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- Three people were killed and many others were injured after a gunman opened fire blocks away from Texas A&M University August 13 in College Station, Texas. – *Raycom News Network* (See item [35](#))
- A West Frankfort, Illinois man who allegedly threatened to take the life of police officers and blow up a police station was arrested in possession of homemade explosive devices, firearms, and ammunition. – *Carbondale Southern Illinoisan* (See item [41](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *August 13, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth; Associated Press* – (Texas) **Thousands without power after storms.** Dallas-based Oncor reported more than 13,000 customers without electricity in north Texas, August 13. Utility officials said that was down from about 55,000 customers losing power August 12 during strong winds and lightning. Power crews worked throughout the night to restore electricity. The areas with the most customers in the dark were in Northwest Fort Worth in the area around Meacham Airport and in Haltom City. The National Weather Service said wind gusts of more than 70 mph were recorded in the Fort Worth area, leading to some downed trees and power lines.
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Thousands-Without-Power-After-Storms-165962736.html>
2. *August 13, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Hydraulic fracturing materials involved in Elk City explosion.** An explosion at a trucking company in Elk City, Oklahoma, involved crude oil and natural gas liquids, materials used in hydraulic fracturing, a fire official said August 12. About 100 people were evacuated from their homes August 11 after the explosion injured two people, sending flames and a plume of black smoke into the air at Hodges Trucking. Firefighters remained on the scene for almost 10 hours, an Elk City Fire Department captain said. The captain said the explosion was in the company's yard and described the material inside a "frac tank" apparently involved in the incident as "highly explosive." According to its Web site, Hodges Trucking is an oil-field and heavy haul transportation company, and an affiliate of Chesapeake Energy Corporation.
Source: <http://newsok.com/hydraulic-fracturing-materials-involved-in-elk-city-explosion/article/3700423>
3. *August 13, Reuters* – (California) **Fire-hit Chevron Calif crude unit seen shut 6 mths.** The sole crude distillation unit at Chevron's large Richmond, California refinery may be shut for at least 4-6 months after it experienced a fire the week of August 6, industry intelligence group IIR Energy said in a report. Investigators have found "extensive damage" in the cooling towers, pipe racks, and heater tower, IIR Energy said. A Chevron spokesman reiterated August 13 that the No. 4 crude oil unit — the only one at the plant — was still shut down while other parts of the plant were operating. The fire erupted at a pump leaking a substance similar to diesel, according to a preliminary report the company filed with county pollution regulators. IIR Energy said Chevron had not yet decided whether it would continue to operate some secondary units that are running down on-hand feedstock inventories. The fire damaged the only atmospheric tower on the crude distillation unit (CDU), the unit that begins converting crude oil to motor fuel. The CDU makes feedstock for all other units at the refinery. The blaze, which broke out as workers and the refinery's fire department were evaluating a leak at the pump, sent 949 area residents to an area hospital complaining of respiratory problems and eye irritation among other symptoms.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/13/refinery-operations-richmond-idINL2E8JD27Z20120813>

4. *August 9, MarketWatch* – (International) **Atlantic storms keep oil, nat gas traders on edge.** The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) updated August 9 its Atlantic hurricane season prediction, raising the number of expected storms for the 2012 season. NOAA now expects to see 12 to 17 named storms, including 5 to 8 hurricanes — of which 2 to 3 could become major hurricanes, with winds of at least 111 miles per hour. That compares to an initial outlook released in May calling for 9 to 15 named storms. There have already been six named storms, including Ernesto, which briefly gained hurricane status and is currently a tropical storm near the coast of Mexico. Ernesto prompted the closure of Mexico’s Gulf coast port of Veracruz and ports of Alvarado and Coatzacoalcos, according to the Associated Press. “Ernesto has been a reminder of the potential threat that the season poses to natural gas and oil supply,” said an analyst with Summit Energy. “The storm passed through the southern part of the Bay of Campeche, which is home to some of Mexico’s largest oil fields [and] Mexico is the third-largest exporter of oil to the U.S. after Canada and Saudi Arabia,” he said.
Source: http://articles.marketwatch.com/2012-08-09/markets/33113242_1_gerry-bell-tropical-storm-debby-atlantic-storms

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *August 12, Arizona Republic; KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Glendale hazmat situation involved chemicals on truck.** Emergency crews allowed a hazardous chemical spill that occurred August 11 in an industrial area in Glendale, Arizona, to evaporate naturally, according to a Glendale Fire Department spokesman. The decision was made because water cannot be used on the two chemicals, an oxidizer and a corrosive that combined to off-gas, he said. Crews monitored the air a quarter mile around the site into August 12. Officials suspect two pool chemicals stored together on a flatbed truck at a warehouse combined to create dangerous gases and a possible fire hazard. Firefighters evacuated several businesses located within a half-mile of the warehouse, for about 24 hours, the spokesman said. A reverse 9-1-1 call to about 500 homes within a half mile of the site warned residents to stay indoors or go somewhere else.
Source:
<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2012/08/11/20120811PNI0812-met-glendale-arizona-hazmat-situation-chemicals-evacuation-brk.html>
6. *August 10, CNN* – (Louisiana) **Louisiana sinkhole expected to keep residents away at least a month.** Residents living near a sinkhole that abuts a well containing large amounts of a volatile chemical in a southern Louisiana bayou were not expected to be allowed to return home for at least another month, officials said August 10. Authorities were investigating the cause of the slurry-filled hole, which is roughly the size of a football field. Specifically, they are looking into whether a nearby salt cavern could be to blame and have ordered the company responsible for that cavern to drill a relief well.

The process is expected to take up to 40 days, said the Assumption Parish president. Louisiana officials reached out to Texas Brine Company, a firm that uses brine to manufacture chlorine and caustic soda, urging it to provide residents from the 150 or so affected homes with help while it investigates whether a breach in its cavern might caused the sinkhole 100 yards away. The hole is believed to be close to a well containing 1.5 million barrels of liquid butane, a highly volatile liquid that turns into a highly flammable vapor upon release. A breach of that well could be catastrophic, said the Assumption Parish sheriff. Texas Brine had until August 13 to submit a permit to drill the well or face a \$5,000 per day fine, said an official with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of the well is to determine the structural status of the cavern as well as the pressure of gas that might be inside of it, he said, adding that the last mechanical integrity test performed on the cavern was done in late 2010.

