



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 23 June 2011

### Top Stories

- According to CNN, powerful storms in the Chicago, Illinois area knocked out power to more than 300,000 customers and caused hundreds of flights to be canceled. (See item [2](#))
- The Salt Lake Tribune reports that more than 11,000 people were ordered to evacuate from Minot, North Dakota to avoid water overtopping levees as crews raced to build dikes to protect critical infrastructure, including water plants and schools. (See item [60](#))

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### Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 22, KIII 3 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Tanker carrying fuel flips.** A tight turn forced a tanker truck to flip onto its side in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 21. Because of the narrow road, the axle on the trailer flipped over causing the entire tanker to flip. There were no injuries reported. The truck, which belongs to Coastal Transport Company, was carrying 2,600 of diesel fuel, and 1,000 gallons of gasoline. That cargo forced emergency crews to be extra delicate while they were transferring fuel to

another tanker. At last report, the clean up was nearly complete.

Source: <http://www.kiiiiv.com/story/14953262/tanker-carrying-fuel-flips>

2. *June 22, CNN* – (Illinois) **Storms leave 300,000 without power in Chicago area; flights canceled.** More than 300,000 electric customers were without power June 22 in Chicago, Illinois, and its suburbs, electric company Commonwealth Edison said. A spokeswoman for the electric company said while crews are working to restore power, it could take days to return service to all customers. The severe weather also caused travel problems in the Chicago area. At O'Hare International Airport, 350 flights were canceled, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. The department also reported departure delays of up to 2 hours late June 21. Flights were delayed at Chicago's Midway Airport for up to 2 hours due to rain and thunderstorms, according to the city's aviation department. Thirty flights were canceled at that airport.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/22/illinois.storms/index.html>
3. *June 22, Transocean Ltd.* – (Louisiana) **Transocean Ltd. announces release of internal investigation report on causes of Macondo well incident.** On June 22, Transocean Ltd. announced the release of an internal investigation report on the causes of the April 20, 2010, Macondo well incident in the Gulf of Mexico where the Deepwater Horizon oil drilling rig exploded, killing 11 workers. The resulting nearly 3-month long oil spill would eventually become the largest accidental spill in the history of the petroleum industry. Following the incident, Transocean commissioned an internal investigation team. The report concludes the event was caused by a succession of interrelated well design, construction, and temporary abandonment decisions that compromised the integrity of the well, and compounded the likelihood of its failure. The decisions, many made by operator BP in the 2 weeks leading up to the incident, were driven by BP's knowledge that the geological window for safe drilling was becoming increasingly narrow. Specifically, BP was concerned that downhole pressure — whether exerted by heavy drilling mud used to maintain well control or by pumping cement to seal the well — would exceed the fracture gradient and result in fluid losses to the formation, thus costing money and jeopardizing future production.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/22/idUS110092+22-Jun-2011+HUG20110622>
4. *June 22, WVLT 8 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **KUB working to restore power after largest outage in its history.** The storms that roared through East Tennessee June 21 caused the biggest outage in Knoxville Utility Board (KUB) history, surpassing the mark set just months ago. At its peak, more than 127,000 customers were without power the night of June 21. KUB said the southern part of its system was the hardest hit. As of around 11:30 a.m. June 22, just under 73,000 still remained without power. Fort Loudon Electric Cooperative said June 22 that 1,500 of its customers were still without power, down from a peak of 5,500 members. KUB said it had 60 company and contractor crews working to assess damages, clear trees and debris, and repair poles and lines. Seven more contractor crews from Pike Electric were assisting in restoration efforts.  
Source: <http://www.volunteertv.com/home/headlines/124325439.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

5. *June 22, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont; New Jersey; Illinois) **GAO criticizes NRC's buried pipe regulations, offers recommendations.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) cannot guarantee that underground safety-related pipes can remain structurally sound under its current regulations and standards, according to a report issued by the federal General Accountability Office (GAO). While the NRC believes there is reasonable assurance that the systems will remain structurally sound, stated the report, "(P)ressure and flow tests NRC currently requires do not provide information about the structural integrity of an underground pipe (and) do not indicate the presence of degradation in a pipe that could hinder its future performance." The GAO's two teams of six experts reviewed leaks of tritiated water at Braidwood in Illinois, Oyster Creek in New Jersey, and Vermont Yankee in Vermont, in preparing the report. The Associated Press reported June 21 that tritium has leaked from at least 48 of 65 nuclear sites, according to NRC records. Leaks from at least 37 of those facilities contained concentrations exceeding the federal drinking water standard, up to hundreds of times the limit. The GAO review of the NRC's oversight of underground piping systems was in response to leaks of tritiated water at nuclear reactor sites around the nation.  
Source: [http://www.reformer.com/ci\\_18326895?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.reformer.com/ci_18326895?source=most_viewed)
6. *June 21, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Reactor at Dominion's Surry nuclear plant shut down again.** Dominion Virginia Power has aborted its attempts to restart a nuclear reactor that had been out of service for 2 months at its power station in Surry County along the James River. A spokesman for the Richmond-based utility said Unit 2 at Surry was shut down in mid-afternoon June 20 after an apparent problem was detected in one of the unit's cooling ducts. Unit 2 had been idled since April 16, when a tornado knocked out electricity at the power station. Dominion originally said it hoped to have the reactor running again within a matter of days, but the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry was subsequently called in to investigate a claim of asbestos exposure at the site. It was not immediately certain when another attempt would be made to restart Unit 2. Unit 1, the other reactor at Surry, was restarted shortly after the tornado, and has been running at full power.  
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/business/2011/jun/21/reactor-dominions-surry-nuclear-plant-shut-down-ag-ar-1123770/>
7. *June 21, Columbia Daily Tribune* – (Missouri) **Radiation lingers in MU's Pickard Hall.** The University of Missouri (MU) is asking a federal agency for more time to

figure out how to best deal with radiation found in Pickard Hall, built in 1892, which previously served as a chemistry building. A chemistry professor extracted radioactive materials from natural ores for research purposes in the early 1900s — the source believed to be responsible for the radiation. MU's environmental health and safety office has removed some radiation from the basement and attic of the building, but contamination still exists in pipes and ductwork behind walls, the office's director said. Under regulations that took effect in 2007, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires buildings where naturally occurring radioactive material is found to be cleaned within 2 years and “decommissioned” — which essentially means the building would be taken off the agency’s watch list. MU has asked the agency to extend the cleanup timeline indefinitely. The university has known about the so-called “legacy” contamination in the building since at least the 1970s, the director said. His office has taken steps to remove it where possible over the years, with more aggressive efforts since the latest regulations took effect.

Source: <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2011/jun/21/radiation-lingers-in-mus-pickard-hall/>

8. *June 20, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **Obama extends national emergency on Russian nuke material.** The U.S. President has ordered a 1-year extension of the U.S. national emergency first declared in 2000 over Russian atomic material suitable for use in nuclear weapons. He submitted a notice of the extension for publication in the Federal Register. The national emergency was previously scheduled to expire June 21. The extension of Executive Order 13159, which declared the national emergency, is necessary to support the execution of a 1993 Moscow-Washington agreement on eliminating highly enriched uranium removed from Russian nuclear warheads, the President said in a separate statement.

