



# Homeland Security

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- The tally of digital certificates stolen from a Dutch company in July exploded to more than 500, including ones for intelligence services such as the CIA, England's MI6, and Israel's Mossad, a Mozilla developer said September 4. – *Computerworld* (See item [46](#))
- A man with an automatic rifle opened fire at an IHOP restaurant in Carson City, Nevada, September 6, killing two National Guard members, another person, and himself, and wounding 6 others. – *msnbc.com and Associated Press* (See item [51](#))

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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. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Chevron to pay \$4.5 million for Utah oil spill.** Chevron agreed to a \$4.5 million settlement with Salt Lake City, Utah, and state environmental officials for two 2010 oil spills that polluted a creek and city pond. City officials said Chevron will pay \$3 million for mitigation projects, \$1 million for environmental and social impacts, and a \$500,000 civil penalty to the state. Salt Lake City's mayor said the money will be used to repair waterways and riverbanks damaged by the spills. A pipeline failure in June 2010 in the mountains above Salt Lake City sent

33,000 gallons of oil downstream, and killed all the fish at Salt Lake City's Liberty Lake. About 500 barrels spilled nearby in December.

Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2011/09/06/chevron-to-pay-4-5-million-for-utah-oil-spill/>

2. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Underground fuel tank explodes during Neb. storm.** An underground diesel tank exploded at a Newport, Nebraska, gas station September 3. The Newport fire chief told KOLN 10 Lincoln the explosion about 3 a.m. September 2 blew a 20-foot-by-20-foot hole in the store's parking lot that was 8 to 10 feet deep. There was a storm in the area at the time and a lightning strike may be to blame. No injuries were reported, and the store was not damaged. The tank was almost empty when it exploded. A crew was called in to clean up the remaining fuel.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Underground-fuel-tank-explodes-during-Neb-storm-2154396.php>
3. *September 5, Associated Press* – (International) **ConocoPhillips struggling with China oil spill.** The oil spills from offshore wells operated by ConocoPhillips in China's Bohai Bay are posing political and technical challenges for the oil company far messier than the crude and drilling mud seeping from the seabed. The company said September 5 it had complied with a government order to suspend all drilling, water injection and production at the affected Penglai 19-3 oil field, one of China's biggest. Operations were stopped at 180 producing wells and 51 injecting wells, for a total of 231 wells, said a statement by Texas-based ConocoPhillips, which operates the field in a venture with state-owned China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC), which owns 51 percent of the venture, said the suspension of production in Penglai 19-3 would reduce output by 40,000 barrels a day, in addition to the 22,000 barrels a day lost with the shutdown of the two wells where the spills occurred. The spills began in early June and have unleashed a flood of criticism inside China over how ConocoPhillips has handled the cleanup. China's state oceanic administration rejected the company's assertion it met an August 31 deadline to completely clear up damage, and prevent further seeps. ConocoPhillips said September 5 that divers were continuing to search the ocean floor, and that remote-controlled robots were taking seabed samples. It said it was working with CNOOC on a plan to reduce pressure in the oil reservoir, and was preparing a revised environmental impact report.  
Source:  
[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j9oS2OX7c8kuBbkeeow\\_XA1WEI8Q?docId=b597749655254188a9b4bf3ccef9da8](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j9oS2OX7c8kuBbkeeow_XA1WEI8Q?docId=b597749655254188a9b4bf3ccef9da8)
4. *September 5, Associated Press* – (National) **39,000 remain without power a week after Irene.** More than 39,000 households and business along the Eastern Seaboard that lost power during Irene remained without it a week after the storm. Connecticut had about 13,000 customers still without power September 4. Virginia had fewer than 12,000 still in the dark, and New York also had about 12,000, mostly on Long Island. New Jersey had about 2,000 customers that had no electricity. More than 9 million customers lost power during the storm. Scattered outages remained in North Carolina September 4. Just a handful of customers still had no power in Rhode Island and Vermont, where entire towns were isolated by flooding. A utility spokeswoman said

the outages remain where washed-out roads made it impossible to get to customers.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gJZgmKtbVmOAQJC6J5c3B4ZLr5tw?docId=843db151868b4936a94528980ec45870>

5. *September 5, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Union Pacific coal train derails, no injuries.** Union Pacific crews worked in northeast Kansas to clean up a derailment of a coal train. No injuries were reported when 56 cars of the train derailed early September 5 near Emmett. Kansas First News reported crews September 5 were clearing the accident and repairing tracks. A railroad spokesman said a cause has not been determined. It is unclear when the tracks will reopen. Emmett is about 20 miles west, and 30 miles north of Topeka.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Union-Pacific-coal-train-derails-no-injuries-2156155.php>
6. *September 3, Associated Press* – (National) **237 platforms, 23 drilling rigs evacuated for Lee.** Oil and gas companies evacuated hundreds of workers from production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico and kept a close eye on refinery operations September 3 as Tropical Storm Lee advanced slowly across the region. Lee had forced the evacuation of personnel from 237 oil and gas production platforms and 23 drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico as of September 3, a federal agency said. That meant about 38 percent of the total 617 manned platforms, and 33 percent of the 70 drilling rigs operating in the Gulf were evacuated, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement. About 60 percent of current oil production in the Gulf, and almost 55 percent of natural gas production has been shut down, the agency said. Anything more than a brief interruption in supplies could affect the price of oil and gasoline. Pump prices, already near record highs for this time of year, may rise if supply lines are crimped. The national average for a gallon of regular September 3 was \$3.66, according to AAA, Wright Express, and Oil Price Information Service.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9PHA4Q81.htm>
7. *September 3, Mobile Press Register* – (Alabama) **Cleanup crews race Tropical Storm Lee to clean up oil spill.** Cleanup crews swarmed across Gulf Coast Asphalt Company's riverfront property September 2, racing to scoop up tens of thousands of gallons of heavy fuel oil before the arrival of Tropical Storm Lee. With as much as 15 inches of rain expected, officials worried the thick oil filling roadside ditches and covering a large area of the company's property would wash into the Mobile River and the bay. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) officials said they were working on a contingency plan to deal with the weather. The asphalt company overfilled a giant storage tank in the wee hours September 1, causing the spill, according to the USCG. Heavy equipment dug up oil-contaminated soil from the property, and loaded it onto dump trucks all day September 2. Vacuum trucks sucked oil from roadside ditches and areas where it pooled. Three skimmer vessels sucked oil from the Mobile River. Tank farms, such as Gulf Coast Asphalt's facility on Blakeley Island, are required to have containment dikes around each storage tank to prevent oil from spilling into the environment in the event of a tank failure. For unknown reasons, the asphalt company

left a rainwater drain valve on the containment dike open, the USCG said.