Source: http://articles.cnn.com/2012-08-10/us/us_louisiana-bayou-sinkhole_1_cavern-louisiana-sinkhole-evacuation-order

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Warm seawater forces Conn. nuclear plant shutdown.** The Millstone nuclear power plant in Waterford, Connecticut, shut down one of two units August 12 because seawater used to cool down the plant was too warm. Water from Long Island Sound is used to cool key components of the plant and is discharged back into the sound. The water may not be warmer than 75 degrees and following the hottest July on record has been averaging 1.7 degrees above the limit, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said. The agency issued an “emergency license amendment” the week of August 6, allowing Millstone, a subsidiary of Dominion Resources Inc., to use an average temperature of several readings in an attempt to avoid a shutdown. Dominion does not have an estimate of when the unit will restart. Millstone provides half of all power used in Connecticut, and 12 percent in New England. Its two units produce 2,100 megawatts of electricity, which is reduced by 40 percent with Unit 2 down.
Source: http://helenair.com/news/national/warm-seawater-forces-conn-nuclear-plant-shutdown/article_b9d7f672-ffe6-5958-b4f2-d6498e02a790.html
8. *August 12, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Palisades taken out of service due to leak of cooling water.** The Palisades Nuclear Power Plant near South Haven, Michigan, was taken out of service August 12 to repair a minor leak of cooling water in the plant’s containment building, according to a statement from the facility. No radioactivity was released into the environment, a plant spokesman said. The plant will return to service when repairs are complete. A report released in July cited problems with the facility’s “safety culture” and recommended improvement in communications at the plant. The Entergy-owned plant was listed as one of the four lowest-rated power plants in the nation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in March.

Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x1225372483/Palisades-taken-out-of-service-due-to-leak-of-cooling-water>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *August 13, Reuters* – (International) **GM recalls over 38,000 police Impalas in North America.** General Motors Co (GM) is recalling more than 38,000 Chevrolet Impala police cars in North America because the lower front control arms could fracture, increasing the risk of crash. The recall, which does not affect non-police versions of the Impala, covers 36,413 cars in the United States and 1,713 in Canada, according to GM and documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It covers cars from the 2008 to 2012 model years. GM said there have been no reports of accidents or injuries related to the issue. A fracture of the control arms, which support a vehicle's wheels, could lead to loss of control, according to NHTSA documents. Should a fracture occur, some tire "squeal" or "chirping" may be heard when turning at low speeds. The problem was discovered after GM received several reports from two police fleets of front lower control arms that fractured. The recall, which entails replacing both front, lower control arms, is expected to begin August 21. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/13/us-gm-recall-idUSBRE87C0FW20120813>

10. *August 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Hampshire) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites New Hampshire foundry with long violation history for willfully exposing workers to lead hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a news release August 10 indicating it cited Franklin Non-Ferrous Foundry Inc. with four alleged willful and serious violations of workplace health and safety standards, chiefly involving a failure to protect workers from exposure to lead. The foundry, located in Franklin, New Hampshire, faces \$185,900 in proposed fines following a January OSHA inspection to verify the abatement of hazards cited by the agency in 2009. The recent inspection found two employees exposed to excessive levels of lead during foundry operations and a lack of sufficient engineering controls to reduce lead exposure levels. Management also failed to conduct additional lead exposure monitoring when alloys with higher lead content were used and the ventilation system was not working. In addition, management failed to regularly measure the ventilation system to gauge its effectiveness in controlling lead exposure, and respirators were not used when required. Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22836

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Banking and Finance Sector

11. *August 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Nationwide phishing emails hit inboxes.** Customers of Nationwide Building Society, a British mutual financial institution and the largest building society in the world, are being targeted with phishing emails purportedly coming from the company, GFI Labs reported August 13. The emails ask recipients to either validate their Internet banking profile or to solve an “unusual conflict between the customer number and profile details” associated with their account. If they follow the offered links, the victims are redirected through many compromised sites to one that hosts the phishing page designed to look like it belongs to Nationwide. They are then asked to share security information that will allow the phishers to compromise their account.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13417>
12. *August 11, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **No bomb, but threat shook up part of downtown.** The actions of a man whom police described as “disgruntled” triggered a midday disruption August 10 along Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The man, who had a book bag with him, entered the M&I Bank and said he had either a bomb, a gun, or both, police said. The alleged bomb threat and apprehension prompted the evacuation of Gaviidae Common and the closure of several surrounding streets for about an hour. The suspect was being held in the Hennepin County jail on suspicion of kidnapping and terroristic threats, said a Minneapolis police spokesman. He did not have a bomb or gun, the spokesman said. The incident began earlier that day, when the suspect went to the studios of WCCO 4 Minneapolis and was turned away after asking to speak with a reporter. Soon afterward, the station reported, a man believed to be the same person called WCCO and repeated his request to speak with a reporter. He added that if his story was not heard, the station would hear about it.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/165748606.html?refer=y>
13. *August 10, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Zeus-like Dorifel malware spotted in Europe.** A malware infection believed to be linked to the Zeus crimeware family has been reported on systems in Europe, V3.co.uk reported August 10. Kaspersky Lab said the attack, known as “Dorifel,” displays a pattern of odd behavior such as encrypting downloaded information and establishing secured network connections. Researchers are not sure of the exact aim of the infection or its behaviors, but Kaspersky Lab believes the attack is financial in nature and possibly related to Zeus. Researchers studying the infection found that servers hosting the control components for Dorifel hosted a number of other malware attacks and also stored stolen financial data. Kaspersky Lab said that thus far most of Dorifel’s attacks have occurred in the Netherlands, though infections have been spotted throughout Europe.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2198222/zueslike-dorifel-malware-spotted-in-europe>