Source: <http://www.nationaljournal.com/nationalsecurity/obama-extends-national-emergency-on-russian-nuke-material-20110620>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *June 21, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **MTD recalls TrimmerPlus edger attachments due to laceration hazard.** MTD Products Inc, of Cleveland, Ohio, issued a recall June 21 for about 14,500 TrimmerPlus Edger Attachments. The steel shaft that drives the edger blade can break during use causing the edger blade to detach. If the blade detaches, it can hit the user or bystanders, posing a laceration hazard. No incidents or injuries have been reported. The recall involves MTD TrimmerPlus edger attachment model 41AJLE-C092 LE720. The edger is sold separately as an attachment, and can be attached to most major brand attachment-capable trimmers. The edger is used to cut grass along an edge such as a driveway or sidewalk. The TrimmerPlus edger attachments were sold at Lowe's and other hardware and home improvement stores nationwide, and on the Web between March and April.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11252.html>

10. *June 21, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Christmas Tree Shops recall animated safari and aquarium lamps due to fire and shock hazards.** Christmas Tree Shops, of Union, New Jersey, issued a recall June 21 for about 35,000 animated safari and aquarium lamps. The lamps were imported by Nantucket Distributing Co. Inc., of Middleboro, Massachusetts. Defective wiring in the lamps can cause an electrical short, posing fire and shock hazards to consumers. Christmas Tree Shops has received three reports of sparking. No injuries or property damage have been reported. The lamps were sold at Christmas Tree Shops stores primarily in the New England, Mid-Atlantic, and Midwest regions from December 2009 through May 2011.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11253.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *June 22, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Fourth Rothstein associate pleads guilty in fake lawsuit settlement scheme.** A fourth associate of a convicted fraudster admitted June 22 to his role in a \$1.2 billion investment scheme involving fake lawsuit settlements. The 38-year-old pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in a Fort Lauderdale, Florida, federal court. Prosecutors said the man and an accomplice worked for a law firm as technology specialists and set up a fake TD Bank Web site showing the head of the firm had \$1.1 billion in a trust account. The accomplice pleaded guilty the week of June 13. The head of the firm used the site to convince potential investors their investments would be safe, prosecutors said.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-22/fourth-rothstein-associate-pleads-guilty-in-fake-lawsuit-settlement-scheme.html>
12. *June 22, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **U.S. sues to seize funds from investor linked to bin Laden.** A key al-Qa'ida member had access to the group's former leader and allegedly financed terrorism invested millions of dollars with a Chicago futures brokerage firm — and now the U.S. government wants to take control of the remaining cash. The man wired \$26.7 million into an associate's account in 2005, according to a federal lawsuit by the U.S. Justice Department. The U.S. government froze the accounts in 2007, and is moving to collect the money under federal laws that allow seizure of assets connected to terrorism. While the civil lawsuit does not link the man's money to any terror activity, it portrays him as an al-Qa'ida operative who raised money for the terrorist group and plotted attacks on U.S. citizens and allies. "[The suspect] began raising significant amounts of money through ... a Saudi Arabian-based investment scheme," the lawsuit alleged. "[He] then used the funds raised, in part, to finance jihadist-related activities." He was well connected to al-Qa'ida having met with

the group's former leader in 2000 or 2001 in advance of the September 11th attacks on the United States.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/06/21/2070275/us-sues-to-seize-funds-from-investor.html>

13. *June 21, Reuters* – (Pennsylvania) **Pennsylvania couple convicted in mortgage fraud scheme.** A Pennsylvania husband and wife were convicted June 21 in federal court for what prosecutors said was a \$14.6 million mortgage fraud scheme that targeted financially distressed homeowners. The New Hope, Pennsylvania couple each face up to 240 years in prison, fines of up to \$3.25 million, and possible forfeiture of money made from the scheme totaling \$14.6 million, according to the U.S. attorney's office. Under the scheme, Axxium Mortgage Co., operated by the couple, would promise homeowners it would find an investor to help them save their homes, prosecutors said. The couple would arrange for a so-called straw purchaser to get a fraudulent mortgage and transfer title of the home to that purchaser. Then they would take whatever equity was left, put some in a shell company to pay the new mortgage, and pocket the rest, prosecutors said. Another operator of Axxium pleaded guilty in the case earlier. Prosecutors said he and the wife each acted as straw purchasers for 10 homes.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/21/us-fraud-mortgages-idUSTRE75K76820110621>
14. *June 21, Arizona Republic and KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Phoenix real-estate investor pleads guilty in fraud scheme.** A Phoenix, Arizona real estate investor June 20 pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in a \$50 million, Phoenix-based mortgage-fraud scheme, federal officials said June 21. Authorities said two others have entered guilty pleas and are awaiting sentencing. In his guilty plea, the 46-year-old admitted that, as president and CEO of Maricopa Property Investment Solutions Inc., he recruited straw buyers in real-estate seminars, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. From about January 2005 through September 2006, the man helped to speed up the submission of mortgage-loan applications for unqualified straw buyers containing false data such as employment, income, assets and the intent to occupy homes as their primary residence, the spokesman said. Authorities said some loan-application packages contained altered pay stubs, false bank statements, and bogus verifications of employment and deposit. In total, the scheme involved 52 properties and nearly \$50 million in fraudulent loans, according to the U.S. attorney's office. Lenders, who were not aware of the arrangement between the man and the straw buyers, collectively lost nearly \$20 million.  
Source:  
<http://www.azcentral.com/business/realestate/articles/2011/06/21/20110621phoenix-real-estate-investor-mortgage-scam.html>
15. *June 21, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Blythedale bank robbed.** Officials in Northwest Missouri were looking for a possible serial bank robber June 21. The Citizens Bank of Blythedale, located at 727 Seventh Street, in Blythedale was robbed by an armed suspect at 10:45 a.m., an FBI Special Agent said. Similar robberies occurred at the Bank Northwest in Hamilton May 20, and the Preferred Bank in

Brookfield June 1. “At this time, there’s reason to believe it’s the same person that robbed the bank in Hamilton, and the bank in Brookfield,” the special agent said. The suspect used the same modus operandi as the previous two robberies -- where a man stole a vehicle near the bank, robbed that bank, and later abandoned the vehicle. The suspect is described as a man in his 20s who is 5-foot-10 to 6-feet tall with a medium build.

Source: <http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/28313582/detail.html>

16. *June 21, CoinWeek* – (National) **Postal inspectors probe gold coin purchases made with stolen American Express cards.** U.S. Postal Service inspectors are investigating the fraudulent use of stolen American Express credit cards to purchase tens of thousands of dollars of gold coins. “The orders are placed by phone, often for \$10,000 to \$20,000 worth of Liberty Double Eagles or other, large-sized gold coins,” said the president of Universal Coin & Bullion in Beaumont, Texas, who has been working with postal inspectors. ”The callers want the coins shipped by overnight delivery to residential addresses and the location they give for delivery matches the address you get when you use the American Express address verification system; however, it turns out those are not the actual addresses of the victims whose stolen credit card numbers are being used,” he said. “The four-digit verification codes and other information on the credit card are also seemingly correct when you check with American Express or the credit card processor. However, it appears that various precautionary security mechanisms may have been tampered with because it’s really not the right verification information despite the seemingly correct initial match up. The thieves may have somehow compromised the American Express records system," he said.