Source: [http://blog.al.com/live/2011/09/cleanup\\_crews\\_race\\_storm\\_in\\_oi.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2011/09/cleanup_crews_race_storm_in_oi.html)

8. *September 1, Bloomberg* – (National) **U.S. tanker trucks need anti-rollover retrofits, NTSB says.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) urged regulators to require rollover-prevention technology on fuel-tanker trucks, following its probe of a fiery 2009 crash in Indianapolis. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Transportation Department's trucking regulator, should mandate anti-rollover retrofits for cargo tank trailers that weigh more than 10,000 pounds, the NTSB said in recommendations sent September 1. Tankers carrying hazardous materials may be top-heavy and vulnerable to minor steering errors, the board said in its accident report. Quality Distribution Inc. and Groendyke Transport are among the companies that would be affected by a retrofit. The NTSB, which cannot implement changes, completed its investigation of the crash in July, concluding a rollover that released 9,001 gallons of liquefied petroleum gas could have been prevented with stability control. Without regulation, the trucking industry has had little incentive to pay for the technology, the board said. Because of the long working life of tankers, it may take 50 years for stability control technology to be used throughout fleets without mandated retrofits, it said. The October 22, 2009 crash displaced a pier holding a bridge on Interstate 465, closing an interchange for several days. The trucker and another driver sustained serious injuries.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/09/01/bloomberg1376-LQWIJ6JIJUT01-6OISFH83ESPR2OUDRK5IL90902.DTL>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

9. *September 5, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Sulphur leak keeps San Bernardino firefighters busy.** A hazardous materials team spent nearly 24 hours September 4 and 5, containing a sulphur leak at a company in San Bernadino, California that manufactures clay pigeons for trapshooting, a San Bernardino fire engineer said. A San Bernardino police officer notified firefighters at about 2:21 p.m. September 4 after noticing a rotten egg odor near the intersection of Tippecanoe and Cooley avenues. Fire officials determined the odor was coming from White Flyer Targets at 1454 S. Sunnyside Avenue. The fire engineer said so much sulfur was released 25 hazardous materials experts from three area fire departments were called in. They found a seal had breached on a large tank used to mix sulphur, limestone, and pitch. The tank is located behind the manufacturing plant with several other large tanks, the fire engineer said. He indicated the tank caught fire around 7:20 p.m., and molten sulphur spewed onto the ground. The fire was extinguished in about 40 minutes. Firefighters stayed on scene until the tank cooled, which was about 1 p.m. September 5.

Source: [http://www.insidebayarea.com/california/ci\\_18830290](http://www.insidebayarea.com/california/ci_18830290)

10. *September 4, Gadsden Times* – (Alabama) **Dozens of homes evacuated over weekend.** Residents of about 28 homes were evacuated late September 3 after a chemical release at Environmental Waste Services Inc. in Glencoe, Alabama, said the deputy director of Gadsden-Etowah County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). She said a person called the Glencoe Police Department about a strong smell coming from the plant on Webster's Chapel Road, about a half-mile off U.S. Highway 431. Responding police officers also smelled the odor, and found it was coming from a holding tank. Police contacted the Glencoe Fire Department, and it contacted the EMA. "You could see the emission of a white cloud," the deputy director said. The plant manager said the tank contained chemical waste materials, but noted he was unsure what had caused the reaction that created the plume and odor. The deputy director of the EMA said all waste materials at the plant are tested in the lab to make sure they can be placed in the tank without a reaction. The EMA and fire officials decided to evacuate all homes within about a half-mile radius of the plant. Train traffic on a nearby railroad was stopped for about two-and-a-half hours, the deputy director said. Source: <http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20110904/NEWS/110909896/-1/TOPIC0309?Title=Dozens-of-homes-evacuated-over-weekend>
11. *September 4, KZTV 10 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **18 Wheeler carrying hydrochloric acid gets stuck, five homes evacuated.** The Bishop Emergency Management coordinator said an 18 wheeler carrying hydrochloric acid got stuck in a ditch 10:45 p.m. September 3, forcing officials in Bishop, Texas, to evacuate five homes. Officials said the truck driver got lost in a residential area near North Avenue C and West First Street and got stuck when he tried to turn around. They said acid was leaking out of an overflow tube, and they were worried if the truck fell over, the entire load of hazardous chemicals would have spilled out resulting in extensive damage, and possible deaths. A tow truck got the truck back on the road in a short time. The evacuated families were allowed back into their homes after 12:30 a.m. September 4. Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/news/18-wheeler-carrying-hydrochloric-acid-gets-stuck-five-homes-evacuated/>
12. *September 3, Palo Alto Daily News* – (California) **Worker dies in methane blast at California research facility.** One person died and another was injured in a violent explosion September 2 at a research and development company in east Menlo Park, California. Employees at Membrane Technology and Research were transferring methane from one cylinder to another shortly after 4 p.m. when the explosion occurred, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District chief said. He said the first firefighters on site pulled two victims from the blast area. CPR was performed on one man, but he died. The other victim, a woman, was placed in a hazmat suit and rushed to Stanford Medical Center. Twenty-three people were evacuated while emergency crews assessed whether any hazardous materials had been released. The fire chief said research and development companies in the light industrial park use hazardous materials, but do not store them in large quantities. Officials quickly determined there was no threat to surrounding homes and businesses in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. A hazmat team was to enter the building late September 2 to assess the condition of additional cylinders of methane, the fire chief said. Helium is also stored inside the building. Membrane develops and produces membrane-based separation systems for the

petrochemical, natural gas and refining industries, according to its Web site.

Source:

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/national/west/view/20110903worker\\_dies\\_in\\_methane\\_blast\\_at\\_california\\_research\\_facility/srvc=home&position=recent](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/national/west/view/20110903worker_dies_in_methane_blast_at_california_research_facility/srvc=home&position=recent)

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

13. *September 6, Buffalo News* – (New York) **4 hurt in blast at former American Brass plant.** Four employees were injured September 6 in an explosion at the Luvata Buffalo Inc. facility in Buffalo, New York . All four were burned, and one worker also suffered physical trauma in the explosion reported at 6:15 a.m., fire officials said. It was unclear how serious the injuries were, and whether any were life-threatening. Luvata produces a variety of metal products including copper anodes, superconductors, welding equipment, pipes, and other products. Fire officials described the incident as a steam explosion on one of the furnaces. A Buffalo Fire Department haz-mat team responded. The explosion left an estimated \$250,000 damage to the contents, and none to the building itself.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/buffalo/article546781.ece>

14. *September 5, Associated Press* – ( International) **Honda recalls 962,000 cars worldwide.** Honda Motor Company said September 5 it will recall 962,000 cars worldwide to fix power windows and computer systems. Honda will recall 936,000 units of the Fit subcompact, CR-V crossover, and Fit Aria in North America, Asia, Europe, and Africa, the company said. Honda said the recall was prompted by defects in driver's-side power window switch units that could potentially melt and catch fire. It will also recall 26,000 CR-Z compact hybrids globally due to programming problems with the engine control unit. There have been no injuries because of the defects, Honda said.