14. *August 10, New Castle News Journal* – (Delaware) **Discover employee faces terroristic threatening, criminal trespassing charges.** An employee who was told not to return to work after being reprimanded was arrested August 9 after he showed up on Discover Card Bank property in New Castle, Delaware, New Castle County police said in a release. He was charged with felony terroristic threatening, terroristic threatening, criminal trespassing, and possession of marijuana, said a police official. The incident forced the evacuation of employees in the building after a report that an employee was on the property and possibly was armed with an AK-47. The suspect was on the top deck of the garage headed for the front door, the official said. Bomb dogs were called to the scene to sweep his vehicle because he had allegedly mentioned to a colleague about bringing an AK-47 to work and shooting the place up. Officers learned the suspect had been placed on administrative leave August 8 because of an unreported incident in which he allegedly threatened an employee. As a result of that, the suspect was told not to return to work or enter the property until he was contacted by the company. Upon seeing him on the property the morning of August 9, security personnel placed the building on lockdown as a precaution and notified police.
Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20120810/NEWS01/308100077/Discover-employee-faces-terroristic-threatening-criminal-trespassing-charges?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>
15. *August 10, IT PRO* – (International) **Trusteer hails discovery of ‘Son of Silon’ financial malware.** Security vendor Trusteer uncovered a type of financial malware that it claims is capable of avoiding detection by most types of anti-virus software, IT PRO reported August 10. The Trojan, dubbed Tilon, uses the so-called ‘Man in the Browser’ (MitB) technique: The malware injects itself into the software and is then in full control of the traffic traveling between the browser and the Web server. “[Tilon] has an impressive list of supported browsers — Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, and probably others,” said the chief technology officer at Trusteer. Tilon, which is related to the Silon malware Trusteer detected in 2009, is specifically targeted at online banking customers protected by two factor authentication systems, according to the security expert. It is able to gain access to all log-in credentials and transactions, the company said, by capturing all form submissions and sending them to its command and control server. The firm claims Tilon shares similarities with other financial malware, such as Zeus, SpyEye and Shylock, but it is its evasion mechanisms that make it stand out.
Source: <http://www.itpro.co.uk/642223/trusteer-hails-discovery-of-son-of-silon-financial-malware>
16. *August 9, Queens Times Ledger* – (Pennsylvania) **FBI arrests Bayside man for alleged death threats.** The FBI arrested a Bayside, New York man August 7 for allegedly threatening to kill employees of a Pennsylvania bank, authorities said. According to a criminal complaint filed by an FBI agent, the man faxed a threatening note to a Sovereign Bank in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. An FBI agent said the man held a loan with the bank that may have blocked him from selling his home while he still owed about \$179,000 on the loan. Law enforcement officials had reason to take his threats seriously as he also had a shotgun registered in his name, the criminal complaint

said. “The 2nd Amendment to the National Constitution authorized the use of deadly force to protect my interests as a national citizen,” the suspect said in the faxed letter in which he tried to terminate the loan he owed. “I believe I have a basis to act in that manner.” At his arraignment in Brooklyn federal court August 8, the judge refused his requests to represent himself and ruled he was a danger to the community and was to be held without bail. According to the FBI, the man identifies himself as part of the sovereign citizen movement.

Source: http://www.timesledger.com/stories/2012/32/chung_web_2012_08_09_q.html

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Transportation Sector

17. *August 13, ABC News* – (New York) **Jet skier breaks through JFK Airport’s \$100 million security system.** A man whose jet ski failed him in New York’s Jamaica Bay swam to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York City, where he was easily able to penetrate the airport’s state-of-the-art security system. He was able to swim up to and enter the airport grounds August 10, past an intricate system of motion sensors and closed-circuit cameras designed to safeguard against terrorists, authorities said. The man climbed an 8-foot barbed-wire perimeter fence and walked undetected through the airport’s Perimeter Intrusion Detection System and across two runways into Delta’s terminal 3. He was eventually spotted by a Delta employee, and police charged him with criminal trespassing. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey officials responded saying they “took immediate action to increase its police presence with round the clock patrols of the facility’s perimeter and increased patrols by boat of the surrounding waterway.” In 2011 at JFK, there was a huge uproar over the same perimeter fence, when it was knocked out by weather and remained down for days.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/jet-skier-breaks-jfk-airports-100-million-security/story?id=16992190#.UCkNpqDI-ra>
18. *August 13, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Sunrise: Crews repairing Highway 67 after sinkhole forces closure.** Officials say State Highway 67 near Cripple Creek southwest of Colorado Springs was closed indefinitely after a sinkhole opened over a mine shaft under the roadway. The Colorado Department of Transportation said the highway was closed in both directions after the hole was reported August 11. The hole is about 5 feet wide under the surface of the roadway and is about 20 feet deep. No estimate was available as to when the road would be reopened.
Source: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/springs-143092-colorado-say.html>
19. *August 13, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **I-70 east closed in downtown after crash, hazmat situation.** Interstate 70 east was closed in Columbus, Ohio, after a semi crashed and caught fire August 13. The crash involved a semi and minivan, and occurred on I-70 east, just west of State Route 315. I-70 east was closed on the west

side of the downtown split with S.R. 315 and Interstate 71. The ramps from I-71 north to I-70 east, and S.R. 315 south to I-70 east were also closed. I-70 west had two lanes opened. HAZMAT crews were called to the scene, and showed something was leaking from the semi. Initial reports indicated the substance might be battery acid. Two people from the minivan and the driver of the semi were transported to a hospital. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) was called to the scene and was evaluating the stability of the bridge. ODOT said the duration of the closure could be several hours. Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/aug/13/20/i-70-east-closed-downtown-after-crash-hazmat-situa-ar-1135590/>

20. *August 12, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Airplane catches fire before takeoff at Sea-Tac.** A Seattle-Tacoma International (Sea-Tac) Airport spokesman said all passengers were safely evacuated after a United Airlines plane caught fire before taking off. The Seattle Times reported that firefighters responding August 11 discovered flames coming from the auxiliary power unit of United flight 776, a Boeing 757 bound for Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C. A Sea-Tac spokesman said firefighters extinguished the flames, and the plane was evacuated. A preliminary investigation indicated the fire might be traceable to residual oil in the auxiliary power unit, which is located in the plane's tail. The plane was towed to cargo services for further investigation. United's Web site indicated the flight's passengers were to be put on another plane a few hours later. The plane that caught fire came to Sea-Tac from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the airline's Web site said. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/airplane-catches-fire-before-takeoff-at-seattle-airport-no-injuries/2012/08/12/d85ca23c-e4c9-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285_story.html
21. *August 12, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Highway 680 reopens after double-fatal crash.** The California Highway Patrol (CHP) reopened lanes on Interstate Highway 680 in San Ramon after a fiery crash killed two people August 12. The CHP shut down the roadway for nearly 7 hours after the three-car collision was reported on southbound Highway 680 at the Crow Canyon Road off-ramp. One of the vehicles involved started leaking gas after the crash and one car caught fire. Multiple passengers appeared to be trapped in the vehicle that caught fire, two people were declared dead at the scene, and a third was taken to a hospital with major injuries, a CHP officer said. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/columns/article/Highway-680-reopens-after-double-fatal-crash-3782596.php>
22. *August 11, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **Crews contain minor leak after four train cars derail.** Four freight train cars derailed August 11 near Donovan Way and Tropical Parkway, North Las Vegas Fire Department officials said. Firefighters from throughout the Las Vegas Valley arrived to investigate the derailment and a potential hazardous material spill, officials said. One tank car carrying alcohol, one tank car carrying a fatty acid, one boxcar carrying lumber, and one empty boxcar went off the rails. Within 45 minutes, the 18 fire department units and 55 personnel targeted a minor leak in one of the tank cars and contained it, officials said. Residents were never in danger, they said. Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2012/aug/11/crews-contain-minor-leak-after-four-train-cars-der/>

