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- Two contractors and a crew member were killed while two other crew members suffered injuries in an engine room fire aboard the Miami-based Oceania Cruises' Insignia cruise ship docked in St. Lucia December 11. – *South Florida Sun Sentinel* (See item [9](#))
- A December 11 storm caused over 100,000 customers in San Francisco to lose power, prompted major sections of Bay Area freeways to close, forced school closures across several counties, and caused more than 240 flight cancellations. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [12](#))
- Officials are investigating after more than 100 students from Centennial High School in Roswell, Georgia, and their family members became sick following a football banquet December 8. – *WSB 2 Atlanta* (See item [20](#))
- A 3-alarm fire at the Thanksgiving Tower commercial high rise in Dallas December 11 killed 3 subcontractors, injured 3 additional individuals, and prompted the evacuation of 2,800 employees inside the building. – *KXAS 5 Fort Worth* (See item [30](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *December 11, KTVA 11 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Richardson Highway crash causes ‘significant’ fuel spill.** Approximately 4,400 gallons of diesel fuel spilled alongside a 3,000-square-foot stretch of Richardson Highway December 9 after an Alaska Petroleum semi-truck crashed and ruptured. Crews worked to develop a cleanup plan, and no wildlife or moving water was impacted.  
Source: <http://www.ktva.com/richardson-highway-crash-causes-significant-fuel-spill-814/>
2. *December 11, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **170K customers without power across western Washington.** Crews worked to restore power to the remaining 11,400 Seattle City light customers across the State after strong winds knocked out service to more than 170,000 customers in western Washington December 11.  
Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/12/100k-customers-without-power-across-western-washington/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 11, WICU 12 Erie/WSEE 35 Erie* – (Pennsylvania) **Erie firefighters battle fire at chemical plant.** A liquid sodium fire at a United Erie chemical facility in Pennsylvania December 11 prompted the evacuation and closure of several city blocks in Erie while firefighters doused the flames with dry chemicals. Operations resumed after several hours in portions of the facility that were not affected by the fire while investigations into the cause of the fire continued.  
Source: <http://www.erievnews.com/story/27604333/erie-firefighters-battle-fire-at-chemical-plant>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *December 11, Rochester Post-Bulletin* – (Minnesota) **Unit 1 of Prairie Island nuclear plant shut down.** The Unit 1 reactor at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant near Red Wing was shut down December 11 to replace a faulty reactor coolant pump seal. Work was expected to take less than 1 week to complete the repair.  
Source: [http://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/unit-of-prairie-island-nuclear-plant-shut-down/article\\_9b3aff79-ed52-513a-97af-3feb1b239edc.html](http://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/unit-of-prairie-island-nuclear-plant-shut-down/article_9b3aff79-ed52-513a-97af-3feb1b239edc.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

5. *December 12, Detroit News* – (National) **Chrysler recalls 208,000 vehicles for Takata air bags.** Chrysler announced December 11 that it was expanding its recall of vehicles equipped with airbag inflators manufactured by Takata Corp., to include an additional 208,783 vehicles in 5 States and 3 territories due to the potential for the inflators to spray metal fragments into the vehicles' cabins upon airbag deployment. The recall expansion includes model year 2003-2005 Dodge Ram 1500, 2500, and 3500; 2004-2005 Dodge Durango; 2005 Chrysler 300, 300C, and SRT8; and 2005 Dodge Magnum vehicles.  
Source:  
<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/chrysler/2014/12/12/chrysler-recalls-vehicles-takata-air-bags/20289035/>
6. *December 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **OSHA cites Ventra Belvidere for exposing employees to dangerous machines after 21-year-old worker fatally crushed at auto parts supply plant.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited auto parts manufacturer Ventra Belvidere LLC December 11 with 1 willful and 4 serious safety violations at its Belvidere, Illinois facility for exposing workers to dangerous machinery and other hazards following an investigation prompted by the June 10 death of a machine operator. Proposed fines totaled \$93,400.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27108](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27108)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