Source: <http://www.newser.com/story/127758/honda-recalls-962000-cars-worldwide.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

15. *September 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Ex-employee wiped financial data from bikini bar.** At the Bikinis Sports Bar and Grill in Austin, Texas, a recently fired

IT worker broke into a U.S. military contractor's computer systems and wiped out payroll files, wreaking havoc on its customers January 21, 2010. Angry that his former employer, McLane Advanced Technologies, had fired him and then refused to help him with an unemployment benefits claim, the hacker broke into McLane's systems and deleted payroll files belonging to Lone Star Plastics, a McLane customer that makes polyethylene bags and can-liners. He also broke into a second McLane customer, Capstone Mechanical. When employees at Lone Star Plastics' Prattville, Alabama-facility tried to punch in January 21, they discovered the McLane server that hosted their punch clock software and payroll records had shut down. Two days later, McLane contacted the U.S. Secret Service, reporting it was hacked. The hacker, formerly an IT administrator with the company, pleaded guilty to computer intrusion charges September 1 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. He is set to be sentenced November 2.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219721/Ex\\_employee\\_wiped\\_financial\\_data\\_from\\_bikini\\_bar](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219721/Ex_employee_wiped_financial_data_from_bikini_bar)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

16. *September 6, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Suspected bank robber linked to five hold-ups.** A convicted robber suspected of holding up 5 banks in central Florida shortly after he was released from prison was scheduled to be arraigned September 6 in circuit court. The 25-year-old man was charged with robbing banks in Fruitland Park, Lady Lake, and Leesburg by handing tellers a note and warning them that he had a gun and would use it if necessary. Police said he never showed a gun. The Marion County resident also is a suspect in similar bank robberies in Ormond Beach in Volusia, and Wesley Chapel in Hernando. According to an assistant state attorney, the man was released from the state department of corrections June 22, 14 days before he allegedly struck a branch of Bank of America on North 14th Street in Leesburg. He served 3 years for strong-arm robbery in Marion. He also is accused of robbing the BB&T bank branch in Fruitland Park July 22, and a SunTrust Bank branch in Lady Lake 3 days later. He was identified by witnesses who picked his picture from photo lineups. He could face mandatory 15-year prison sentences in each robbery.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/lake/os-lk-bank-robber-in-court-20110906,0,784192.story>

17. *September 5, Prescott Daily Courier* – (Arizona) **'Skeletor Bandit' pleads guilty to robbing Prescott bank, others.** A man charged with robbing the Wells Fargo Bank in Prescott, Arizona, December 8, 2010, plead guilty to four counts of armed bank robbery and two counts of bank robbery the week of August 29 in a federal court in Phoenix. The 51-year-old was charged with robbing banks in Prescott, Flagstaff, Surprise, and Phoenix between October 22 and December 11, 2010, and stealing \$42,391. He also was charged in a bank robbery in Chico, California, July 13, 2010,

stealing \$2,154. The suspect was called the "Skeletor Bandit" because in the first four robberies, he wore a Halloween-style rubber mask, along with a black-hooded sweatshirt, said a spokesman for the U.S. attorney of the district of Arizona. The suspect also allegedly displayed a gun in those robberies. As part of the plea agreement filed August 31, the man faces a federal prison sentence of 8 to 11 years, must pay restitution to victims of as much as \$100,000, and could possibly receive a reduction of one to two levels in his sentencing guidelines if certain conditions are met. Phoenix police officers arrested the man December 11, 2010, in connection with a bank robbery at a Bank of America near 50th Avenue and Baseline Road. They stopped the man after using a tracking device, and found a pellet gun that matched the description of the gun used during the robbery, according to the plea agreement.

Source:

<http://www.dcourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=97665>

18. *September 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **New Zeus-based variant targets banks around the world.** Another Zeus-based offering was unearthed September 5 by Trend Micros researchers, and experts surmised this one may be better crafted than the recently discovered Ice IX crimeware. Having analyzed the code, they believe it was created by using version 2.3.2.0. of the Zeus toolkit, and that it was created specifically for a professional gang. Experts note this solution is likely to succeed where Ice IX has failed: an updated encryption/decryption algorithm that should prevent trackers from analyzing its configuration file. Also, an update of the Zeus builder capability of checking for bot information and uninstalling it should make antivirus solutions unable to use it for detecting the bot and automatically purging the system of it. "It is also worth mentioning that this malware targets a wide selection of financial firms including those in the United States, Spain, Brazil, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Ireland, etc.," said the researchers. "More interestingly, it targets HSBC Hong Kong, which suggests that this new Zeus variant may be used in a global campaign, which may already include Asian countries."

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1828](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1828)

19. *September 2, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (California) **SEC halts fraud conducted by purported life settlement company.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 2 announced it obtained an emergency court order to halt an alleged \$4.5 million investment scheme by a Los Angeles company that purports to broker life settlements. The SEC alleged a man and his company, Christian Stanley Inc., have spent the past 7 years creating the illusion that it was a legitimate company. Contrary to what investors were told, Christian Stanley has never purchased or generated any revenue as a result of brokering the sale of a single life settlement, and has barely derived any revenue from any of its purported business ventures. Instead, the head of the company simply used the Christian Stanley name as a vehicle to raise at least \$4.5 million in an unregistered offering of debenture notes, and spent most of the money for purposes unrelated to its ostensible business operations. He misused investor funds to finance his stays at luxury hotels, visits to nightclubs and restaurants, and purchases of high-end vehicles. A judge for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California September 1 granted the SEC's request for a temporary restraining order and asset freeze against the man and his companies. According to the

SEC's complaint, the man raised funds from at least 50 investors nationwide, promising investors fixed interest returns ranging from 5 to 15.5 percent annually for 5-year terms. He claimed the notes were backed by assets such as a gold mine in Nevada and a coal mine in Kentucky that he said held coal deposits valued at \$11.8 billion. The SEC alleges that instead of using investor money to purchase life settlements or develop the mines, the man and Christian Stanley used investors' money for such unrelated purposes as sales commissions, and Ponzi-like payments to existing note holders.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-177.htm>

20. *September 2, IDG News* – (National) **Internet clothing seller charged with wire fraud.** The owner of a defunct online clothing retail operation was arrested and charged September 2 with wire fraud for allegedly overcharging customers by more than \$5 million. The owner of New York-based Classic Closeouts allegedly used customer credit and debit card numbers on file to charge accounts multiple times for items customers did not order, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a press release. Between June and December 2008, the operation charged customers for unordered items more than 70,000 times, the DOJ said. In some cases, the same card was charged "multiple" times over many weeks, the agency said. The charges ranged from \$59.99 to \$79.99, said the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which filed its own civil complaint against ClassicCloseouts.com and the owner in June 2009. When customers disputed the unauthorized charges with their credit card companies and banks, Classic Closeouts' owner asserted the charges were valid because the customers had enrolled in an alleged "frequent shopper club," the DOJ said. In some cases, customers were denied credit cards after the disputes or were pressured into paying the fraudulent charges, plus late fees and interest. The FTC announced a settlement with the owner in January, with the owner banned from owning Internet businesses that handle credit or debit accounts. The settlement also imposed a monetary judgment of nearly \$2.1 million. It's uncommon for the DOJ to bring criminal charges after the FTC settles a civil case. The suspect faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison on the wire fraud charges.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/239452/internet\\_clothing\\_seller\\_charged\\_with\\_wire\\_fraud.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/239452/internet_clothing_seller_charged_with_wire_fraud.html)

21. *August 31, United States Department of Justice* – (Connecticut) **Former waitress at Stamford restaurant admits role in credit card fraud scheme.** The U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut announced August 31 a 25-year-old from Georgia, formerly of New York, waived her right to indictment and pleaded guilty August 30 in Bridgeport to one count of conspiracy to commit access device fraud. According to court documents, from September 2008 to January 2009, she worked as a waitress at a restaurant in Stamford. In pleading guilty, the convict admitted that, while working at the restaurant, she and a co-worker stole credit card information from customers through the use of "skimming" devices. When restaurant customers would pay with credit cards, the pair would swipe them through hand-held skimmers before running them through the restaurant's own legitimate credit card verification system. The skimming devices would copy and store the account data encoded on the magnetic

strips on the back of the credit cards. Every few weeks, an individual who supplied the skimming devices would meet with one of the employees so they could turn over to him the credit card information. That person would pay them either \$20 or \$25 for each credit card they successfully swiped through the device, and then give them new skimmers. The stolen data was later used by members of the conspiracy to make unauthorized purchases. While the pair were employed at the Stamford restaurant, about 92 credit cards were compromised, the majority of which were compromised by the 25-year-old's co-worker, resulting in losses of about \$135,888.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ct/Press2011/20110831.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

22. *September 6, PhillyBurbs.com* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **SEPTA: Trenton line back to full service.** The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) said it would restore full service to its Trenton line September 6, linking the Trenton and Levittown stations for the first time since Hurricane Irene. Service stopped between the two stations all of the week of August 29 after flooding caused damage to Amtrak signal equipment near the Trenton Transit Center, the SEPTA said in a news release. Shuttle buses had provided service between Trenton and Levittown, which is where the Trenton line started and finished. Riders on the West Trenton line should continue to expect delays of up to 30 minutes while CSX completes repairs to its signal system, which was damaged during the hurricane, the SEPTA said. It said it expects those repairs to be completed later the week of September 5.