Source: <http://www.coinweek.com/news/people-in-the-news/crime-and-fraud/postal-inspectors-probe-gold-coin-purchases-made-with-stolen-american-express-cards/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

17. *June 22, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **FBI tries to ID man seen in light-rail restricted area.** Federal and local authorities are asking the public's help to identify a man they said was spotted recently in a restricted area along the light-rail line in Charlotte, North Carolina, the Charlotte Observer reported June 22. The man, dressed in dark clothing and a hat, was seen along the Lynx Blue Line in late April, the FBI said. He was seen acting suspiciously on surveillance footage, authorities said. The Blue Line runs from Seventh Street to South Boulevard near Interstate 485. An FBI Special Agent said the man was spotted after dark in the uptown area, but would not indicate the specific location.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/06/22/2396884/fbi-tries-to-id-man-seen-in-light.html>

18. *June 22, NewsCore* – (New York) **Lufthansa jet aborts takeoff in close call.** A Lufthansa jumbo jet speeding toward takeoff June 20 was forced to make a screeching

halt at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to avoid colliding with an EgyptAir plane that made a wrong turn into its path. "Cancel takeoff! Cancel takeoff plans!" yelled a frightened air controller who saw that the Munich-bound Lufthansa Airbus A340 was headed toward a collision with an Egypt Air Boeing 777 around 6:50 p.m. "Lufthansa 411 heavy is rejecting takeoff," the pilot radioed back. The aborted liftoff came as the German airliner was steaming down Runway 22R, where an EgyptAir plane was precariously perched less than 1 mile away, officials said. The Lufthansa plane was cleared for takeoff seconds before the incident. Its pilots had to slam the brakes so hard they worried that they became dangerously hot, sources said. Officials could not say how close the two planes came to colliding. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said it might take a few days for investigators to sort out some of the basic details of the incident. After the Lufthansa plane pulled off the runway, controllers sent a crew to help check its brakes. After a stop at the airport terminal, the plane headed back to the runway and finally departed about 1 hour and 40 minutes after the incident.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/lufthansa-jets-aborts-takeoff-in-close-call-nex-20110622>

19. *June 21, Nextgov* – (National) **No alarm systems were found at nine out of 10 cargo-only airports that GAO visited.** Only one of 10 cargo-only airports in the United States visited during a government study had an electronic intrusion detection system even partially installed, according to a security assessment released June 20. Only two of those airports currently screen pilots and noncommercial passengers, and none screens packages and cargo, according to the report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO). All the airports had more basic security in place, though, such as lighting by hangars and fencing around the full perimeter, and 9 out of 10 are at least partially monitored by closed-circuit TV, the report said. The GAO report was based on on-site assessments of 13 general aviation airports located within 30 miles of a metropolitan area with 1 million people or more. The airports all house airplanes of 12,500 pounds or more, and have at least 5,000 takeoffs and landings each year. Three of the 13 airports also serve commercial passenger flights and so are required to adhere to Transportation Security Administration security requirements such as screening cargo and passengers, lighting the entire airport perimeter, and installing an electronic intrusion detection system.

Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110621\\_6775.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110621_6775.php)

20. *June 21, Associated Press* – (International) **FAA inspections fault Philippine repair station.** A repair station in the Philippines that services planes for nearly 50 airlines around the world has shown a pattern of stubborn problems that safety experts said underscore concerns about the airline industry's outsourcing of maintenance to facilities in developing countries. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspections of Lufthansa Technik Philippines in Manila said the facility had repeated difficulties in following U.S. regulations on matters ranging from record-keeping to calibrating tools used to make repairs. The records, which cover inspections from 2008 through May of 2011, also cite recurring problems with training workers to FAA standards, and unfamiliarity by in-house inspectors at Lufthansa Technik, a subsidiary of Lufthansa Airlines, with U.S. regulations. Lufthansa Technik's "quality assurance department

demonstrated an inability to effectively audit the repair station for compliance with all aspects of (U.S. regulations), specifically, appropriate facilities, tools/equipment, personnel and training requirements," according to an inspection in May. A 2009 inspection noted that two in-house inspectors were unfamiliar with FAA aircraft maintenance regulations. The inspectors had recently received 4 hours of training in the regulations, but were not tested for their knowledge afterward, it said.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iY1IdFmdMINaz5HuhImncWxKGa6g?docId=34a28a0f81d8448c8a6240b5207ef0a8>

21. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Colorado; Texas) **Pilot indicted for drunk flying found guilty.** A United Express pilot has been convicted of flying a commercial aircraft while drunk. Officials said June 21 that a federal judge found the 32-year-old Norfolk, Virginia man guilty of co-piloting a flight from Austin, Texas, to Denver, Colorado, in December 2009 while under the influence of alcohol. The ruling was issued the week of June 13. The man faces up to 15 years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine. Officials said the flight's captain testified that the smell of alcohol appeared to be coming from the copilot. Once the flight landed, the convict was given an initial breathalyzer test, which showed a blood alcohol content of 0.094 percent. The Federal Aviation Administration prohibits anyone from operating an aircraft with a blood alcohol content of 0.04 percent or higher.

Source: <http://www.kjct8.com/news/28313593/detail.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *June 21, North Hollywood-Toluca Lake Patch* – (California) **\$50,000 reward offered for postal carrier robbery.** The U.S. Postal Inspection Service announced June 21 it is offering a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for robbing a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier. The carrier was robbed at gunpoint while delivering mail in North Hollywood, California at about noon June 10. According to information heard over the police scanner by Patch, the only item taken was the carrier's skeleton key ring. The key ring opens the mailboxes and apartment building entrances on the carrier's route. A semi-automatic gun was described as the weapon used. According to a press release issued by the U.S. Postal Service, an armed robbery of a U.S. Postal Service employee is a federal crime, and first-time offenders may be imprisoned for up to 25 years.