7. *December 12, Threatpost* – (International) **Upatre downloader spreading Dyreza banking trojan.** Microsoft warned December 11 that the Upatre downloader is being used in a wire-transfer spam campaign to spread the Dyreza banking malware, mainly targeting victims in the U.S. and Canada. The malware is able to bypass encryption in order to steal online banking credentials and other data.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/upatre-downloader-spreading-dyreza-banking-trojan/109858>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *December 12, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Police say drivers involved in altercation before fatal Dixie Hwy. wreck.** One person was killed in a single vehicle accident on Dixie Highway near Valley Station in Louisville December 12 after the driver drove in reverse at a high rate of speed and became airborne, hitting a curb and knocking down a light pole following an altercation with another driver. Both directions of the highway were closed for 4 hours while responders cleared the scene. Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/27612014/dixie-highway-closed-near-valley-station-after-fatal-wreck>
9. *December 12, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (International) **Oceania cruise ship fire kills 3.** Two contractors and a crew member were killed while two other crew members suffered injuries in an engine room fire aboard the Miami-based Oceania Cruises' Insignia cruise ship docked in St. Lucia December 11. The fire was contained to the engine room and extinguished and the remainder of the cruise was cancelled while officials worked to transport all 684 passengers to Miami. Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/oceania-cruise-ship-fire-kills-3/ar-BBgFH50>
10. *December 12, Associated Press; San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Rain washes out part of Highway 1 in Marin County.** A section of Highway 1 in Marin County was washed out December 11 due to heavy rains and flooding forcing the closure of the southbound lane from Panoramic and Muir Woods Roads in Muir Beach. Officials will reassess the damage December 12 after repairs were estimated to take until March 2015. Source: [http://www.recorderonline.com/news/state\\_news/rain-washes-out-part-of-highway-in-marin-county/article\\_f19a8718-7e03-5195-aa25-3e6e61cacbc7.html](http://www.recorderonline.com/news/state_news/rain-washes-out-part-of-highway-in-marin-county/article_f19a8718-7e03-5195-aa25-3e6e61cacbc7.html)
11. *December 11, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Victims in Atchison explosion show improvement.** A rail car containing fuel exploded inside a building at the Greenbrier Companies Rail Car Service Facility near Atchison December 11, injuring nine people. Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/news/at-least-3-injured-in-explosion-at-atchison-plant/30184710>
12. *December 11, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **California storm: 113,000 still without power, travel disrupted.** A December 11 storm that caused severe flooding forced major sections of Bay Area freeways to close, caused more than 240 flight cancellations and travel delays, and forced the Bay Area Rapid Transit to close 2 stations due to a power outage, in addition to school closures across several counties. More than 100,000 customers in San Francisco lost power as crews worked to restore service. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-winter-storm-california-winds-20141211-story.html>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

13. *December 11, Seattle Times* – (National) **Raw oysters sicken 12, prompt shellfish harvest closure and recall.** State health officials in Washington December 11 ordered an emergency harvest closure and issued a recall for about 4,000 dozen oysters and nearly 3,000 pounds of Manila clams harvested from a portion of Hammersley Inlet in Mason County after at least 12 individuals were sickened with norovirus after eating raw oysters. The oysters were processed between November 10 and December 5 and were sent to 12 States.  
Source: [http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025219127\\_shellfishrecallxml.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025219127_shellfishrecallxml.html)
14. *December 11, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **Jury convicts Northwood potato farmers on all counts in crop insurance fraud case.** Two former North Dakota potato farmers were found guilty December 11 of intentionally destroying some of their potato crops from 2002 to 2010 in order to fraudulently obtain about \$2 million in crop insurance and federal disaster payments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The men allegedly spoiled their 2006 crop by adding chemicals such as Rid-X, as well as heat, water, and frozen potatoes to their products held in a storage building in Cooperstown.  
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/news-crime-and-courts/jury-convicts-northwood-potato-farmers-all-counts-crop-insurance-fraud-case>
15. *December 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Colorado) **Worker fatally injured in Greeley, Colorado, after being caught in unguarded conveyor system.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited JBS USA LLC, December 11 for one repeat and one serious safety violation at the company's meat packing plant in Greeley following a June inspection that was initiated after a worker was fatally injured after being caught in an unguarded conveyor system. Proposed penalties total \$45,500.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27114](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27114)

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

16. *December 12, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Stormwater floods wastewater system in Sonoma Valley and Penngrrove.** Residents in Sonoma County were advised to avoid contact with stormwater due to potential health and safety hazards after heavy rains December 11 caused wastewater from several manholes to overflow at 4 locations in the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, which also increased the flow of treated runoff from the storm to 14 million gallons.  
Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/home/3237998-181/stormwater-floods-wastewater-system-in>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *December 12, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **2 firefighters injured in multi-alarm fire at Resurrection Medical Center.** About 40 patients were transported to other areas of the Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago December 11 due to a multi-alarm fire that began in the kitchen area and caused significant water damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation and two firefighters were injured in the blaze and transported to other area hospitals.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-firefighters-respond-to-multialarm-fire-at-resurrection-hospital-20141211-story.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