Source: [http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier\\_times\\_news/septa-trenton-line-back-to-full-service/article\\_b2d0354d-2553-592e-aebf-1f23ea418568.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/septa-trenton-line-back-to-full-service/article_b2d0354d-2553-592e-aebf-1f23ea418568.html)

23. *September 6, Associated Press* – (National) **Winter threatens repairs of Irene-damaged roads.** Northeastern states struggling to rebuild hundreds of roads and dozens of bridges in the wake of Hurricane Irene are facing another natural threat: winter. The end of construction season is fast approaching in New England, and upstate New York. By November, it will be too cold to lay asphalt, and by December, snow and ice will cover the mountains, leaving towns dangerously isolated and possibly dissuading tourists during the region's ski season. Vermont officials said September 5 they are renting quickly built, military-style temporary bridges as a stopgap measure. Raging floods gouged and closed more than 300 local roads and state routes in Vermont, and damaged at least 22 bridges in the state, marooning people for days in at least 13 towns. Irene ripped another 150 roads in New York. Some of the washed-out roads have gaping gullies 30-feet deep. Road building experts said if the work is not done by mid-November, winter's cold, ice and snows will prevent any substantial progress until after the spring thaws. The consequences could be serious: residents forced to make 30-mile detours — on mountain roads, some unpaved — to the nearest grocery store or doctor, businesses struggling for customers, and a possible hit to winter tourism. Other states wrestling with post-Irene road repairs include New Hampshire,

New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia. Vermont is negotiating leases and rent-to-own contracts with three companies to bring in military-style "Bailey bridges," a spokesman said. The bridges, made up of 10-foot sections of metal decking, may have to serve for 4 or 5 years until the state can finish permanent repairs, he said.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/winter-threatens-repairs-irene-damaged-roads-163528880.html>

24. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Man subdued after rushing jet exit door in Seattle.** A 39-year-old man is in custody after he tried to rush the exit door of an Alaska Airlines jet as it was taxiing to a gate at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Washington. An airport spokesman said passengers and the crew had to subdue the man September 5, who was apparently anxious to get off the plane. One crew member was bitten in the arm during the scuffle and was taken to Highline Medical Center in Burien, for treatment of minor injuries. The man was taken to Highline for a mental health evaluation, before being transferred to King County Jail. He was expected to be booked on investigation of felony assault. Flight 108 from Anchorage, Alaska, landed in Seattle at about 4:30 a.m.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/man-subdued-rushing-jet-exit-door-seattle-163200886.html>

25. *September 5, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Explosive missing from Phoenix airport recovered.** Phoenix police said explosives used for routine police training that went missing from the city's international airport several days ago have been found on a roadside. A container with the explosives was taken by someone September 2 from a terminal at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport during a police training exercise. A police spokesman said September 5 that a motorist who was driving along a south Phoenix street saw the container and recognized it from news reports. Police said he picked it up, saw the explosives inside, and called police. A police bomb squad determined the items had not been tampered with, and safely removed the container. Airport officials have said that airport operations were not interrupted after the explosive went missing.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/explosive-missing-phoenix-airport-recovered-233600802.html>

26. *September 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Amtrak restoring service to South destinations.** Amtrak said it is beginning to resume operations to destinations in the South after disruptions by flooding from Tropical Storm Lee. Amtrak said in a news release that service would resume September 5 between New York and New Orleans, and between Chicago and New Orleans. Amtrak will resume full service between Los Angeles and New Orleans September 6. Amtrak warned there could be some delays due to rain. Amtrak said passengers who paid for travel on canceled trains can contact the company for refunds or can rebook for future travel.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Amtrak-restoring-service-to-South-destinations-2156324.php>

27. *September 4, United Press International* – (California; Nevada) **Bomb threat forces emergency landing.** A passenger was taken into custody after allegedly making a

bomb threat aboard a Spirit Airlines flight from Las Vegas to Los Angeles, authorities said. Las Vegas police said Spirit Flight 245 returned to McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas September 3, and the passenger was taken into custody at the gate by police, KTNV 13 Las Vegas reported. A Transportation Security Administration spokesperson said another passenger had told the flight crew the man in custody had behaved suspiciously. The flight's passengers were evacuated and screened, and the plane was inspected. No bomb was found. The remaining passengers were put on another aircraft for their trip to Los Angeles.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/09/04/Bomb-threat-forces-emergency-landing/UPI-11491315186660/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/09/04/Bomb-threat-forces-emergency-landing/UPI-11491315186660/)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

28. *September 3, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Suspicious items found in Illinois post office.** A postal worker in suburban Chicago said he discovered what looked like a half-stick of dynamite, a bullet and white powder in a broken envelope September 3. The Lyons, Illinois post office worker told the Chicago Tribune he was worried because the powder leaked onto his hands. Fire officials in Lyons said they responded to a call about a suspicious package. They treated the call as a hazardous materials incident. The postal worker said the post office was evacuated, and he and a female co-worker who came in contact with the powder were separated from other workers. Paramedics told the postal employee his vital signs were OK. He said the envelope did not have a return address.

Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/breaking/x1638742346/Suspicious-items-found-in-Illinois-post-office>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

29. *September 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Raw milk mixed with pasteurized milk causes recall.** An Illinois dairy recalled milk, cheese, and dairy products September 6 after the state health department found its pasteurizing equipment was not operating properly, potentially allowing raw milk to be mixed with pasteurized milk. State inspectors said a system-controlled pump, designed to stop the production process if raw milk pressure exceeded pasteurized pressure, was bypassed and replaced with a pump not wired into the controls at Ludwig Dairy Products, located in Dixon. As a result, Ludwig has recalled its name brand products, which are sold mostly in northern Illinois counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will), but also in Indiana, New Jersey, and New York. A drinkable yogurt product is also sold under the Nuestro Queso brand. In a news release, the Illinois Department of Health warned the public not

to consume Ludwig products until the dairy pasteurizing equipment is operating correctly. People who have purchased the dairy products should throw them out, the state advised.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/raw-milk-mixed-with-pasteurized-milk-prompts-recall/>