Source: <http://northhollywood.patch.com/articles/50000-reward-offered-for-postal-carrier-robbery>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *June 22, Iowa Independent* – (Iowa) **Iowa agriculture chief tells farmers to destroy flood contaminated grain.** Iowa's agriculture secretary is reminding farmers that flood-damaged grain cannot be used for feed or food, and should be kept separate from contaminated stores until it can be destroyed. The caution comes as flood concerns along the Missouri River in western Iowa have adversely impacted rural areas. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated that thousands of acres of crop land will ultimately be impacted by the flood, most devastated by slowly receding waters. Immature crops that survive the waters before producing their grain, however, will not need to be destroyed. A spokesman in the secretary's office could not offer a precise estimate on how much stored grain could still be at risk, reiterating that most grain stored in elevators had already been relocated. In the rare situations where flood waters are not contaminated, the grain may be reconditioned. Before being sold, the grain must be reconditioned with the written consent of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The flood waters are considered contaminated and not likely to create situations where grain can be salvaged.  
Source: <http://www.americanindependent.com/189646/iowa-agriculture-chief-tells-farmers-to-destroy-flood-contaminated-grain>
24. *June 22, Manteca Bulletin* – (California) **Blaze destroys 4 businesses.** A three-alarm fire that topped \$1.1 million in losses destroyed four businesses in the 700 block of North Main Street in Manteca, California, including Rocko's bar June 21. The first alarm was sounded at 3:59 a.m. according to the fire marshal, and the second and third came in only minutes later. Literally turned to ash in the fire, in addition to Rocko's, was the Clipper Hair Salon, AKI's Food to Go and Grocery, and a learning center. The rear unit in the 11,700-square-foot building was vacant at the time of the fire. One firefighter was transported to the hospital with heat exhaustion. The Manteca fire chief said fire crews were successful in isolating the fire to the main building, and prevented extension into a nearby residential subdivision. A fire department spokesman said the department is investigating the cause. They are not ruling out possible arson. It appeared the fire may have started from two dumpsters housed in a chain link enclosure behind the building, and that the fire may have spread up the outside of the building at that location by the fire pattern left on the rear wall.  
Source: <http://www.mantecabulletin.com/section/1/article/24761/>
25. *June 21, Lebanon Daily News* – (Pennsylvania) **Oven explosion rocks Lebanon food plant.** An oven exploded June 20 at Murry's, a food manufacturing plant in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. One employee was injured in the 2:30 p.m. incident that resulted from a buildup of natural gas. There were actually four explosions in the truck-sized oven, the fire commissioner said. The impact was so great it blew off one of the oven's doors and bent the wall panels along the production line. The oven was in a self-contained room that was unoccupied, Murry's senior vice president said. One employee injured her foot when she slipped while exiting the building. She was taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons and was back at work June 21. Murry's manufactures frozen chicken products, and fully-cooked beef and breakfast items. The senior vice president estimated it will be a few weeks before production of its chicken products can resume.

The rest of the plant was not affected by the explosion, so production of other products will continue normally, he said. Murry's employs about 200 people at the plant.  
Source: [http://www.ldnews.com/ci\\_18316748?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.ldnews.com/ci_18316748?source=most_viewed)

26. *June 21, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Butcher targeted for misleading customers about ground beef.** The Missouri attorney general and the Missouri Agriculture Department are targeting a family owned butcher shop business in the St. Louis, Missouri area for misleading customers. John's Butcher Shoppee with locations in Festus and near Overland in St. Louis County is accused of selling ground beef combined with ground beef heart in violation of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and with the intent to make an "unlawful" profit. The Missouri attorney general said June 21 the firm could purchase cow hearts at 65 to 95 cents a pound and then sell the product with ground beef at a much higher price. An anonymous tip launched an investigation by USDA and the Missouri Agriculture Department in September 2010. The Missouri attorney general said 16 tests of ground beef and sausage were made over 7 months. Ground beef heart was found in all the ground beef, and some of the sausage. All of the sausage contained soy, a low-cost protein substitute. The Jefferson County Circuit Court issued a preliminary injunction against John's and its owners to stop selling beef heart mixed with ground beef or a sausage mixture.  
Source: <http://www.kplr11.com/news/ktvi-butcher-shop-cow-hearts-koster-suit-062111,0,3738069.story>
27. *June 21, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Illinois; National) **Illinois firm recalls raw and ready-to-eat sausage products due to possible adulteration.** Chicago Boxed Beef Distributors Inc., a Shorewood, Illinois, establishment is recalling approximately 3,200 pounds of raw and ready-to-eat sausage products that were not handled in a manner to prevent cross contamination between raw and ready-to-eat products. In addition, the product label used by the company was not approved by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. The products are considered adulterated because the company could not document that it took the necessary steps to produce safe products and ensure that they were produced under sanitary conditions, the FSIS said June 21. The following product is subject to recall: 3.6-pound boxes of "Sausage Links & Cooked Sausage Patties," with each box containing 2 unlabeled packages. The products subject to recall were sold to a distributor for door-to-door sale in Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Texas.  
Source:  
[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_043\\_2011\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_043_2011_Release/index.asp)

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## Water Sector

28. *June 22, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **BLM says rain, runoff damage reservoir.** The Great Falls Tribune reported June 22 that excessive rain and runoff severely damaged Triple Crossing Reservoir in Valley County, Montana, a U.S. Bureau

of Land Management (BLM) reservoir 27 miles southwest of Glasgow. The control-pipe structure in the reservoir eroded and undercut the fill, which essentially drained the reservoir. The road to the reservoir serves as the main access road to public lands in the center of southern Valley County. As the reservoir washed out, access roads closed to traffic, and will remain closed indefinitely, according to the BLM. Additionally, a large culvert washed out of the access road about 6 miles west of the reservoir. The Beaver Branch Road 10 miles west of Glasgow is impassable, beginning at Grub Reservoir.

Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20110622/NEWS01/106220316>

29. *June 21, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fixing new Glades water plant to cost Palm Beach County another \$7 million.** Palm Beach County, Florida, plans to pump another \$7 million into a water plant for communities in Glades which is in need of critical repairs just 3 years after opening. The county commission June 22 approved money to build four new wells at the plant, which faces water quality problems putting at risk its ability to serve 35,000 residents in Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay. The county already had to shut down one well at the plant ,and if another goes it would affect the ability to supply water to residents. The problem with the wellfield adds to water delivery problems plaguing the new plant. about 40 percent of the water produced at the new plant fails to get where it is supposed to go due to old pipes, neglected for decades by economically-struggling Glades communities.

Source: [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-06-21/news/fl-water-plant-money-palm-20110621\\_1\\_water-plant-glades-communities-glades-utility-authority](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-06-21/news/fl-water-plant-money-palm-20110621_1_water-plant-glades-communities-glades-utility-authority)

30. *June 20, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **25 Brookside businesses left without water.** A large water main break left 25 Brookside businesses in Tulsa, Oklahoma, without water service for much of June 21. The break happened around 2 p.m. on South Peoria near 41st Street. A 12-inch waterline split, destroying part of the sidewalk, and sending thousands of gallons of mud and water running down Peoria Street and into a building. Two dozen other businesses between 43rd Court and 41st Place were without water, many forced to close within minutes of losing water service. Officials said so much pavement must be replaced, it could be 7 to 10 days before the lanes will be open to traffic.

Source: [http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/water-main-break-floods-midtown-street](http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/water-main-break-floods-midtown-street)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

31. *June 21, Boulder Daily Camera* – (Colorado) **Colorado nurse accused of accessing information on 74 patients.** A Colorado nurse under investigation for identity theft worked occasionally at Boulder Community Hospital (BCH) in Boulder and looked up demographic information on at least 74 patients while there, hospital officials said. He has been indicted in Adams County on 90 charges of attempted theft, identity theft, and

theft of medical records related to his work at Platte Valley Medical Center in Brighton, and St. Anthony North in Westminster, 9News reported the week of June 20. According to court documents, the nurse is suspected of improperly accessing patient files to steal Social Security numbers and other sensitive data, then opening credit card accounts in the patients' names to make purchases. Hospital officials said Westminster police notified them in May that he was under investigation on suspicion of stealing patient information, and that a BCH computer had been used in illegal activities. A subsequent audit of electronic medical records found the nurse violated hospital policy and accessed patient information for reasons unrelated to treatment, BCH officials said. Source: <http://www.securityinfowatch.com/node/1321347>