23. *August 11, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Train wreck cleared; Amtrak on the move.** A BNSF Railway coal train derailed west of Grants, New Mexico, August 10, blocking one of the country's major transcontinental rail routes. A BNSF spokesman told KRQE 13 Albuquerque the derailment involved 30 empty coal cars. Heavy equipment was dispatched from Albuquerque to the scene near Prewitt, about 20 miles west of Grants, to join railroad crews in clearing the wreckage and repairing track damage. One track was reopened to traffic August 11, and the second was expected to be back in service later that day. The double-track route is the BNSF's main line from Chicago and Texas to the West Coast and handles scores of freight trains every day. Amtrak also uses the route, and the westbound Southwest Chief, which departed Albuquerque, was caught east of the wreck. An Amtrak spokesperson said the train from Chicago to Los Angeles with about 270 passengers on board returned to Albuquerque. The passenger train headed west again 11 hours behind schedule. The coal train was believed to have been on its way from a power plant in Arizona to a coal mine in Wyoming.

Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/business/coal-train-wrecks-in-western-nm>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *August 13, Food Safety News* – (California) **CA warns consumers to not eat oysters from Drakes Bay Oyster Co.** The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) director warned consumers August 11 to not eat shucked and in-shell raw oysters from Drakes Bay Oyster Company because they may be contaminated with *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, a bacterium that can cause serious illness. As of August 13, three illnesses in California were linked to the products, according to CDPH. Drakes Bay Oyster Company, an Inverness, California oyster grower, has initiated a voluntarily recall of the affected shucked and in-shell raw oyster products. A complete list of the recalled products and photos of the shellfish tag and shucked oyster jar or tub labeling can be found at the CDPH Web site.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/ca-warns-consumers-to-not-eat-oysters-from-drakes-bay-oyster-co/#.UCj4gqD6fEU>

25. *August 13, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Italy's crop damage from drought seen close to 1 billion euros - Businessweek.** Italian farmers have suffered close to \$1.23 billion in crop damage from drought, with losses in corn, wine grapes, and sugar beets, farm-industry organization Confagricoltura reported, according to Bloomberg News August 13. Corn losses range from 30 percent to complete destruction for non-irrigated

fields, while the damage in soybeans and sugar beets is about 50 percent, the Rome-based agriculture group wrote in a statement August 9. Italy is Europe's third-largest corn grower behind France and Romania, and the region's largest importer of wheat. The drought has also caused "considerable" losses in quality and quantity of fodder, sunflowers, tomatoes, summer fruits, grapes, and olives, the group wrote. Some areas face a "concerning" year for mushrooms and chestnuts, it said. Italy's wine harvest has started, and production is forecast to fall 10 percent below the 5-year average because of heat and drought, the farm union Coldiretti said August 8.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-08-13/italy-s-crop-damage-from-drought-seen-close-to-1-billion-euros>

26. *August 12, WAOW 9 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Fire in Marathon Co. kills 75-80 cattle.** A fire in Marathon County, Wisconsin, destroyed a barn and two sheds August 12. Officials said it happened in the town of Cassel. Marathon County Sheriff's Department officials said 75-80 cattle died in the fire, and 20-25 others got out of the barn. However, they said those may be put down, due to smoke inhalation. It took officials 4 hours to clear the scene.
Source: <http://www.waow.com/story/19257212/fire-in-marathon-co-kills-75-80-cattle>
27. *August 11, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Two injured in shooting at Key Peninsula grocery store.** A woman allegedly walked into a Key Peninsula, Washington grocery store and began shooting a handgun August 11, hitting two customers. Witnesses said the woman entered the store and walked around briefly before she began firing, the Pierce County sheriff said. People in the store subdued the woman until police arrived. One man was shot in the leg and another man was shot in his midsection. They were taken to the hospital. The two people have non-life threatening injuries, said KIRO 7 Seattle. The woman was arrested. KIRO reported the woman told police she "didn't like them [the two people shot]." Police closed the store during their investigation.
Source: <http://blog.thenewstribune.com/crime/2012/08/11/two-injured-in-shooting-on-key-peninsula/>
28. *August 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Burch Equipment LLC expands recall to include additional cantaloupe shipping dates and to include honeydew melons.** Burch Equipment LLC expanded its recall to include all of this growing season's cantaloupes and honeydew melons that may remain on the market because they may possibly be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 10. All cantaloupes involved in the recall were grown by Burch Farms, however some of the cantaloupes may have been identified with a "Cottle Strawberry, Inc." sticker. Cantaloupes from Burch Farms were shipped in corrugated boxes (9 cantaloupe per case), and in bulk bins. Honeydew melons involved in this recall expansion do not bear any identifying stickers and were packed in cartons labeled melons. The cantaloupes and honeydew melons involved in this expanded recall were sold to distributors between June 23-27, in the following States: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia. The melons may

have further been distributed to retail stores, restaurants, and food service facilities in other States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315248.htm>

29. *August 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Missa Bay, LLC announces voluntary recall of fruit, vegetable, and sandwich products containing apples because of possible health risk.** Missa Bay, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ready Pac Foods, Inc., of Swedesboro, New Jersey, voluntarily recalled 293,488 cases and 296,224 individually distributed units of fruit, vegetable, and sandwich products because they contain diced or sliced apples which may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 10. The recalled products were produced and distributed from the Missa Bay, LLC facility to retailers and food service operators in the following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia and also Washington, D.C.. This recall was issued due to finding *Listeria monocytogenes* on equipment used by Missa Bay, LLC to produce apple products.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315249.htm>
30. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **DNR blames iron-laden water for fish kill in Mason City, Iowa.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said the release of orange, iron-laden cooling water killed an unknown number of fish in Mason City, Iowa. The agency reported August 10 that the water came from a Golden Grain plant, where investigators determined too much sulfuric acid was added to a cooling system. That caused rust from a piping system to taint the water, which was released to Cheslea Creek on the south side of Mason City. The DNR could not count how many fish were killed because the water remained so discolored. It appeared the fish killed were species of minnow. The plant has diverted about 600,000 gallons of iron-laden water to a pond, where it will be stored and then processed. The DNR may later seek restitution for the dead fish.
Source:
<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/viewart/20120812/OSH0101/308120083/DNR-blames-iron-laden-water-fish-kill-Mason-City-Iowa>
31. *August 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California; Minnesota) **Fresco Green Farms Inc. recalls cilantro because of possible health Risk.** Fresco Green Farms Inc., of Winchester, California, recalled 1,643 cases of Cilantro harvested from July 18-27 because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 9. The cilantro was on store shelves in California and Minnesota beginning July 19, and was likely sold or removed from sale before August 6. The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315245.htm>