30. *September 6, Newport News Daily Press* – (Virginia) **Hurricane Irene damages cotton, corn crops.** Corn and cotton bore the brunt of Hurricane Irene's wrath August 27, making up most of the more than \$9 million in estimated crop losses and damages reported by growers in rural Peninsula and Western Tidewater counties of Virginia. Cotton, which hit historically high prices earlier this year, is now a mangled, flattened mess in many fields across Isle of Wight and Surry counties. Irene's fierce winds also flattened acres of corn across southeastern Virginia. "It's devastating," said the secretary of agriculture and forestry. He and other state officials visited the hardest hit sites September 2. Based on preliminary reports, the secretary estimated Virginia's agriculture industry took a \$60 million or larger hit from Hurricane Irene. While most of the losses were corn crops, nursery plants, soybeans, and some row vegetables also sustained minor damage.  
Source: <http://www.dailypress.com/news/isle-of-wight-county/dp-nws-cp-irene-farm-losses-0903-20110906,0,2775115.story>
31. *September 5, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Gas explosion suspected in Beverly area restaurant fire.** A suspected gas leak sparked an explosion that ripped through an Italian eatery in the West Beverly neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, officials said September 5. No injuries were reported in the blaze at Franconello Italian Restaurant. The blaze was called in about 11:57 p.m. September 4, and was extinguished by fire crews within 20 minutes, authorities said. The blaze caused heavy fire and structural damage to the building, leading to the collapse of a south wall on the structure's second floor, according to the Chicago Fire Department. Fire officials suspected the fire was caused by a gas explosion, but fire investigators hadn't pinpointed the cause. The restaurant remained closed September 5.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-gas-explosion-suspected-in-south-side-restaurant-fire-20110904,0,6132882.story>
32. *September 5, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Landmark Bar and Grill burns to ground.** A popular Fayette County, Pennsylvania restaurant burned to the ground September 5. Police said the fire started at the Caddy Shack Bar and Grill in South Union Township around 5 a.m. Authorities were concerned because the bar sits very close to a gas station. A witness said the fire spread to the Dairy Mart next door, but thanks to the work of the firefighters, it did not reach the gas station. Police said estimated losses from the fire are about \$400,000. Police said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/29084435/detail.html>
33. *September 2, Quaker Oats Company* – (National) **Quaker Oats issues voluntary recall of specific 8-Count Quaker Chewy Smashbar Graham Pretzel snack bars due to undeclared milk allergen.** Quaker Oats Company, a division of PepsiCo,

September 2 issued a voluntary recall of 8-count Quaker Chewy Smashbar Graham Pretzel snack bars due to an undeclared milk allergen not noted on the label. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk products run the risk of serious or life-threatening reactions if they consume this product. The affected product is limited to Quaker Chewy Smashbar Graham Pretzel snack bars with the UPC bar code ending in 31108 and best before dates: October 29 11 RB, October 30 11 MM, October 30 11 RB, November 22 11 RB, November 23 11 RB, November 24 11 RB, November 27 11 RB, December 22 11 RB, December 22 11 MM, December 23 11 RB, December 23 11 MM, December 24 11 RB, December 24 11 MM stamped on the side of the package. Consumers with a milk allergy who have this product should return it to the retailer where it was purchased for a full refund. One allergic reaction had been reported as of September 2.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/02/3881409/quaker-oats-issues-voluntary-recall.html>

34. *September 2, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Colorado officials: 2 dead, 7 sick in listeria outbreak.** State health department officials in Colorado are worried about a sudden listeria outbreak, and have renewed warnings about eating soft cheeses, meat spreads, undercooked hot dogs, and other potentially dangerous foods. Two people have died from the latest outbreak of the gastrointestinal illness that began in August. The department reported in June that two other people had died in a previous listeria outbreak, bringing the total of deaths this summer to four. The two August deaths came amid a rush of nine cases, compared to an average of two cases reported for the month in other years. Seven of the nine newest listeria illnesses have been reported since August 29. The "sharp increase" cited by Colorado officials deviates from an average of only 10 cases a year statewide. Patients were hospitalized in all nine recent cases of listeriosis, in the following counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, and Weld. Most of the patients were older and female, and ranged from their 30s to 90s. State investigators have not pinpointed the source or sources of the outbreak, and are continuing to research the eating habits and other health conditions of the patients.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci\\_18814105](http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_18814105)

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## **Water Sector**

35. *September 4, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Saltwater imperils South Florida's drinking water supply.** Many cities along South Florida's coast are running out of water as drinking wells are taken over by the sea, the Miami Herald reported September 4. Hallandale Beach in south Florida abandoned six of its eight drinking water wells because saltwater advanced underground across two-thirds of the city. "The saltwater line is moving west and there's very little that can be done about it," said a city commissioner for Hallandale Beach. A wall of saltwater is inching inland into the Biscayne Aquifer — the primary source of drinking water for 4.5 million people in

South Florida. A city commissioner and Hallandale Beach city staff are looking to secure a new source of drinking water. The project will cost an estimated \$10 million, said the deputy director of Hallandale Beach Utilities and Engineering. Residents will eventually pay those capital costs. New drinking water wells are likely the cheapest alternative, the commissioner said. The city could build a reverse osmosis plant to filter out the salt, but the construction and maintenance costs would be very high.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/04/3884858/saltwater-imperils-south-floridas.html>

36. *September 4, Kennebec Journal* – (Maine) **Arsenic in Maine: threat from below.** The Kennebec Journal reported September 4 that a U.S. Geological Survey study released in 2010 showed, using data from more than 11,000 wells in 530 Maine communities, three high-arsenic clusters in the state: the southern coast, Down East, and Greater Augusta. Gorham and Scarborough are 2 of the 10 Maine communities showing the highest concentrations of arsenic in private well water, and 5 of the 10 are found in Kennebec County. A Columbia University study estimated 31 percent of private wells in Greater Augusta contain arsenic levels above the federal standard. Using various analytical methods, Columbia researchers found 12,293 to 15,561 Kennebec County residents are drinking from private wells containing toxic levels of arsenic, which has been linked to increased risk of skin, lung, and bladder cancer; developmental problems in children; diabetes; and immune system disorders. The problem — naturally occurring arsenic seeping from underlying rock — is particularly prevalent in Readfield and Manchester, and in a band along the western edge of the county from Winthrop and Monmouth south through Hallowell and Litchfield. Maine does not require any testing of private wells, on which 74 percent of Kennebec County homes rely for potable water, according to U.S. Census data.

Source: [http://www.pressherald.com/news/arsenic-in-maine-threat-from-below\\_2011-09-04.html](http://www.pressherald.com/news/arsenic-in-maine-threat-from-below_2011-09-04.html)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