18. *December 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **2 Franklinton workers arrested when audit turns up irregularities in water utility bills.** Louisiana Police arrested 2 Franklinton Town Clerk's Office employees the week of December 8 for allegedly processing over 230 payments amounting to more than \$22,000 that were never deposited into the town's account following an investigation uncovered billing and payment irregularities in the town's water utility bills.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/55d150288cc94e09b58fc5ca93e0f984/LA--Employee-Fraud-Arrest>

19. *December 11, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Police: student wanted to shoot Miami-Dade school guards.** A student at Jan Mann Opportunity School in Miami-Dade was arrested December 10 after a teacher and principal discovered the student was in possession of a loaded, stolen gun with the intent to shoot two unarmed security guards at the school. The student tried to escape custody once he was detained by on-campus police, but was apprehended by an officer.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/police-student-wanted-to-shoot-miami-dade-school-guards/ar-BBgG2H0>

20. *December 11, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **100+ sickened after high schools sports banquet.** The Fulton County Health Department and school officials are investigating after more than 100 students from Centennial High School in Roswell, Georgia, and their family members became sick, experiencing symptoms which included nausea, vomiting, and abdominal cramps following a football banquet December 8.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/100-sickened-after-high-schools-sports-banquet/njQyL/>

21. *December 11, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Most Bay Area schools to be open Friday, many schools in the Sonoma County remain closed.** Several Sonoma County schools remained closed December 12 after a December 11 storm that caused

flooding due to heavy rainfall.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/12/11/most-but-not-all-bay-area-schools-to-be-open-friday/>

22. *December 11, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **State, county parks closed in Sonoma County.** California officials closed 2 State parks near Guerneville December 10 and announced the closure of 10 additional State parks in the Bay Area December 11 until further notice due to flooding and storm-related concerns.  
Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/3237424-181/state-parks-closed-in-sonoma>
23. *December 11, Huntington Herald-Dispatch* – (West Virginia) **Huntington High evacuated.** Huntington High School in West Virginia was evacuated and students were dismissed December 11 after a student was arrested for allegedly possessing what appeared to be an improved explosive device on campus. Police disarmed the device which was believed to be a hollow egg with firecrackers and BBs inside.  
Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/x1753194016/HHS-evacuated-student-arrested-after-device-found>
24. *December 11, WSIL 3 Harrisburg* – (Illinois) **Gas leak closes Hardin County Courthouse.** The Hardin County Courthouse in Illinois will reopen December 12 following a December 11 gas leak that prompted the evacuation and closure of the courthouse after complaints of a gas odor in the building.  
Source: <http://www.wsiltv.com/news/local/Gas-Leak-Closes-Hardin-County-Courthouse-285531821.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

25. *December 11, Elkhart Truth* – (Indiana) **Man stole ambulance from Elkhart General and led officers on 60 mph chase, police say.** Police arrested and charged a man after he stole an ambulance from the bay outside the emergency room at Elkhart General Hospital in Indiana December 10 and led officers on a chase after he refused to stop. The suspect also battered two employees of the Elkhart Police Department once he was transported to the facility.  
Source: <http://www.elkharttruth.com/news/crime-fire-courts/2014/12/11/Man-stole-ambulance-from-Elkhart-General-and-led-officers-on-60-mph-chase-police-say.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

26. *December 12, The Register* – (International) **Hackable intercom lets you SPY on fellow apartment-dwellers.** A researcher presenting at the Kiwicon security conference detailed how he was able to use several vulnerabilities in the GrandStream GXV3175 video intercom, including directory traversal and command injection flaws, to potentially spy on any resident in an apartment building equipped with the devices. The issues were patched by the manufacturer after the researcher reported them.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/12/hackable\\_intercom\\_becomes\\_neighbour\\_spy\\_box/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/12/hackable_intercom_becomes_neighbour_spy_box/)
27. *December 12, The Register* – (International) **Microsoft pulls a patch and offers PHANTOM FIX for the mess.** Microsoft took down an update included in its monthly Patch Tuesday release due to the patch causing issues on systems running Windows 7 Service Pack (SP1) and Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1. A second patch was then published to address the issue.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/12/microsoft\\_pulls\\_a\\_patch\\_and\\_offers\\_phantom\\_fix\\_for\\_the\\_mess/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/12/microsoft_pulls_a_patch_and_offers_phantom_fix_for_the_mess/)
28. *December 12, Securityweek* – (International) **Malwarebytes anti-exploit upgrade mechanism vulnerable to MitM attacks.** A Fox-IT researcher identified and reported vulnerabilities in consumer versions of Malwarebytes Anti-Malware 2.0.2 and earlier, and Malwarebytes Anti-Exploit 1.03 and earlier that could have left the security products vulnerable to man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks and allowed the download of malicious content. The vulnerabilities were reported in July and August and patched in September and October.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/malwarebytes-anti-exploit-upgrade-mechanism-vulnerable-mitm-attacks>