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Water Sector

32. *August 13, Nyack-Piermont Patch* – (New York) **Nyack’s boil water advisory will last until Thursday.** Residents throughout the Nyacks area in New York will boil their water until August 16, officials said August 13. The boil advisory went into effect August 11, after a water main break in West Nyack. Officials scrambled to patch up the damaged pipe, but struggled to find the leak’s location. The Rockland Department of Health started testing the water for harmful microbes, officials said, after waiting for water levels to bounce back from the previous low. All 15,000 of Nyack Water Company’s clients were reportedly affected. Homeowners in Nyack and Central, West and South Nyack reported no water, low pressure, or discolored streams. Businesses were hit, as well while many closed their doors. Village officials hauled bottled water and port-a-potties to the homes.

Source: <http://nyack.patch.com/articles/nyack-s-boil-water-advisory-will-likely-last-until-thursday>

33. *August 11, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Fanno Creek Trail re-opened after sewage spill.** The Fanno Creek Trail in southwest Portland, Oregon, was re-opened to foot traffic after a pipe leaked about 15,000 gallons of sewage onto the trail between August 10 and 11. The sewage stopped flowing from beneath the asphalt early August 10, and the trail was cleared for public access, a Portland spokeswoman said. Sewage was leaking onto the trail at a rate of about 5 gallons per minute. The spill did not leak into Fanno Creek, the Portland Golf Club, or the catch basin nearby. HAZMAT crews used a pressure-washing system to rid a 100-foot area of bacteria. The pipe was shut off to prevent further leaks. A malfunction in a pressure main has been identified as a possible cause for the spill. This is the second time in 3 years the pipe will need to be replaced, said a city of Portland spokeswoman.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2012/08/fanno_creek_trail_re-opened_af.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *August 10, KSFY 13 Sioux Falls* – (South Dakota) **Several violations force state to close Hudson Healthcare Center.** The South Dakota Department of Health shut down Hudson’s only nursing home due to violations that have been piling up since February, KSFY 13 Sioux Falls reported August 10. Inspectors have visited the facility seven times in 2012 and with each visit found a slew of deficiencies. According to the reports, the facility failed to follow several required operating procedures and was most days understaffed. Another report showed staff often did not give the correct dosage of medications to their patients. In the most recent report from June, the inspector said staff repeatedly failed to clean blood from glucose meters before testing other patients. But in reports dating back to 2010, inspectors believe staff continually failed to report or investigate abuse allegations for multiple patients.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/19250674/several-violations-force-state-to-close-hudson-healthcare-center>

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35. *August 13, Raycom News Network* – (Texas) **Officer, suspect among 3 killed in shooting near Texas A&M.** Three people have been killed and many others were injured after a gunman opened fire just blocks away from Texas A&M University August 13 in College Station, Texas. Police confirm two have died, including one civilian and a constable. TV stations KBTX 3 Bryan/College Station and KHOU 11 Houston reported the suspect had also been killed, citing the College Station Police Department (CSPD). Witnesses told KBTX the constable arrived to evict the shooter from his home. Other responding officers were met with gunfire. A CSPD spokesman said those officers called for backup and ended up shooting the gunman. One officer was shot in the leg and was in stable condition. A third officer suffered non-life threatening injuries, and a second civilian was in surgery because of her wounds. Witness reports indicated the scene was active for about half an hour. Police said the area, which was just blocks from campus and near Kyle Field, the football stadium, was secured.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/19265000/multiple-shot-near-texas-am-1-person-in-custody>
36. *August 10, WALA 10 Mobile* – (Alabama) **Fire victim’s son arrested for making terrorist threat.** Mobile, Alabama police arrested a former Spring Hill College (SHC) student August 9 and charged him with making a terrorist threat against the college. In July 2011, Spring Hill issued an advisory to faculty and staff saying, “[He] is not allowed on the campus, at College events, or to contact the College.” The advisory went on to say, “If you see [him] on the campus or at SHC events, or receive communication from him, refer him to Public Safety and contact them immediately.” Police said he made threats of violence to students and faculty. “[He]...continues to contact SHC employees via email with harassing comments. On August 8, the suspect sent an email considered to be threatening in nature to the student body, faculty and staff. The college was forced to assemble a threat assessment team to discuss and evaluate the threats and increase campus patrols,” a Mobile police spokesperson said.
Source: http://www.fox10tv.com/dpp/news/local_news/terror-threat-arrest
37. *August 10, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **N.Y. man pleads guilty to harassing Pitt professors.** A New York man who sent threatening emails to professors at the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) in Pennsylvania during the height of a series of bomb threats on campus pleaded guilty to harassment August 9 and promised to continue treatment for his delusional disorder. He was arrested in April after university police linked him to the emails, which referenced both the bomb threats and the March shooting at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Oakland, though investigators have said he is not associated with either. At the time of his arrest, the Pitt community was on edge after scores of bomb threats caused nightly evacuations at more than 50

buildings.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-city/ny-man-pleads-guilty-to-harassing-pitt-professors-648385/>