37. *September 2, West Central Health District* – (Georgia) **Health Department closed today through Monday.** The Columbus (Muscogee), Macon, Marion, Quitman, and Schley County Health Departments in the West Central Health District in Georgia, were closed September 2 and employees were required to take a day off without pay due to budget cuts.
- Source: <http://www.wltz.com/story/15382801/health-department-closed-today-through-monday>
38. *September 2, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Cops: Teen posing as physician's assistant worked in Osceola hospital's ER.** A teenager was arrested September 2 on felony charges of masquerading as a physician's assistant in the Osceola Regional Medical Center's emergency room, in Kissimmee, Florida, police said. While working there, he

performed CPR on a patient in cardiac arrest, performed physical examinations, and gave other forms of care to an undisclosed number of unsuspecting patients. The suspect obtained hospital credentials by claiming to be a physician's assistant in a program at Nova Southeastern University, records show. He knew the hospital from working as a part-time billing clerk for a local group of surgeons. When he applied for a hospital identification badge August 24, he told the personnel office he worked as a P.A. for Surgical Management Group and needed a new badge because the surgical practice had changed its name to Osceola Surgical Associates, the arrest report states. In the days that followed, he returned at least twice to request a full-access badge that would let him use the doctors' lounge as well as restricted areas, the report said. As part of his duties, he interviewed patients, read through confidential medical records, performed physical exams on disrobed male patients, cleaned wounds, restrained a combative patient, and performed CPR on a patient in cardiac arrest. At various times, the teenager bragged his mother was an executive with the HCA Healthcare System that owns the hospital, and that he worked in the operating room as an assistant to a doctor with Osceola Surgical Associates. When the office manager for the surgical group confronted the teenager, the teen claimed to be a deputy sheriff working in the emergency room on an undercover investigation so "top secret" the agency would not verify his employment. The suspect remained in police custody before being transferred to the Orange County Regional Detention Center, a holding facility in Orlando for juvenile offenders. He was charged with five counts of impersonating a physician's assistant.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/crime/os-teen-pose-physician-assistant-20110902,0,2130554.story>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

39. *September 5, CNN* – (Georgia) **Lightning strike sends 23 Fort Stewart soldiers to hospital.** Twenty-three soldiers were treated at a hospital September 5 after lightning struck near their training site at the U.S. Army's Fort Stewart in Georgia. Nineteen soldiers were treated and released, and four were held at the Winn Army Community Hospital for observation, according to a base spokesman. No serious injuries were reported, he said. The lightning strike occurred about 4:35 p.m. as members of the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team were training near the base's tactical operations center, the spokesman said. A storm was moving through the area, near Savannah, at the time.  
Source:  
[http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/09/05/georgia.lightning.soldiers/index.html?hpt=us\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/09/05/georgia.lightning.soldiers/index.html?hpt=us_c2)
40. *September 5, New England Cable News* – (Massachusetts) **Fire in Boston displaces college students.** Boston, Massachusetts, firefighters are investigating a September 5 fire that left 40 college students displaced. The fire broke out at the corner of Hemenway Street and Westland Avenue around 2 a.m., impacting several students at the Berklee College of Music. According to firefighters, the flames started in the

laundry room of the basement, and quickly traveled up a shaft to the top of the building. Students were evacuated, and within minutes, the flames had reached the roof of the building and the fire went to three-alarms. No one was hurt in the fire. The building sustained heavy damage to the top floor, and water damage to the rest of the building.

Source: <http://www.necn.com/09/05/11/Fire-in-Boston-displaces-college-student/landing.html?blockID=559316&feedID=4753>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

41. *September 4, Argus Observer* – (Idaho) **New Payette fire station vandalized.** The new Payette, Idaho fire station was vandalized, according to authorities with the department. The new fire station was vandalized September 1, causing over \$30,000 worth of damage to the building that was scheduled to be opened early this fall. The investigation is continuing with the Payette Police Department, as they ask for anybody with information to contact the department.

Source:

<http://www.argusobserver.com/articles/2011/09/04/news/doc4e63c04373d86373633868.txt>

42. *September 1, WDKY 56 Danville* – (Kentucky) **Man robbed by two impersonating police officers.** A man later found out two men who pulled him over were actually robbers, not police officers Winchester, Kentucky police said. On August 25, the victim saw flashing lights in his rearview mirror near Hays Street, WDKY 56 Danville reported September 1. The victim said he looked behind him and saw what he thought was an unmarked police car. "They turned the lights off when they pulled him over, and he realized that that wasn't normal," the victim's stepdaughter said. She said a man in cargo pants with a utility belt approached his door. "They got him out, patted him down, asked him for his wallet. The guy took all his money out, and gave him his wallet back and got in his car and left," the victim's stepdaughter said. In all, the robbers stole \$2,800. Winchester police emphasized that all of their unmarked vehicles only have blue flashing lights, while the car that allegedly pulled over the victim had blue and red lights. Winchester Police have released a composite sketch of one of the suspects. They also said they have been stopping white, Ford Crown Victorias in an effort to find the suspects.

Source: [http://foxlexington.com/newsroom/top-stories/videos/vid\\_818.shtml?hpt=ju\\_bn4](http://foxlexington.com/newsroom/top-stories/videos/vid_818.shtml?hpt=ju_bn4)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

43. *September 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Incognito exploit kit discovered after Web Directories attack.** Users who visited the Web Directories site September 4 may have been redirected to a third party page leveraging the Incognito exploit kit. One of the largest directories on the Internet, the site was compromised after a program line, representing a redirect to a malicious address containing exploit codes, was inserted. An analysis made by Websense Security Labs revealed the hacking tool involved is known as Incognito, which silently infects the client computers with a trojan. According to the Security Labs blog, Incognito is a Malware as a Service (MaaS) which has two versions running in the wild. Underground communities use it to launch automated attacks with the purpose of spreading malware.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Web-Directories-Site-Attacked-220361.shtml>
44. *September 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Phishers use new tricks.** Internet users are becoming more aware of the dangers of phishing. As a result, phishers are implementing new methods of luring unsuspecting people into their nets. The latest “phishing expedition” was observed by Symantec. The malicious site was masked as a software company that offered considerable discounts. Users were then led to a page where they would be required to give out all their personal information, including credit card details, which would later be used to gain control of the person's financial records. Many people were drawn to the page by the up to 80 percent savings they could make on the site's main page. Researchers indicated the page containing the offers was hosted on a newly registered domain that ranked high in most of the popular search engines. This was achieved by using keywords in the domain name that are very common in related searches. The people behind this practice managed to make fake trust seals. The seals seemed legitimate because of some sub-domain randomization techniques used by the phishers.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Phishers-Use-New-Tricks-220334.shtml>
45. *September 5, IDG News Service* – (International) **Turkish hackers strike Websites with DNS hack.** A Turkish hacking group managed to tamper with Internet addressing records September 4, redirecting dozens of Web sites belonging to companies including Microsoft, UPS, and Vodafone to a different Web pages controlled by the hackers. According to Zone-H, a Web site that tracks defacements, 186 Web sites were redirected to a page controlled by "Turkguvenligi." All of the Web sites were registered through NetNames, part of NBT group. NetNames provides Domain Name System (DNS) services. Turkguvenligi hacked the servers through a SQL injection attack. In the case of NetNames, the group put a redelegation order into the system and changed the address of the master DNS servers that served data for the Web sites, a statement from NetNames said. The attack occurred around 9 p.m. September 4. Although it appears the goal was just to vandalize the sites for a while, the group could have set up lookalike sites for the real ones, tricking users into thinking they were on the legitimate site and possibly stealing logins and passwords. Two of HSBC's banking sites — one with a country-code Top Level Domain in South Korea and one in Canada — were targeted, according to the list compiled by Zone-H. Other Web sites affected were those belonging to The Telegraph newspaper, The Register technology news site, Coca-Cola, Interpol, Adobe, Dell, several Microsoft country sites, Peugeot, Harvard University, and the security companies F-Secure, BitDefender, and Secunia.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219728/Turkish\\_hackers\\_strike\\_websites\\_with\\_DNS\\_hack](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219728/Turkish_hackers_strike_websites_with_DNS_hack)