### **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**

29. *December 11, Burlington Free Press* – (New Hampshire; Vermont) **Statewide FairPoint Internet outage alleviated.** Internet service for FairPoint Communications customers in Vermont and parts of New Hampshire was restored after being disrupted for nearly 12 hours December 11 due to a hardware issue during routine maintenance work.



Source: <http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/local/2014/12/11/fairpoint-internet-disruption-alleviated/20254613/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

30. *December 12, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Thousands evacuated after fatal fire breaks out at Dallas' Thanksgiving Tower.** A 3-alarm fire at the Thanksgiving Tower commercial high rise in Dallas December 11 killed 3 subcontractors that were working in a thermal storage tank inside the building's basement heating and cooling unit, injured 3 additional individuals, and prompted the evacuation of 2,800 employees inside the building. Crews cut off power to the building before they could battle the blaze that was believed to be electrical in nature.  
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Fire-Reported-at-Thanksgiving-Tower-High-Rise-285502401.html>
31. *December 12, Olympia Olympian* – (Washington) **Fallen tree causes propane tank fire at Red Wind Casino.** The Nisqually Red Wind Casino in Washington reopened December 12 after strong winds caused a tree to fall on an 8,000-gallon propane tank at the casino, igniting a fire that prompted the evacuation of the building December 11. Fire crews extinguished the blaze that left minimal damage to the propane tank.  
Source: [http://www.theolympian.com/2014/12/12/3475271\\_fallen-tree-causes-propane-tank.html](http://www.theolympian.com/2014/12/12/3475271_fallen-tree-causes-propane-tank.html)
32. *December 12, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **2 officers, 1 suspect shot in DeKalb; 2nd suspect caught.** Two police officers and one suspect were shot and injured at the Colony Ridge Apartments complex in DeKalb County December 12 when police responded to reports of a home invasion involving two armed suspects, prompting an evacuation of the apartment complex and the lockdown of nearby schools while officers searched for the second suspect who was apprehended after 4 hours.  
Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/local/decalur/2014/12/12/colony-ridge-officer-involved-shooting/20292571/>
33. *December 11, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Malfunctioning heater causes fire at north Raleigh hotel.** Between 175 and 200 individuals were evacuated from the Holiday Inn Raleigh North hotel in North Carolina December 11 while firefighters battled a fire that was ignited by a malfunctioning heating unit in a guest room. The fire was contained to the guest room where it began, but the entire floor of the hotel was rendered uninhabitable due to smoke damage.  
Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/12/11/4395745/fire-forces-evacuation-of-north.html>
34. *December 11, Bay News 9* – (Florida) **No cause yet for Maitland party food poisoning that sickened 50.** At least 50 individuals were sickened, including at least 15 people who were hospitalized, following a catered event at the Maitland Colonnades office building in Florida December 11. Authorities are investigating to determine the

source of the suspected foodborne outbreak.

Source:

[http://baynews9.com/content/news/baynews9/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2014/12/10/dozens\\_hospitalized\\_.html](http://baynews9.com/content/news/baynews9/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2014/12/10/dozens_hospitalized_.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

35. *December 12, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Emergency repairs to protect manatees close lock near J&S Fish Camp.** The S-135 Navigation Lock near J&S Fish Camp north of the St. Lucie Canal in Florida was closed December 12 by the South Florida Water Management District for emergency repairs on the manatee protection system designed to detect and prevent gates from closing and injuring the endangered West Indian manatee.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/lifestyles/environment/emergency-repairs-close-lock-to-protect-manatees/njRD4/>

36. *December 12, KION 46 Monterey* – (California) **Salinas residents evacuated after flood waters breach levy near Santa Rita Creek.** Waters in an irrigation ditch that breached two different parts of a levy on Santa Rita Creek in Salinas December 11 prompted the evacuation of a neighborhood while crews worked to block the flood water with sand. Fire crews also reported that neighborhood homes run on a septic system which backed up, contaminating the water on the ground.

Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/news/local-news/salinas-residents-evacuated-after-flood-waters-breach-levy-near-santa-rita-creek/30194726>

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