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- Up to 40,000 residences in north Texas were without power due to strong winds, which also knocked out traffic lights and caused an outage at Dallas Executive Airport. – *Dallas Morning News* (See item [1](#))
- A massive vehicle pileup on the Long Island Expressway resulted in a number of injuries and one death. – *New York Daily News* (See item [9](#))
- There were winter weather advisories across many States, while a major Midwest snowstorm caused three deaths, closed schools, congested highways, and impacted flights. – *USA Today* (See item [11](#))
- Fifteen FedEx employees working within the company's process hub in Memphis, Tennessee, have been accused of stealing or destroying numerous items and thousands of dollars from mail and other packages. – *WMC-TV 5 Memphis* (See item [15](#))
- Representatives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Massachusetts fire marshal investigated a fire at the Taylor Marina that destroyed three boats, damaged several others, and forced the evacuation residential buildings in the area. – *Boston Herald* (See item [30](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *December 20, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Overnight windstorm closes Chinese Lantern Festival, Sixth Floor Museum.** Up to 40,000 residences in north Texas were without power due to strong winds, which also knocked out traffic lights and caused an outage at Dallas Executive Airport.  
Source: <http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2012/12/up-to-40000-without-power-across-dallas-area-after-high-winds-overnight.html/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

2. *December 19, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Small fire reported at Dow Chemical Technology Park.** Emergency crews responded to a small fire at the Dow Chemical Company's Research and Development Facility in South Charleston.  
Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201212190043>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *December 20, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - 2008-2012 Can-Am Spider GS, RS, and RT gas caps.** Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. announced the recall of 33,700 model-year 2008-2012 Can-Am Spyder GS, RS, and RT vehicles due to the fuel cap not properly fitting, posing a risk of leaking fuel vapors that can cause fires and injuries.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V582000&summary=true&prod\\_id=873045&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V582000&summary=true&prod_id=873045&PrintVersion=YES)
4. *December 20, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - 2008-2009 Can-Am Spyder GS and 2010 RS gas caps.** Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. announced the recall of 9,600 model-year 2008-2009 Can-Am Spyder GS and 2010 Can-Am Spyder RS vehicles due to gas caps that do not fit properly and can release fuel vapors that could result in fires or injuries.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V581000&summary=true&prod\\_id=873045&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V581000&summary=true&prod_id=873045&PrintVersion=YES)
5. *December 20, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - 2010-2012 Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon hood latches.** General Motors announced the recall of 118,800 model-year 2010-2012 Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon vehicles because the vehicles' hoods could be missing the secondary hood latch, posing a risk of opening unexpectedly.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V594000&summary=true&prod\\_id=748789&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V594000&summary=true&prod_id=748789&PrintVersion=YES)

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *December 19, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Carthage company agrees to pay \$580K civil penalty.** The EBV Explosives Environmental Company settled to pay \$580,135 in penalties after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency claimed the company violated emission limits for various toxins and operated an incinerator unit without a valid permit.  
Source: <http://www.enquirerherald.com/2012/12/19/2230739/carthage-company-agrees-to-pay.html>

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## Banking and Finance Sector

7. *December 19, WBTW 13 Florence* – (South Carolina) **SC pair stole \$78,000 from Best Buy using fake credit cards, cops say.** Two individuals were arrested for allegedly

purchasing goods worth more than \$78,000 using fraudulent credit cards embedded with stolen customer information that were mailed to them by other individuals.

Source: <http://www2.wbtw.com/news/2012/dec/19/sc-pair-stole-78000-best-buy-using-fake-credit-car-ar-5201244/>

8. *December 19, Cincinnati Business Courier* – (National) **Fifth Third agrees to \$16M settlement in securities fraud case settlement.** Fifth Third Bancorp settled to pay \$16 million to resolve a fraud lawsuit filed by shareholders in 2008 over several large writedowns.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2012/12/19/fifth-third-agrees-to-16m-settlement.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

9. *December 20, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Long Island Expressway reopens in both directions following fiery 35-vehicle pileup in Shirley that left one dead and 33 injured.** A massive vehicle pileup on the Long Island Expressway resulted in a number of injuries and one death.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/lie-reopens-directions-35-vehicle-pileup-article-1.1224223?localLinksEnabled=false>

10. *December 20, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Cupertino: Marine recruiter shot at while driving on Highway 85.** On Interstate 85 in Cupertino, a government-issued vehicle was shot at multiple times, prompting California Highway Patrol to shut down the southbound lanes while they investigated.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci\\_22225263/cupertino-marine-recruiter-shot-at-while-driving-highway](http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_22225263/cupertino-marine-recruiter-shot-at-while-driving-highway)

11. *December 20, USA Today* – (National) **Holiday season brings first major storm to Midwest.** There were winter weather advisories across many States, while a major Midwest snowstorm caused three deaths, closed schools, congested highways, and impacted flights.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2012/12/20/midwest-snowstorm-blizzard/1781637/>

12. *December 20, KCBD 11 Lubbock* – (Texas) **1 dead, 17 injured during dust storm.** Strong winds and blowing dust caused low-visibility driving conditions and several car pileups along the Interstate 27 corridor in Lubbock County.