46. *September 4, Computerworld* – (International) **Hackers steal SSL certificates for CIA, MI6, Mossad.** The tally of digital certificates stolen from a Dutch company in July exploded to more than 500, including ones for intelligence services such as the CIA, England's MI6, and Israel's Mossad, a Mozilla developer said September 4. The confirmed count of fraudulently-issued secure socket layer (SSL) certificates now stands at 531, said the Mozilla developer, who is part of the team working to modify Firefox to block all sites signed with the purloined certificates. Among the affected domains are those for the CIA, MI6, Mossad, Microsoft, Yahoo, Skype, Facebook, Twitter, and Microsoft's Windows Update service. All the certificates were issued by DigiNotar, a Dutch issuing firm that admitted the week of August 29 that its network had been hacked in July.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219727/Hackers\\_steal\\_SSL\\_certificates\\_for\\_CIA\\_MI6\\_Mossad](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219727/Hackers_steal_SSL_certificates_for_CIA_MI6_Mossad)

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### 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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## Communications Sector

47. *September 6, New Tampa Patch* – (Florida) **Bright House Networks outages reported in Tampa Bay area.** A Bright House Networks outage left much of the Tampa Bay, Florida area without phone, high-speed Internet and some cable service September 6. Service was reported down in much of the area, including Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco and Manatee counties. On Twitter, there were dozens of tweets September 6 by customers reporting outages. The company was aware of the issues, which began around 10:40 a.m. a Bright House spokesman said. It was unclear how widespread the outages were, he said. The company's customer service and public relations phone lines were also down. In Manatee County, several customers drove to the local Bright House Networks office to get updates because they could not reach anyone by phone.

Source: <http://newtampa.patch.com/articles/bright-house-networks-outages-reported-in-tampa-bay-area>

48. *September 4, Muncie Star-Press* – (National) **Local Indiana public radio stations down after lightning strike.** A lightning strike was responsible for three Indiana

Public Radio (IPR) stations being off the air late September 3 into September 4. According to a release from IPR, the WBST 92.1 FM transmitter was hit by lightning September 3 around 7:30 p.m., when a wave of thunderstorms rolled through the area. The strike damaged the main blower for the transmitter to the point of three IPR stations — WBST 92.1 in Muncie, WBSB 89.5 in Anderson and WBSH 91.1 in Hagerstown — going off the air, according to the release. A replacement part was being flown in September 4 from Quincy, Illinois, and radio officials believed the earliest these three stations could be back on the air was by 7 p.m. September 4. IPR was still on the air at WBSJ 91.7 in Portland and WBSW 90.9 in Marion, September 4, and listeners could also tune in to the stations online at [www.indianapublicradio.org](http://www.indianapublicradio.org). Source: <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20110904/NEWS06/110904006>

49. *September 3, Hutchinson News* – (Kansas) **Fire destroys radio station studios.** An early morning fire September 2 destroyed the downtown Hutchinson, Kansas, studios of radio stations KSKU, KXKU, KNZS, and KWHK, and caused smoke damage to Sparks Music and the Wiley Building, which were on opposite sides of the radio stations. Sparks Music and the soda fountain at Fraese Drug Store in the Wiley building were closed, but the downtown development director said other businesses in the 100 block of North Main would be opening later September 2, despite the fact the block was closed to traffic and parking. A fire department inspector September 2 said they were awaiting heavy equipment that would be used to begin tearing the building down. He said the fire was reported at 2:30 a.m. The last employee of the stations had gone home between 10 and 11 p.m. September 1, and the stations were playing automated programming until the fire knocked them off the air. The owner of the stations said he was told firefighters found the back door broken open, and that the fire might be arson. The stations broadcast from four towers scattered around Reno County, but the Main Street studio was the hub for all four. Source: <http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=100439>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

50. *September 6, Brownsville Herald* – (Texas) **Police: Sedated woman sparked apartment blaze with cigarette.** Police believe a woman who allegedly took sedatives and fell asleep smoking a cigarette sparked a fire at an apartment complex that left dozens homeless early September 4 in McAllen, Texas. A McAllen municipal judge arraigned the 26-year-old on two counts of deadly conduct, a class A misdemeanor September 5, according to a news release from the police department. The fire gutted an apartment complex at 1212 E. Dallas Avenue. It displaced 175 people after it destroyed one building and damaged another. Emergency personnel transported 12 tenants to the hospital after many jumped off second-floor balconies to save themselves from their burning homes. Medics also treated one firefighter who suffered severe dehydration. Source: <http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/sparked-130857-blaze-woman.html>

51. *September 6, msnbc.com and Associated Press* – (Nevada) **4 dead, 6 wounded in Nevada shooting.** A man with an automatic rifle opened fire at an IHOP restaurant in Carson City, Nevada, September 6, killing two National Guard members, another person, and himself in a hail of gunfire during the morning breakfast hour, authorities and witnesses said. Six people were wounded in the attack. The suspect apparently acted alone and died at a hospital in Reno. Authorities were not saying whether the attack targeted the Guard members, who were meeting at the restaurant in a strip mall on Carson City's main street. Witnesses said the gunman pulled up in a blue minivan around 9 a.m. and shot a man on a motorcycle, then walked inside the restaurant and started shooting. He then walked outside and fired shots at a barbecue restaurant and an H&R Block in the strip mall, and then a casino across the street before turning the gun on himself. The state capitol and supreme court buildings were locked down for about 40 minutes, and extra security measures were put in place at state and military buildings in northern Nevada, but the shooting appeared to be an isolated incident, said the Carson City sheriff. Local, state police, and the FBI responded. The minivan was registered locally. A public relations manager for Care Flight told the Reno Gazette-Journal that three victims were taken to the hospital by helicopter, and that two were in critical condition.  
Source: [http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/44410882/ns/today-today\\_news/t/wounded-shooting-nevada-restaurant/](http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/44410882/ns/today-today_news/t/wounded-shooting-nevada-restaurant/)
52. *September 6, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **3 kids contract rare flu after Washington County fair.** State officials said three Pennsylvania children who attended an agricultural fair in Washington County have contracted a new strain of influenza containing characteristics from the H1N1 virus, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh reported September 6. Authorities said all three children attended the Washington County Agricultural Fair between August 13 and August 20. They say one child has recovered, while two confirmed ill the weekend of September 3 and 4, are recuperating. The new strain also contains characteristics from the H1N1 virus linked to the 2009 flu pandemic. The state is investigating how the illness was transmitted. But a health department spokeswoman said there does not appear to be any human-to-human contact. In a news release, health officials said they are conducting increased monitoring in southwestern Pennsylvania, and setting up informational booths about influenza at agricultural fairs.  
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/health/29084881/detail.html>
53. *September 6, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **U.S. Park Police hunt for young gun in San Francisco Aquatic Park attack.** With no one yet in custody, U.S. Park Police hope interviewing the victim will shed light on a shooting the night of September 5 near Municipal Pier in San Francisco, a popular lookout point and fishing spot in the Aquatic Park area. The victim was described as a young male adult from San Francisco. He was shot in the back near the pier at the end of Van Ness Avenue, an area frequented by joggers, cyclists, dog walkers, and tourists. As of the morning of September 6, the victim was in stable condition at San Francisco General Hospital, a Golden Gate National Recreation Area spokeswoman said. She said no one was in custody. U.S. Park Police, which is leading the investigation because the shooting happened on federal land, was informed by the San Francisco Police Department about

the incident at 8:12 p.m. The suspects, also described as young adults, fled the area in multiple cars before police arrived, the spokeswoman said. After the victim was transported to the hospital, authorities closed off the crime scene for about 2 hours, forcing people who had parked their cars in the area to wait.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/blogs/law-and-disorder/2011/09/us-park-police-hunt-young-gun-san-francisco-aquatic-park-attack>