32. *June 21, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Report highlights VA Hospital violations.** Healthcare inspectors have released a report requiring changes to Fort Wayne, Indiana's Veteran Affairs (VA) Hospital. The Office of Healthcare Inspections (OHI) found a handful of staffing and treatment violations in the facility. In 2010, an anonymous complaint spurred inspectors to review the hospital. It claimed a physician was responsible for several patient deaths. Inspectors found that complaint to be invalid, but discovered many other problems. The OHI found "inadequate management, documentation, and review" of a patient's cardiac arrest. It also found "inadequate Intensive Care Unit (ICU) monitoring" of a second patient. In a 6-month period, the inspectors found 23 days where there was no staff that could perform out-of-operating room airway management at one time or another. Inspectors gave the hospital five recommendations to complete to help fix and prevent further violations. The hospital received the recommendations well before the report was released. It has completed three of the five recommendations. The other two are supposed to be completed by the end of June.  
Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/report-highlights-va-hospital-violations>
33. *June 21, University of Missouri Maneater* – (Missouri) **MU Health Care, MUPD investigating missing patient information.** The Missouri University Police Department (MUPD) and MU Health Care are investigating a package that went missing which held patient billing information. MU Health Care officials failed to receive an expected delivery containing patient payment data related to 1,288 patients. Payments to the bank between June 6-13 were included in the package. It immediately notified MUPD and began notifying patients, a news release stated. All patients whose information was in the package were notified in a letter June 21. The package was supposed to arrive June 14 from a Kansas City bank that serves as MU Health Care's clearinghouse for billing. MU Health Care severed its contract with the courier responsible for delivering the package.  
Source: <http://www.themaneater.com/blogs/crime/2011/6/21/mu-health-care-mupd-investigating-missing-patient/>
34. *June 21, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey; Arizona) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites MedPlast for workplace safety and health hazards at West Berlin, NJ, facility.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited MedPlast Inc. for exposing workers to safety and health hazards at its West Berlin, New Jersey facility. OSHA initiated an inspection March 17

as part of its Site-Specific Targeting Program for employers with higher-than-average injury and illness rates. Proposed penalties total \$72,000. The company was cited for 17 serious violations carrying \$70,000 in fines. Nine other-than-serious violations carrying \$2,000 in fines relate to the company's deficiencies with OSHA Form 300. Arizona-based MedPlast Inc. designs and manufactures parts for telecommunications, and medical products. The company employs 160 workers at its West Berlin facility. MedPlast Inc. has 15 business days from receipt of the citations to comply, ask for an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the citations and proposed penalties before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=20109](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20109)

35. *June 20, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **New software to cut fraud in Medicare goes into effect July 1.** The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) will begin nationwide deployment of new anti-fraud modeling software July 1, the HHS Secretary announced June 17. The deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, wrote on the White House Blog in a June 17 entry the new software is similar to that used by credit card companies to identify potential fraud. The program builds on tools used by the board overseeing spending under the economic stimulus law of 2009, he added. The software program is intended to move HHS away from its former approach of paying questionable claims before investigation to a new approach that focuses on prevention before payment is made, officials said. In fiscal 2010, Medicare recovered more than \$4 billion that had been paid due to false claims and other fraud, officials said. That was a 56 percent increase over the \$2.6 billion recovered for Medicare in fiscal 2009, HHS added. Under the Affordable Care Act that funds this program, federal authorities will have access to \$350 million over 10 years to fight fraud in the health care system, HHS said.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2011/06/20/hhs-to-deploy-new-antifraud-tools-for-medicare-starting-july-1.aspx>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

36. *June 22, Fosters Daily Democrat* – (New Hampshire) **Boy playing with iPod battery starts fire at Farmington High School: 2 taken to hospital as a precaution after toxic fumes scare.** An iPod music player created a toxic fumes scare June 21 at Farmington High School in Farmington, New Hampshire when the battery of the device exploded and caught fire. A 16-year-old boy said he was playing with the iPod in class and bending it back and forth, which broke the battery about 9:45 a.m., the Farmington fire chief said. The iPod started to spark and smoke in the student's hand, so he dropped it on the floor where it caused a minor explosion and fire. The student put water on the fire in an effort to put it out, the fire chief said, but that made the situation worse. Two students in the classroom were transported to hospitals for precautionary reasons. The fire chief said the small fire, which extinguished itself, created smoke with an acid smell, causing headaches and nausea to the 10 to 15

students in the science classroom. The smoke went into a hallway of the school. The school was briefly locked down, and the ventilation system was turned on to clear smoke from the classroom and hallways.

Source:

[http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110622/GJNEWS\\_01/110629868&template=RochesterRegion](http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110622/GJNEWS_01/110629868&template=RochesterRegion)

37. *June 21, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Police say man left fake bomb at Asheville Federal Building.** The Asheville Police Department in Asheville, North Carolina said June 21 that a man left a fake bomb at the federal building on Patton Avenue. Officers said the package was discovered outside a rear entrance. The building was evacuated. Traffic was routed away from the surrounding streets. After doing a diagnostic x-ray, the bomb squad could not determine if the device was real. The bomb squad used a robot and a water cannon to do what they refer to as a "water disruption" to separate the device's components. Once the components were separated, officers said they determined the device was a hoax. Based on evidence found at the scene, police connected the device to a man whom they already suspected had been leaving notes at downtown banks. Police interviewed the man and arrested him. He is charged with perpetrating a hoax by use of a false bomb.

Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/14952000/police-say-man-left-fake-bomb-at-asheville-federal-building>

38. *June 21, KSFX 28/KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Suspicious package addressed to inmate at federal medical center.** Workers from the mail room of the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri, called the FBI and Springfield Bomb Squad June 21 after finding a suspicious package. After multiple X-rays and further screening, fire officials said the package was not explosive. The envelope was described as a puffy package inside of another package that was addressed to an inmate. As part of standard screening the workers ran it through an X-ray machine. The images showed wires inside the package. The fire department robotically disengaged the envelope. At one point there was a pop, but that was likely from the fire department's equipment. It is unclear where the package came from.

Source: [http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd\\_id=476157](http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=476157)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

39. *June 21, Houma Today* – (Louisiana) **Police say they have suspect in tire slashing.** Authorities say they know who slashed dozens of police-car tires in separate overnight attacks outside the Thibodaux, Louisiana police headquarters. Local civil-rights advocates said authorities have been harassing young black men in the community during their search for the vandal, and they want such behavior to stop. Some 34 tires on new Chevrolet Tahoes parked at police headquarters were slashed May 5. It happened again June 3, when 20 police-car tires were punctured. Police have

said the incidents are connected. The total damage cost taxpayers more than \$7,000. Following the vandalism, police questioned informants, went door-to-door, and searched for evidence. It is unclear if the suspect, whom police refused to identify, acted alone or was part of a group. No charges have been filed.