38. *August 10, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Bomb threat investigated after email to FOX 2 reporter.** FBI and local police are looking into possible charges against a Creve Coeur man who threatened to blow up a St. Louis, Missouri building. August 10, a FOX Files reporter received an email that states, in part, “I will plan to blow up a small portion of the State Wainwright Building in downtown Saint Louis. I don’t care about the loss of life. The State of Missouri sure doesn’t, so the only way to be heard is to murder lots of people and that’s what I’m going to do.” His email said he was trying to get attention for issues involving child support and his kids’ health insurance. The sender of the email also listed personal information in his email including his name, number, and where he worked. FOX 2 watched as Maryland Heights police and FBI agents showed up at the man’s workplace and talked to him about the email. Police took him into custody to ask him more questions as police and prosecutors discuss possible charges.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2012/08/10/police-fbi-act-on-bomb-threat-sent-to-fox-2/>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *August 13, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Police, firefighters targeted in alleged ID theft scheme.** Two women remained jailed August 13 after being arrested the week of August 6 in an alleged identity theft scheme that targeted police officers and firefighters. An Atlanta police spokeswoman said the women visited Atlanta police precincts, fire stations, and Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) police substations on several days the week of August 6, under the guise of AFLAC insurance representatives. She said the women solicited many officers and supervisors “to fill out an application packet that included vital personal identification information for the employees, their spouses and children.” The spokeswoman stated that when the women went to the APD Zone 1 precinct, a lieutenant began to question them, “and eventually ejected them from his precinct.” The lieutenant contacted the department’s personnel unit, and learned from AFLAC’s actual representative to the city that the women were not authorized to solicit information. The women were caught and taken to the Fulton County Jail, charged with multiple counts of identity theft and racketeering. They remained in jail August 13 on \$55,000 bond. The spokeswoman said 39 packets of personal information were recovered.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/police-firefighters-targeted-in-1498552.html>

40. *August 12, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **Suspect crashes stolen police car.** A suspected bank robber commandeered a Santa Maria, California police cruiser August 11 and slammed into several vehicles injuring two people in a pickup plus a pedestrian. The incident began with reports of a robbery at a Chase Bank where a man allegedly

threatened employees by claiming he had a weapon. The suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money, the Santa Maria police lieutenant said. A police officer on an unrelated call saw the man attempting to carjack a woman and the officer immediately tried to thwart the suspect, the lieutenant said. During a “prolonged” scuffle, the man was able to get into the idling patrol car and drive away, dragging the police officer for an undetermined distance, he said. Several 9-1-1 callers reported a major collision after the police cruiser struck a northbound truck in front of the Su Mesa market.

Source: http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/suspect-crashes-stolen-police-car/article_5ac8197e-e446-11e1-80e1-001a4bcf887a.html

41. *August 11, Carbondale Southern Illinoisan* – (Illinois) **Cops: Explosives, guns found after threats.** A West Frankfort, Illinois man who allegedly threatened to take the life of police officers and blow up a police station was arrested August 9 in possession of homemade explosive devices, firearms, and ammunition, the West Frankfort police chief said. He was charged with weapons and explosive-related offenses after police were tipped off August 9. The investigation by police led to his arrest in a vehicle. Two homemade explosive devices were found inside the vehicle, the chief said. When officers served a search warrant at his home, they found another homemade explosive device. Several items associated with manufacturing explosive devices were located and seized. Several firearms including handguns, shotguns, and assault-style rifles, as well as several hundred rounds of ammunition also were seized. While the firearms appeared to be legal, attachments made to some of them were not legal, the chief said. The suspect also did not have a state-required valid firearm owner ID card. He was taken to Franklin County Jail and charged with weapons and explosive-related offenses.

Source: http://thesouthern.com/news/local/cops-explosives-guns-found-after-threats/article_8bc1f6b0-e36c-11e1-9310-0019bb2963f4.html

42. *August 10, Associated Press* – (International) **Border agents accused in smuggling ring convicted.** Two former U.S. Border Patrol agents were found guilty August 10 of smuggling hundreds of people into the United States in Border Patrol vehicles. They were convicted of charges that they brought illegal immigrants into the country for money and received bribes by public officials, and counts of conspiracy to launder money. Prosecutors said one agent started a ring that smuggled in Mexicans and Brazilians and made his older brother and a fellow agent, one of his first recruits. Both brothers pleaded not guilty in one of the highest-profile corruption cases to sting the Border Patrol since it went on a hiring spree during the last decade. The brothers were scheduled to be sentenced November 16. They face a maximum of 50 years in prison and at least \$1.25 million in penalties. Another defendant in the case was also found guilty August 10 of charges of smuggling illegal immigrants for money, bringing illegal immigrants into the United States, and conspiracy to launder money.

Source: <http://www.ktul.com/story/19251528/guilty-verdict-in-border-patrol-smuggling-case>

43. *August 10, KBTX 3 Bryan/College Station* – (Texas) **TDCJ inmate dies following Walker County riot.** A Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) official said an

inmate who suffered a serious head injury at the Estelle Unit in Walker County during a fight died from his injuries, KBTX 3 Bryan/College Station reported August 10. The inmate was allegedly involved in a riot at the Walker County medium security unit between Hispanic and African American inmates. A preliminary investigation indicated 73 prisoners took part in the July 31 incident. TDCJ officials said to regain control of the unit, chemicals were used by prison guards, and the fight was quickly broken up, but afterwards, the inmate who was found critically injured was airlifted to a hospital in Houston. He died the afternoon of July 31. The office of inspector general was investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.kbtx.com/news/headlines/TDCJ-Inmate-Dies-Following-Walker-County-Riot-165742046.html?ref=046>

44. *August 10, WJBK 2 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Gun discovered in holding cell at the Wayne County Jail.** The sheriff was investigating the Wayne County Jail in Detroit, after a gun was discovered in a secure area of the jail. WJBK 2 Detroit learned August 10, the gun was found in a secure holding cell. The gun was unloaded, empty, and appeared to be hidden. It was not in plain view. As soon as the gun was discovered, the jail was placed on lockdown. No inmate was permitted to leave their cell. No visitors, family, or lawyers were allowed in or out of the jail.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/story/19248653/2012/08/10/weapon-located-in-the-wayne-county-jail>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *August 13, ZDNet* – (International) **Blizzard passwords could be theoretically reverse engineered.** As a researcher explained on his blog, the information stolen from Blizzard is likely to be the server-side database used as part of the Secure Remote Password (SRP) protocol. If Blizzard’s implementation of SRP is standard, its stolen SRP database contains the username and salts for each account and their hashed password verifiers. In his post, the researcher drew on a previous paper, written by a leading researcher of SRP, who stated if certain data were known — such as the password verifiers that were stolen from Blizzard — an attacker would be able to perform a dictionary attack. Although an attacker cannot “unhash” the information, in simplistic terms, they can still attempt to combine a username with a dictionary list of common passwords, and then attempt to use the salts in the database to generate a verifier. These generated verifiers can then be matched up against stolen verifiers. The presence of the salts in the stolen information means the additional strength normally provided to mitigate weak passwords is hampered. Additionally, Blizzard passwords are case-insensitive, which significantly reduces the number of passwords that must be tested.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blizzard-passwords-could-be-theoretically-reverse-engineered-7000002497/>