54. *September 5, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Notre Dame calls stadium evacuation successful.** University of Notre Dame officials said the evacuation of the football stadium in South Bend, Indiana during severe weather September 3 went according to plan, and that it avoided any injuries among the 80,000 fans. School officials had been monitoring the weather forecast for several days and had a meteorologist on hand September 3 as they decided to order the Notre Dame Stadium stands cleared twice during the game against South Florida, a university spokesman said. Notre Dame's evacuation plan has been in place for many years, and school officials will review it during a meeting September 6, the spokesman said. The university spokesman said Notre Dame officials estimated about 50,000 people could take shelter in the stadium's concourse, and that the neighboring Joyce Center basketball arena and a nearby classroom building were opened up for fans.  
Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/sports/7489968-556/notre-dame-calls-stadium-evacuation-successful.html>
55. *September 3, Associated Press* – (Indiana; Iowa; Michigan) **Michigan Stadium cleared during 2nd weather delay.** Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the home stadium for the University of Michigan football team, was evacuated September 3. Fans were told to leave their seats in the third quarter in the game against Western Michigan. It was the third stadium to be cleared September 3 as a series of storms made their way through the Midwest. Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Indiana, home of the University of Notre Dame football team, was evacuated at halftime, and Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, Iowa, home of the University of Iowa football team, was also cleared. Michigan's game was previously delayed early in the third quarter during a heavy downpour with strong winds and lightning, but the stadium was not cleared at that time.  
Source: [http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/sports/college/article\\_b974ecb4-a3ea-5738-8edc-c2a217cd09e8.html](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/sports/college/article_b974ecb4-a3ea-5738-8edc-c2a217cd09e8.html)
56. *September 2, Palo Alto Patch* – (California) **Police arrest man in July's two-alarm fire at U-Haul.** A Palo Alto, California man was arrested for recklessly and unlawfully causing the fire that burnt several U-Haul trucks in July, the Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) reported September 2. An officer spotted the 48-year-old just after midnight September 1, when the suspect allegedly snuck out of the U-Haul facility through a hole in the fence, according to an MVPD spokeswoman. According to the police spokeswoman, security camera footage helped glean the suspect's jacket from the first incident. Also, as the police interviewed the suspect they gathered information that he may have caused the July 20 fire. In the July fire, five 10-foot trucks and two vans suffered serious damage, while a 20-foot truck was slightly damaged. All the trucks were parked near each other near the back of a lot that

contained more vans and trucks.

Source: <http://paloalto.patch.com/articles/police-arrest-man-in-julys-two-alarm-fire-at-u-haul>

57. *September 2, Nextgov* – (International) **Fraudsters exploit leaked dot-mil addresses.** A July leak of 90,000 military e-mail addresses and passwords has helped swindlers commit online fraud, FBI officials said. The hacktivist group Anonymous July 11 announced it had obtained, and later posted, the confidential data by cracking a computer system at defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton. Now, imposters are using the traditionally trustworthy dot-mil addresses to place sham orders with e-commerce vendors, warned the Internet Crime Complaint Center, an FBI-led public private partnership. Businesses have witnessed an increase in fake dot-mil orders during the past 30 days, the center said September 1. "As a result of this posting, merchants have reported some orders containing military email addresses have been identified as fraudulent," stated a center advisory. "Until this time, military email addresses typically meant an order was less likely to be fraudulent."

Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110902\\_1237.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110902_1237.php)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

58. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Wildfire destroys nearly 500 homes in Texas.** Calmer winds September 6 were expected to help firefighters battling a wildfire that has destroyed nearly 500 homes in Central Texas, and forced thousands of residents to evacuate to shelters to avoid the blaze, officials said. At least 5,000 people were forced from their homes in Bastrop County about 25 miles east of Austin, and about 400 were in emergency shelters, officials said September 5. School and school-related activities were canceled September 6. The fire enveloped at least 25,000 acres September 5. There were no immediate reports of injuries, and officials said they knew of no residents trapped in their homes.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/wildfire-destroys-nearly-500-homes-texas-221031244.html>

59. *September 5, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Fort Pickens campers stranded, traffic halted as Lee storm surge washes over beach roads.** About 66 campers in 41 campsites remained stranded in the Fort Pickens, Florida, campground September 5 after Tropical Storm Lee's storm surge and high surf pushed several feet of sand onto the only road in and out of the park. About 3 miles of the road was impassable, according to a park ranger. "The campers were advised on Friday [September 2] they could potentially be out there for a few days," the ranger said. "They were well-prepared. They're all quite content and have food and water." Work crews September 5 began removing sand from the road. Contractors estimated that it could take 48 hours to clear a lane big enough to allow campers to leave.

Source: <http://www.pnj.com/article/20110905/HURRICANE/109050309/Fort-Pickens->

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## **Dams Sector**

60. *September 4, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Levees in Plaquemines overtopped, Hwy. 23 impassable.** Water from the Gulf of Mexico, flowed into Barataria Bay and began overtopping levees in dozens of spots in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, September 4. The only roadway connecting the lower end of the parish to Belle Chasse, Highway 23, from Myrtle Grove to Lake Hermitage remained underwater into the evening. Winds from from the south pushed high water over the small, 3-and-a-half-foot back levees behind Myrtle Grove Marina Estates, through the surrounding fields and over the road. "The whole levee in the back, about 80 percent of it, is just flowing over the top," the Plaquemines Parish president said. "We've got a couple hundred of people on this side of the road (Ironton), and then we've got people in the Myrtle Grove subdivision outside the levee and Lake Hermitage subdivision outside the levee... those people are stranded," he added. Crews dropped super sandbags in culverts to block the water on one side of the highway September 4, and rolled out tiger dams.  
Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/news/local/story/Levees-in-Plaquemines-overtopped-Hwy-23-impassable/rwqdTKByB0K1oNT5DyMFIA.csp>
61. *September 4, Deccan Chronicle* – (International) **4 more gates of Srisailam dam lifted to release floodwater.** Four more gates of the Srisailam reservoir in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, India, were lifted by 10 feet September 3, after the water level reached 884.6 feet. The full reservoir level is 885 feet. A total of 69,000 cusecs of water was discharged. The chief engineer said the remaining five gates of the dam would be opened if inflows remained high. All the 30 gates of Tungabhadra dam were lifted in Hospet in Karnataka September 3.  
Source: <http://www.deccanchronicle.com/channels/cities/regions/anantapur/4-more-gates-srisailam-dam-lifted-release-floodwater-234>
62. *September 3, Lafayette Advertiser* – (Louisiana) **Levee collapse reported in Morgan City.** A portion of a levee in Morgan City, Louisiana, collapsed September 2 because of rainfall from Tropical Storm Lee, but no flooding occurred as a result. The director of the St. Mary Parish office of emergency preparedness said a drainage pipe that runs alongside a levee along Justa Street in Lakeside Subdivision collapsed and took part of the levee with it. Four inches of rain fell in 12 hours, according to the National Weather Service in Lake Charles.  
Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20110903/NEWS01/110903021>

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