Source:

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20110621/ARTICLES/110629903/1026/NEWS01?Title=Police-say-they-have-suspect-in-tire-slashing>

40. *June 21, Hawaii News Daily* – (Hawaii) **Scavengers stealing batteries from tsunami sirens.** The Honolulu, Hawaii City Department of Emergency Management has asked for the public's help in monitoring outdoor warning sirens for vandalism and reporting any suspicious activity. Thieves have broken into the Haleiwa Beach Park siren and stolen batteries three times in the past several months. Other sirens have also been broken into and had batteries removed. These thefts cost taxpayers between \$400 and \$600 per siren. More importantly, the loss of batteries can make a siren inoperable during the next tsunami or other disaster, endangering local communities.  
Source: <http://hawaiinewsdaily.com/2011/06/scavengers-stealing-batteries-from-tsunami-sirens-in-hawaii/>
41. *June 21, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Northfield police officer finds explosive device on his car, parked at the police station.** An explosive device equivalent to a half stick of dynamite was placed in the wheel well of a Northfield, Ohio police officer's personal car parked behind the police station. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible. The officer saw the illegal device when he walked to his car at 7:40 a.m. June 20 to leave work. The fuse had been lit, but it went out due to the damp, foggy weather that night, the chief said. The ATF, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, and the Summit County Bomb Squad responded and are analyzing the evidence. Officers collected pieces of a shattered device and the bottom of a metal container that had been pushed into the ground by the explosion. The container's sides were destroyed. Once the officer found the device on his car, investigators returned to the Coventry Avenue yard and collected more debris and a cigarette butt.  
Source: [http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/06/northfield\\_police\\_officer\\_find.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/06/northfield_police_officer_find.html)
42. *June 21, Creston News Advertiser* – (Iowa) **Emergency transmitter down in Lenox.** The National Weather Service's emergency alert system transmitter in Lenox, Iowa was down June 21, the Creston News Advertiser reported. This affected Union, Ringgold, Taylor, Adams, and Adair counties for weather warnings. According to the Union County Emergency Management coordinator, Union County, especially the eastern portion of the county, may be able to get alerts from the transmitter in Van Wert. Adair County may be able to access the transmitter in Des Moines. He said there was not a time frame on when the transmitter in Lenox would be fixed.  
Source:  
[http://www.crestonnewsadvertiser.com/articles/2011/06/21/r\\_dze8gyifqaofr8qccvauvq/index.xml](http://www.crestonnewsadvertiser.com/articles/2011/06/21/r_dze8gyifqaofr8qccvauvq/index.xml)

43. *June 21, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Police: Handcuffed man steals, wrecks police vehicle.** Police said what started as an arrest of a drunk man ended with a flipped police cruiser and the suspect running away. According to an arrest warrant, the 25-year-old was under arrest at 1 a.m. June 18 after an officer with the Heritage Creek, Kentucky Police Department pulled him over for driving recklessly, and found him to be intoxicated, with an open container of rum. He was then handcuffed, placed in the back of a police cruiser, and secured with a seatbelt. Somehow, police said, the suspect was able to free himself, place his handcuffed hands in front of him, open the door, and jump into the driver's seat. He then fled the scene, but he failed to negotiate a 90-degree turn and crashed into a guard rail, flipping the police vehicle onto its roof. The suspect then got out of the car and fled the scene on foot. He caused over \$1,000 worth of damage to the police cruiser. It was June 20 before police caught up with the suspect again. He surrendered himself to police at University Hospital, where his attorney said he was being treated for injuries. He was arraigned June 21.  
Source: [http://www.fox41.com/story/14949015/police-handcuffed-man-steals-wrecks-police-vehicle?hpt=ju\\_bn4](http://www.fox41.com/story/14949015/police-handcuffed-man-steals-wrecks-police-vehicle?hpt=ju_bn4)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

44. *June 22, Softpedia* – (International) **WordPress resets passwords due to backdoored plugins.** The WordPress team announced June 21 it decided to reset all passwords on WordPress.org, BuddyPress.org, and bbPress.org Web sites, after discovering several plugins were rigged with backdoors. "Earlier today, the WordPress team noticed suspicious commits to several popular plugins (AddThis, WPTouch, and W3 Total Cache) containing cleverly disguised backdoors. We determined the commits were not from the authors, rolled them back, pushed updates to the plugins, and shut down access to the plugin repository while we looked for anything else unsavory," WordPress's founder and lead developer announced. While the intrusion was detected quickly, it is unclear how many Web sites updated to the backdoored versions. The compromise might be serious, considering all of the affected plugins are very popular. AddThis has almost 450,000 downloads to date, W3 Total Cache has more than 500,000, while WPTouch, a theme for iPhones, has been downloaded more than 2 million times.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/WordPress-Resets-Passwords-Due-to-Backdoored-Plugins-207454.shtml>
45. *June 21, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google builds developer tool for Chrome browser to flag web app vulnerabilities.** Google released an experimental extension for its Chrome browser developers can use to scan Web applications and flag code that could make them vulnerable to malware attacks. The free tool, called document object model (DOM) Snitch, is designed to sniff out security holes in applications' client-side code that could be exploited by attacks such as client-side scripting, Google said June 21. "To do this, we have adopted several approaches to

intercepting JavaScript calls to key and potentially dangerous browser infrastructure such as document.write or HTMLDocument.innerHTML," a Google official said. Besides developers, DOM Snitch is also aimed at code testers and security researchers, the company said. The tool displays DOM modifications in real time so developers do not have to pause the application to run a debugging tool. DOM Snitch also lets developers export reports so they can be shared with others involved in developing and refining the application.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217831/Google\\_builds\\_developer\\_tool\\_for\\_Chrome\\_browser\\_to\\_flag\\_web\\_app\\_vulnerabilities](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217831/Google_builds_developer_tool_for_Chrome_browser_to_flag_web_app_vulnerabilities)

46. *June 21, ZDNet* – (International) **Hackers hit Sony Pictures France site, grab 177K e-mails.** Sony Pictures France is the latest Sony Web site to suffer at the hands of hackers, ZDnet reported June 21. This time, two hackers claimed credit and said they copied more than 177,000 e-mails from the site. They are identified as a Lebanese student called "Idahc" and "Auth3ntiq," a friend of his from France. The hackers claim to have exploited a SQL flaw to get the data. Idahc and Auth3ntic posted information about their feat, along with a sample of the e-mails they took, to the Web site Pastebin.com. The same sort of exploit was used to break into SonyPictures.com, Sony Pictures Russian, and other Sony-owned sites in recent weeks. Idahc appears to be on a crusade to teach Sony a lesson about bad security. In a recent interview on Forbes.com, he said he is attacking global Sony sites to demonstrate Sony's lax attention to security. Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/gamification/hackers-hit-sony-pictures-france-site-grab-177k-e-mails/484>

47. *June 21, CSO* – (International) **DNS agility leads to botnet detection.** Online criminals have evolved tactics to harden botnets against takedown using many tactics, including fast-flux networks and Conficker-like dynamic domain generation. Yet, such tactics can also pinpoint when such networks are being created by bot operators, according to research from the Georgia Institute of Technology. The research found that dynamically detecting changes in the domain name system (DNS) can lead to the early detection of botnets. When bot masters create the infrastructure for a botnet, the reputation of the domain names can tip off defenders. In two papers, researchers found they can detect anomalies in the domain name system indicative of botnets and have documented recognition rates greater than 98 percent. Network security firm Damballa announced June 20 a service based on the research to provide intelligence on botnet-infected systems. Called FirstAlert, the service can detect the characteristic DNS queries indicative of botnet infections inside a customer's network.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217827/DNS\\_agility\\_leads\\_to\\_botnet\\_detection](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217827/DNS_agility_leads_to_botnet_detection)

## Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *June 22, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Military practice bomb closes Park Central Plaza.** A military practice bomb was found in a car at Park Central Mall in Phoenix, Arizona, June 22, according to police. The shopping plaza, which is a popular destination for breakfast and morning coffee, was closed for hours starting at about 3 a.m. while Phoenix police and the FBI investigated the suspicious package. Police said two men in the car were getting ready to sell the device to an unknown person. The bomb squad confirmed the package was a military practice bomb, and detonated it. Both men have been arrested and are in FBI custody. Although the device was not an active military bomb, it is against federal law for a civilian to have possession. The plaza re-opened to the public at about 6:30 a.m.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/14955573/military-practice-bomb-closes-park-central-plaza>

49. *June 21, WHIO 1290 AM Dayton* – (Ohio) **Fire forces evacuation of Wilmington Avenue apartment building.** A cooking fire filled a Dayton, Ohio apartment building with smoke and forced dozens of residents to evacuate June 21. The fire was reported by a Dayton police officer around 6:50 p.m. at 819 Wilmington Avenue. When firefighters arrived, they found the 3-story brick building filled with smoke. Residents were alerted of the fire — which was located in the kitchen of an apartment on the first floor — by smoke alarms. The Dayton East District chief said crews initiated a search of the entire structure, knocking down every door. He said two people were removed to the hospital with injuries unrelated to the fire. In total, five fire crews, two medical units and dozens of police responded to the scene, which shut down Wilmington Avenue for about 30 minutes.

Source: <http://www.newstalkradiowhio.com/news/news/local/fire-forces-evacuation-wilmington-avenue-apartment/nCyGB/>

50. *June 21, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Fire damages south Modesto church.** A fire tore through a 2-story church at 529 Rio Grande Avenue, just west of Highway 99 in Modesto, California, June 21. The fire, reported just before 2 a.m., was called

"suspicious in nature" by the acting division chief of the Modesto Fire Department. When firefighters arrived, they found much of the front portion of the building engulfed in flames, some of which shot through the roof. Crews put the fire out in 20 minutes and contained the damage from the two-alarm blaze to roughly 25 percent of the building. Damage was estimated at \$150,000, according to the acting division chief. Nobody was in the church at the time, and no firefighters were injured. The acting division chief said the fire does not appear to be a hate crime. But he said investigators have not been able to rule out arson, adding that they have identified one or possibly two individuals who may be responsible.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2011/06/21/1742866/fire-damages-south-modesto-church.html>

51. *June 21, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Downtown Dallas buildings evacuated after gas leak.** A sector of downtown Dallas, Texas, was evacuated June 21 after a two-inch natural gas line ruptured in the 1400 block of Commerce Street. A construction crew's backhoe accidentally sliced through the line at 5:20 p.m. The leak was reported under control about two-and-a-half hours later. Two intersections — Field and Main streets and Main and Ervay streets — were closed to traffic as a precaution. Dallas Area Rapid Transit buses on Commerce street were also being detoured. Dallas Fire-Rescue said about 100 people were evacuated from the adjacent Magnolia Hotel and AT&T building as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Downtown-Dallas-buildings-evacuated-after-gas-leak-124320174.html>

52. *June 21, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Firefighter burned battling SJ State frat blaze.** A firefighter suffered second degree burns June 21 while battling a five-alarm blaze that roared through a San Jose State fraternity house in San Jose, California, authorities said. The blaze displaced 28 people and caused an estimated \$1.7 million in damage. A San Jose fire captain said firefighters entered the home and battled the blaze from inside for about 45 minutes. When it began to look like the building might collapse, they moved outside and fought the fire defensively. The blaze was controlled at about 6:10 a.m. One firefighter suffered second-degree burns to his hands and was taken to a hospital, but has since been released. The second floor was badly burned, and there was severe water damage to the first floor, the captain said. She said the fraternity house is owned by university alumni. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but she said it is possible the blaze started in the laundry room.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/28306768/detail.html>

53. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **4 arrested in bottle explosion case in Franklin.** Franklin, Tennessee police arrested four teens June 21 and accused them of placing 13 plastic bottles filled with household chemicals around a subdivision. One 37-year-old man was injured June 21 when he picked up one of the bottles thinking it was trash and it exploded. He was treated at a hospital and released. The teens, ages 14 to 16, were charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment, and turned over to juvenile officials. The bottles were left outside five homes June 20. Authorities said the mix of chemicals created a gas in the bottle causing the explosion. Most had exploded on their own, but the Tennessee Highway Patrol's bomb squad was called in

to neutralize one bottle.

Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/4-arrested-in-bottle-explosion-case-in-Franklin-1433041.php>

54. *June 21, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **9 overcome by gasoline fumes inside Jackson hair salon.** Nine people inside a hair salon at the Bennetts Mills Shopping Center in Jackson, New Jersey, were overcome by fumes from gasoline being used by commercial roofers June 18, firefighters said. The nine people were checked by emergency medical technicians at the scene and none required transportation to the hospital. Firefighters from Jackson Volunteer Fire Company 1, Station 55 and the Jackson Mills Volunteer Fire company, Station 54, responded at 11:33 a.m. for a gas leak at Just Your Style Salon located at 2275 West County Line Road. Their illness was due to exposure to gasoline fumes from contractors who were using the flammable liquid on the roof overhead, fire officials said. Firefighters helped search and evacuate occupants from each store and confirmed that no explosive levels of fumes existed inside the shopping center and hair salon. The fire department was on the scene until 1:30 p.m.

Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20110621/NJNEWS/306210064/9-overcome-by-gasoline-fumes-inside-Jackson-hair-salon?odyssey=nav|head>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

55. *June 22, CNN* – (National) **Wildfires burn 1.4 million acres across 12 states.** Firefighters in 12 U.S. states have their hands full with dozens of more wildfires. The Wallow fire in Arizona and New Mexico is one of 53 large uncontained wildfires burning in the United States, from Alaska to Florida, according to the National Interagency Coordination Center. All told, the fires have burned 2,166 square miles or 1.4 million acres — nearly the size of Delaware. About 10,400 firefighters are involved in efforts to contain the fires, with more than 7,000 of them in Arizona and New Mexico, where fires have burned 853,518 acres, according to the center. The largest of the fires continues to be the Wallow Fire, which has burned 527,774 acres so far, the fire's incident command team announced June 21, and is about 58 percent contained. While residents in Greer, Arizona, are being allowed to return home, evacuation orders remain in effect in other parts of Arizona and in Luna, New Mexico. Residents in parts of Apache County, Arizona, also have been told to be prepared to evacuate should the need arise. In Texas, a fast-moving fire near Grimes County destroyed at least 26 homes as it burned across more than 4,000 acres. The fire was caused by homeowners grilling near Stoneham, Texas, CNN affiliate KHOU-TV reported. In North Carolina, Forest Service officials said they are closely monitoring a fire in Pender County, which has burned more than 4,000 acres. The number of wildfires so far this year is below the 10-year average for the United States, according to the U.S. Forest Service. But the number of acres burned is 3 times that 10-year

average, according to the agency.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/22/wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/22/wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)