46. *August 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Swiss scientists develop algorithm to sniff out source of malware, spam attacks.** Swiss scientists developed an algorithm that can be used to locate spammers as well as the source of a computer virus or malware. The algorithm finds the source by only checking a small percentage of the connections in a network, said a postdoctoral researcher at the Audiovisual Communications Laboratory of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology August 13. If a researcher would like to find the source of a virus, malware, or spam-attack, it is impossible to track the status of all nodes on the Internet, he said. Instead, he and his colleagues devised an algorithm that shows it is possible to estimate the location of the source from measurements collected by sparsely placed observers or sensors. By using the algorithm, the specific computer in the network from which the spam mail is being sent can be found so the network provider can shut it down, for instance, he said. Using the same method, the first computer where a virus was injected could be pinpointed, he added.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230199/Swiss_scientists_develop_algorithm_to_sniff_out_source_of_malware_spam_attacks

47. *August 13, Softpedia* – (International) **‘Fusking’ exposes private Photobucket pictures.** Photobucket is not as popular as it used to be, but it is still used by a number of Internet users, and it is also utilized by Twitter for hosting images. It was discovered that there is a serious vulnerability in the service that allows almost anyone to gain access to private pictures. According to BuzzFeed FWD, all an attacker needs is a fusking application — a piece of software able to extract images from a Web page. The issue is not entirely new — it has been used on many occasions to obtain adult pictures from the accounts of unsuspecting female users. Many of the “secret” pictures posted on 4chan are obtained by using these methods and several tutorials on how they can be obtained are posted, some of them dating as far back as 2009. However, many people are unaware of the issue, and Photobucket has not done much to mitigate the vulnerability.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fusking-Exposes-Private-Photobucket-Pictures-286317.shtml>

48. *August 10, Threatpost* – (International) **Researchers release detection tool for Gauss malware’s Palida Narrow font.** One of the many mysteries around the discovery of the Gauss malware is why the tool installs a new font called Palida Narrow on infected machines. Researchers have been unable to figure out yet what the purpose of the font is, but as its presence on a PC is a good indicator of a Gauss infection, CrySyS Lab and Kaspersky Lab released a tool to detect it August 10. The detection tool can be found on the Securelist site and also on the CrySyS Lab site. The two main questions surrounding Gauss are why Palida Narrow is installed, and what is inside the encrypted payload Gauss installs on infected machines. Researchers have many theories, with one being that Palida Narrow is used as a kind of brand to mark infected PCs for command-and-control servers.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/researchers-release-detection-tool-gauss-malwares-palida-narrow-font-081012

49. *August 10, Krebs on Security* – (International) **‘Booter shells’ turn Web sites into weapons.** Hacked Web sites are not just used for hosting malware anymore. Increasingly, they are being retrofitted with tools that let miscreants harness the compromised site’s raw server power for attacks aimed at knocking other sites offline. It has long been standard practice for Web site hackers to leave behind a Web-based “shell,” a tiny “backdoor” program that lets them add, delete, and run files on compromised server. However, in a growing number of Web site break-ins, the trespassers also are leaving behind simple tools called “booter shells,” which allow the miscreants to launch future denial-of-service attacks without the need for vast networks of infected zombie computers. According to Prolexic, with booter shells distributed denial-of-service attacks can be launched more readily and can cause more damage, with far fewer machines.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/08/booter-shells-turn-web-sites-into-weapons/>
50. *August 10, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Hazmat and FBI officials investigate suspicious letter.** HAZMAT and FBI officials began a formal investigation after a letter containing a powdery substance was received August 10 at NTT DATA, in Rockland, Massachusetts. The powder was tested on-site and initially determined to be benign, but was sent to the HAZMAT lab in Boston for further testing. It could take up to 5 days to obtain results. A Rockland Police lieutenant said the letter was addressed to a specific employee at the company. He described the letter as “somewhat threatening in nature.” The building was evacuated. The FBI plans to conduct a forensic investigation.
Source: <http://www.patriotledger.com/topstories/x181548295/Hazmat-and-FBI-officials-investigate-suspicious-letter>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

51. *August 13, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **Dozens displaced in apartment complex fire.** A fire broke out August 13 at the Slater House Apartments in Pawtucket,

Rhode Island. Dozens of residents of the senior housing complex were forced to relocate after flames broke out in one residence. More than 100 residents relocated to a nearby motel after emergency crews were forced to cut power to the building. Officials said the fire was electrical in nature.

Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/local_news/blackstone/pawtucket-dozens-of-residents-displaced-in-fire

52. *August 13, KFYP 5 Bismarck* – (North Dakota) **Lone Steer Motel burns down.** A roadside bar and motel in Steele, North Dakota, burned down August 12 and investigators believe it was a case of arson. They started an investigation for the person responsible for igniting the fire at the Lone Steer Motel. About 25 people were inside when the fire began on the second floor. It did not take long before flames engulfed the entire building. The Red Cross was present to help those displaced in the fire. The Steele police chief said everyone had a place to stay overnight. Several agencies were involved in the investigation, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Kidder County's State Attorney.
Source: http://www.kfyrtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=58651
53. *August 12, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Irving theater evacuated after employee assault.** Moviegoers evacuated the StarPlex Cinemas 10 in Irving, Texas, August 12 after an employee was assaulted, said the Irving police. Heavily armed officers were called to the theater in what was initially reported as a medical call, then as a possible shooting, and then an assault, the police spokesman said. It turned out that a theater employee was hit in the head with an unknown object during what was believed to be a robbery attempt. The building was cleared as officers searched for the suspect. The theater remained closed for several hours as police conducted an investigation.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/crime/Irving-theater-evacuated-after-employee-assault-165916216.html>
54. *August 12, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Police: Man arrested, charged after shots fired from air rifle damage mosque in Chicago suburb.** Police arrested a suspect and seized a high-velocity air rifle in connection with pellet rifle shots that recently damaged a mosque in a northern Chicago suburb, authorities said August 12. Police said the suspect was taken into custody and investigators seized an air rifle outfitted with a scope as part of their probe of the shooting August 10 at the Muslim Education Center in Morton Grove, Illinois, which serves as both a mosque and a school. A Muslim civil liberties group said the shots damaged an outer brick wall of the center shortly after worshipers observing the holy month of Ramadan broke their daily fast. A police spokesman said police were told windows at the mosque previously had been broken but those incidents were not reported.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/08bd521a8cd24474b7a99b04f1b4d360/IL--Mosque-Shots-Fired>
55. *August 11, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Sewage spill closes portion of Huntington Harbour.** A sewage spill prompted authorities to close a portion of

