistaken for a water bottle at the Growing Tree Learning Center daycare facility in Jersey City. The hospital declared a mass casualty emergency due to the number of affected individuals.  
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/dozens-of-children-at-nj-day-care-center-accidentally-drink-bleach>
26. *September 11, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Police estimate \$250,000 in copper wire**



**stolen from buildings.** Authorities are investigating after more than \$250,000 in copper wire and refrigerants was stolen from a vacant Winn Dixie supermarket in Albany, Georgia, causing an estimated \$500,000 in damage to the structure and its contents. Police believe the thieves spent days stripping the store after they broke in through a back cooler and dug a hole through a cement wall.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/26509285/police-estimate-250000-in-copper-wire-stolen-from-buildings>

27. *September 11, Los Angeles Register* – (California) **Police still searching for Santa Monica BMW arson suspect.** Police are searching for a suspect who allegedly caused about \$250,000 in damage when he set five cars on fire at a Santa Monica BMW car dealership September 10.

Source: <http://www.losangelesregister.com/articles/monica-604704-santa-police.html>

28. *September 11, Mesabi Daily News* – (Minnesota) **24 people displaced by Eveleth apartment building fire.** A September 11 fire that broke out inside an apartment unit and spread throughout the Spruce Apartment building of the Countryside complex in West Eveleth caused significant damage to the structure and displaced 24 residents.

Source: [http://www.virginiamn.com/news/local/people-displaced-by-eveleth-apartment-building-fire/article\\_5d506cc0-3a2d-11e4-99b3-0b9285e25e7b.html](http://www.virginiamn.com/news/local/people-displaced-by-eveleth-apartment-building-fire/article_5d506cc0-3a2d-11e4-99b3-0b9285e25e7b.html)

29. *September 11, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Three hurt in fire at Ypsilanti apartment building and business.** Officials are investigating the cause of a September 11 fire that damaged one barbershop and 16 units inside an Ypsilanti apartment building, leaving 15 residents displaced. One person was transported to an area hospital and two others were treated at the scene for injuries.

Source: <http://www.wxyz.com/news/region/washtenaw-county/three-hurt-in-fire-at-ypsilanti-apartment-building-and-business>

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