56. *June 22, Central Valley Business Times* – (California) **Former Forest Service employee sent to prison.** A 39-year-old Rancho Cucamonga, California woman was convicted of stealing more than \$1.4 million from her employer -- the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in Southern California. The woman was sentenced to up to 4 years in prison and has been ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,090,744, which represents the portion of the embezzled money she had spent before being caught. She was an accountant with the USFS at the Angeles National Forest offices in Arcadia. Through her job, she had access to funds contributed by private entities for road construction and other projects on federal lands. From early 2002 through October 2004, she fraudulently manipulated and fabricated internal USFS records that caused the U.S. Treasury to issue six refund checks totaling \$1,421,390 to entities that she controlled, according to court records. She spent nearly \$1.1 million on personal items that included cars, jewelry, mortgage payments, and plastic surgery. When the embezzlement was discovered, the government was able to seize \$330,645 from the convict's bank accounts.  
Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=18735>
57. *June 21, KVOA 4 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Fire was likely started by illegal immigrants, Dever says.** At a press conference June 21, the Cochise County, Arizona sheriff insinuated that illegal immigrants are to blame for the fire that started at Montezuma National Monument. "When this fire started, Montezuma National Monument was closed. The forest around it was closed," he said. "So, whoever started the fire was there illegally." He noted the fire was started very near to a fence at the U.S.-Mexico border, in a known smuggling route for both humans and narcotics. "Anything is possible, except for lightning," the sheriff said. "But it appears to have started right on the fence." He said there is nothing to suggest the fire was caused by anything other than illegal immigrants or some kind of illegal activity from Mexico. The sheriff said there is a "90 to 100 percent" probability that it was started by illegal immigrants.  
Source: <http://www.kvoa.com/news/fire-was-likely-started-by-illegal-immigrants-dever-says/>
58. *June 21, Associated Press* – (New Mexico; Colorado) **Fire near NM-Colorado border nearly contained.** Firefighters June 21 were close to containing a wildfire that charred nearly 28,000 acres along the New Mexico-Colorado border. The Track fire had initially forced the evacuation of several hundred residents and the closure of Interstate 25 between Raton and Trinidad, Colorado. Crews were focused June 21 on mopping up and patrolling for hot spots. They will also work on rehabilitating areas where bulldozers and hand crews constructed lines. Fire officials said all containment lines continue to hold and fire activity has been minimal. The fire destroyed 8 homes, 11 outbuildings, and 1 recreational structure at Sugarite State Park in New Mexico. One unoccupied home and several outbuildings were destroyed in Colorado. The fire was sparked June 12 by exhaust from an all-terrain vehicle. Authorities are looking for the person who was responsible.  
Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S2166478.shtml?cat=504>

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59. *June 22, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* – (Nebraska; South Dakota; Montana) **Corps to up releases to 160,000 cfs.** Due to heavy rains in Nebraska and South Dakota, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced June 22 that releases at Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota will be increased to 160,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) by June 23. The flows will be increased from 150,000 cfs to 155,000 cfs June 22. and at 8 a.m. June 23, another 5,000 cfs increment will take releases to the 160,000 cfs target. Releases at Gavins Point will remain at that level through August. Releases from Fort Peck in Montana and Garrison in North Dakota will remain at 60,000 cfs and 150,000 cfs, respectively, for the time being.  
Source:  
<http://www.yankton.net/articles/2011/06/22/community/doc4e016d6b806a5813690633.txt>
60. *June 22, Salt Lake Tribune* – (North Dakota) **North Dakota city faces flood evacuation, again.** Thousands of Minot, North Dakota residents face a 6 p.m. June 22 deadline to evacuate their homes for a second time this spring as the rising Souris River moves closer with what is predicted to be its worst flood in four decades. Officials have ordered about 11,000 people to evacuate, but they cautioned even that deadline may be too generous; warning sirens will signal if water spills over Minot's protective levees any earlier. Water from the Souris River, which loops down from Canada through north central North Dakota and is bloated by heavy spring snowmelt and rain on both sides of the border, is forecast to top the city's levees within 2 days. Crews are focusing efforts on building dikes to protect critical infrastructure such as the sewer system, water plants, schools, and City Hall. The city also is working on plans to put up secondary dikes outside fringe areas. Similar protective efforts are being made in the nearby 1,200-resident town of Burlington. The South Dakota governor said June 21 that residents in Burlington evacuation zones must be out by noon June 22. Ward County residents living along the river must evacuate by 6 p.m., he said. Nearly 500 North Dakota National Guard soldiers were in Minot to provide traffic control, ensure people were leaving left their homes, and secure neighborhoods.  
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/world/52053516-68/north-minot-river-flood.html.csp>
61. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Northwestern Missouri town of Craig gets evacuation order.** Residents of Craig, Missouri, were given a 48-hour mandatory evacuation order June 22, as floodwater from the Missouri River threatened the Holt County town of 300 people. Other towns in the county, such as Corning, Big Lake, and Fortescue already have been evacuated as the flood moves south from the Iowa-Nebraska border. Craig is also home to the Golden Triangle Energy ethanol plant. Water has filled fields on both sides of Interstate 29 at Corning, about 13 miles south of Rock Port where the interstate already has been closed because of flooding at Hamburg, Iowa.

Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article\\_3aa9019a-dea2-5ca3-b1cc-78a6f8239742.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article_3aa9019a-dea2-5ca3-b1cc-78a6f8239742.html)

62. *June 21, North Lake Tahoe Bonanza* – (California) **New fault presents seismic risk to Truckee-Tahoe region.** North Lake Tahoe Bonanza reported June 21 the recently discovered, active 22-mile Polaris Fault near the Martis Dam could yield an earthquake to the greater Reno/Tahoe, California-area with an impact as high as 6.9 on the Richter scale, according to scientists. It is possible even greater seismic activity could happen should the fault connect or rupture with other nearby faults, experts said in a recent statement. Should a disaster happen, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates it could take about 5 hours for flood waters to reach Reno/Sparks; a flood warning system is in place along the Truckee River to alert residents downstream.

Source:

<http://www.tahoebonanza.com/article/20110621/NEWS/110629990/1061&ParentProfile=1050>

63. *June 21, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Police investigating soda bottle bomb.** The Chippewa Falls Police Department was notified approximately 10:01 a.m. June 20 that a fisherman had observed a plastic pop bottle lying in the rocks below the hydro dam in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The fisherman indicated the bottle had a fluid in it and the bottle was greatly expanded and appeared it would burst or explode. Responding officers located the bottle and found remnants of several other plastic bottles that had burst or exploded in the same area. With the assistance of a Special Agent from the Eau Claire Office of the Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, it was determined that a remaining bottle was an improvised device that could burst or explode. The pressure in the bottle was relieved by puncturing the bottle from a distance rendering it safe.

Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/124298654.html>

64. *June 21, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri; Nebraska) **More Holt County residents asked to evacuate.** The Holt County Commission and Emergency Management officials urged residents of Bigelow, Fortescue, and the surrounding areas in Missouri to evacuate. The evacuation is based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announcement to release 160,000 cubic feet per second from Gavin's Point Dam June 23, which will add up to 1 foot of additional water to the projected 26.7 feet at Rulo, Nebraska, in the coming days. Officials also said the nearby Little Tarkio Creek levee is in imminent danger of failure. Residents are advised they could be out of their homes for 6 to 8 weeks.

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