Huntington Harbour in Orange County, California, to swimming and diving until further notice. The restrictions, announced August 11, apply to the area from the boat launch at Warner Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway to the boat docks at Blue Water Lane. Orange County also posted a couple of warnings about high bacteria levels. One affected area was the east end of Baby Beach in Dana Point Harbor. The other was in San Clemente, where Poche Creek discharges at Poche Beach. Levels of bacteria can rise significantly in ocean and bay waters adjacent to storm drains, creeks and rivers, said the county's environmental health department. It advised beachgoers to avoid contact with any runoff on the beach and swimmers to steer clear.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/sewage-affects-portion-of-huntington-harbour.html>

56. *August 11, Berkshire Eagle* – (Massachusetts) **Pittsfield man held in alleged arson, bomb threat at Canyon Ranch.** The suspect in an arson fire, and in a separate bomb threat at the Canyon Ranch resort in Lenox, Massachusetts, was being held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing August 13 at Southern Berkshire District Court in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The suspect was arrested by Lenox Police August 10 on charges of setting a fire and threatening to blow up the high-end resort where he was employed as a security guard. The suspect faces two felony counts after police and fire units responded to a report of a wood shed ablaze on the property August 9. The fire was extinguished by Canyon Ranch security and assistance from Lenox Fire Department personnel, stated a report by the police chief. Authorities reported they had previously responded to a report of a bomb threat at the resort May 19, at which time the suspect handed the officer a written note threatening to blow up Canyon Ranch.

Source: http://www.berkshireeagle.com/ci_21288137/pittsfield-man-held-alleged-arson-bomb-threat-at

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

57. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Steep corner, Idaho fire death: Tree kills U.S. Forest Service firefighter.** The U.S. Forest Service said a firefighter was killed when she was struck by a falling tree while working on a fire in northern Idaho. The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest supervisor said the crew member was struck August 12 when one tree fell and crashed into another tree, causing it to fall in a domino-like effect. She was working on the Steep Corner fire, which has burned about 43 acres near Orofino.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/13/steep-corner-idaho-fire-death-forest-service_n_1772546.html

58. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Nevada) **Land closed to protect hunters from wildfire.** The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) closed a stretch of public land in southeast Oregon August 11 to protect hunters from the massive Holloway Fire. The BLM restricted the use of land west of U.S. 95 between Whitehorse Road and the

Nevada State line. August 11 marked the beginning of antelope season, and the agency was concerned hunters might get trapped, said a Holloway Fire spokesman. The fire scorched nearly 247 square miles of brush and sagebrush in Oregon and nearly 159 square miles in Nevada since lightning started it August 6. In south-central Oregon, the Barry Point Fire burned more than 30 square miles in Lakeview. Like the Holloway Fire, the blaze was ignited by lightning. An evacuation notice remained in effect for about 15 homes near Drews Reservoir. Fire crews contained 25 percent of the fire burning on private and Fremont-Winema National Forest lands.

Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20120813/NEWS03/708139892>

59. *August 12, Associated Press* – (California) **Evacuation order for Fresno Co. brushfire lifted.** Residents ordered to leave their homes in Fresno County, California, when a discarded cigarette sparked a brush fire were allowed back August 12. Far to the north, a wildfire in the Plumas National Forest continued to spread. Fire officials lifted the evacuation order for 40 residents near the community of Tollhouse, about 40 miles northeast of Fresno, as firefighters gained the upper hand on the 138-acre fire, a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman said. The fire was 80 percent contained. In Northern California, the Chips Fire threatened up to 600 homes and evacuation orders were issued for the Seneca and Rush Creek communities in Plumas National Forest. The fire spread further in its northern and northeastern flanks, pushing its size to 49.5 square miles, said a fire spokeswoman. The fire, which began July 29, was only 12 percent contained. Its cause remained under investigation. About 50 miles to the northwest, a fire burning in Lassen Volcanic National Park expanded to nearly 28 square miles. The Reading Fire forced the closure of Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway. Officials said the blaze was ignited July 23 and is one of a number of recent fires sparked by lightning. Fire officials expected to have the blaze contained by August 21.
Source: http://www.marini.com/tablehome/ci_21296545/40-homes-evacuated-fresno-county-brushfire
60. *August 12, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Firefighters making progress against Palo Pinto wildfires.** Despite triple-digit temperatures and occasional gusts, firefighters gained ground August 12 on two wildfires in Palo Pinto County, Texas, that burned at least 3,600 acres since they started the week of August 6, said a Texas Forest Service (TFS) official, and local authorities. Two helicopters arrived August 12 to aid firefighters from about 14 departments battling the blazes. The fires did not destroy any structures, but they threatened more than 40 homes. No evacuations were ordered. The Rhodes Ranch fire started August 8 near U.S. 180, just east of the town of Palo Pinto. By August 12, firefighters contained 50 percent of the blaze. August 9, the Dark Valley fire started near Texas 16 and Texas 254 near Possum Kingdom Lake, where wildfires in 2011 charred 126,734 acres and destroyed 168 homes, 2 churches, and 128 outbuildings. Firefighters had 50 percent of those fires contained. A TFS spokesman said the Rhodes Ranch fire burned 1,700 acres and the Dark Valley fire burned 1,900 acres as of August 12.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/08/12/4176529/firefighters-making-progress-against.html>

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61. *August 11, Associated Press* – (Kentucky; Ohio) **Workers replacing gate at Greenup Locks and Dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began to replace an aging gate at the Greenup Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in Kentucky, the Associated Press reported August 11. The Ashland Independent reported an emergency gate and bulkhead were put into place to hold back the water while crews with the Corps' Huntington District and private contractors worked to remove the concrete-encased steel along the walls of the chamber where the gates are anchored. The \$11.5 million project will replace the upriver set of hydraulic doors and will close down the 1,200-foot-long main lock chamber on the river between Greenup and Lawrence Counties in Ohio, for about 2 months. The Greenup Locks and Dam is one of the country's 10 busiest inland navigation locks, with 56.4 million tons of commodities moving through it in 2010. Corps officials expect to reopen the chamber in September. The district commander said the new gates are expected to increase the reliability of the lock and will have a lifespan of 50 to 60 years.

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