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/20385067/dps-confirms-1-fatality-5-accidents-due-to-high-winds-on-i-27>

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *December 20, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Delivery driver accused of stealing pills on route.** A former UPS driver was arrested December 18 after being accused of stealing prescription narcotics from packages in St. Francis County.  
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/20390987/delivery-driver-accused-of-stealing-pills-on-route>
14. *December 19, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Oakland: Leaking can of pepper spray sickens two at Laurel District post office.** Emergency crews and HAZMAT units responded to an Oakland post office after an employee's can of dog repellent pepper spray leaked, forcing the evacuation of the building and sickening two employees.  
Source: [http://www.insidebayarea.com/oakland-tribune/ci\\_22223737/oakland-hazmat-team-investigates-suspicious-package-at-laurel](http://www.insidebayarea.com/oakland-tribune/ci_22223737/oakland-hazmat-team-investigates-suspicious-package-at-laurel)
15. *December 19, WMC-TV 5 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **15 former FedEx employees indicted on mail theft charges.** Fifteen FedEx employees working within the company's process hub in Memphis, Tennessee, have been accused of stealing or destroying numerous items and thousands of dollars from mail and other packages.  
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/20386140/15-former-fedex-employees-indicted-for-stealing-mail>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

Nothing to report

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## Water Sector

16. *December 19, Harrison Daily* – (Arkansas) **Valley Springs, Western Grove under boil order; 2 wells down.** After a partial loss of system pressure following the loss of two wells, the Valley Springs and Western Grove water systems issued a boil order.  
Source: [http://harrisondaily.com/n2harrison/valley-springs-western-grove-under-boil-order-wells-down/article\\_f37cf45c-4a33-11e2-b8d0-0019bb2963f4.html](http://harrisondaily.com/n2harrison/valley-springs-western-grove-under-boil-order-wells-down/article_f37cf45c-4a33-11e2-b8d0-0019bb2963f4.html)
17. *December 19, Portland Daily Sun* – (Maine) **Boil water order issued after water main break.** A break in a 20-inch water main caused Portland to issue a boil water order and the closure of two area schools.  
Source: <http://www.portlanddailysun.me/index.php/newsx/local-news/8299-boil-water-order-issued-after-water-main-break>
18. *December 19, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Jersey) **EPA to remove mercury from bottom of Pompton Lake in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.** Due to

mercury contamination at Pompton Lake, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that the E.I du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., would fund and perform work that includes dredging contaminated sediment from the lake bottom and removing contaminated soil from the shoreline.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/4bd82adbb8507d5885257ad90062998c!OpenDocument>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

19. *December 20, Berkshire Eagle* – (Massachusetts) **Grand jury indicts Sandisfield woman for alleged Medicaid fraud.** A Sandisfield, Massachusetts nurse received 15 indictments from a Berkshire County grand jury for stealing \$25,000 by submitting fraudulent bills to MassHealth.  
Source: [http://www.berkshireeagle.com/ci\\_22228723/grand-jury-indicts-sandisfield-woman-alleged-medicaid-fraud](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/ci_22228723/grand-jury-indicts-sandisfield-woman-alleged-medicaid-fraud)
20. *December 20, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **WakeMed admits to false Medicare billing in \$8m settlement.** WakeMed will pay \$8 million after it was investigated by a federal court for expensive overnight care billing to Medicare even though the patients were treated and discharged the same day.  
Source: [http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/12/19/2555092/wakemed-admits-to-false-medicare.html?storylink=MI\\_email](http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/12/19/2555092/wakemed-admits-to-false-medicare.html?storylink=MI_email)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

21. *December 20, NBC News* – (Michigan) **Mayan end-of-world rumors prompt Michigan officials to close 33 schools.** More than 30 Michigan schools canceled classes and activities for the 2 days prior to the holidays over concerns about threats of violence occurring in conjunction with the supposedly end of the Mayan calendar.  
Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/20/16042653-mayan-end-of-world-rumors-prompt-michigan-officials-to-close-33-schools?lite>
22. *December 19, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Fire set outside high school in Everett.** An arson investigation is underway after a fire set outside of ACES High School in Everett forced the school to close due to smoke damage.  
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Fire-set-outside-high-school-in-Everett-4130981.php>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *December 19, Capitola-Soquel Patch* – (California) **Gang members arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle drugs into jail.** Four gang members were charged with transportation or possession of narcotics for sales or distribution, conspiracy to distribute narcotics, conspiracy to bring narcotics into a jail facility, and gang enhancement.  
Source: <http://capitola.patch.com/articles/gang-members-arrested-for-allegedly-trying-to-smuggle-heroin-into-jail>
24. *December 18, Star Tribune Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Former Mpls. police officer convicted of theft and forgery.** December 14, a former Minneapolis police officer was convicted on one count of theft by fraud and four counts of forgery after stealing money from a police station.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/184027371.html?refer=y>
25. *December 18, Virginia Gazette* – (Virginia) **York 911 center the first to receive text messages.** York County became the first in the U.S. to receive 9-1-1 text messages to their emergency communications center, and is working to incorporate picture and video messaging.  
Source: <http://www.vagazette.com/news/dp-nws-york-911-texting-20121218-16,0,3853809.story>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

26. *December 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Secondary Twitter “sign in” form found to transmit passwords in plain text.** The CEO of Dome9 found that the secondary Twitter sign-in form transmitted passwords in HTTP rather than secure HTTPS, which Twitter addressed after being notified.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Secondary-Twitter-Sign-In-Form-Found-to-Transmit-Passwords-in-Plain-Text-316359.shtml>
27. *December 20, The H* – (International) **AMD warns of security hole in its Catalyst Control Center.** AMD advised users to manually download an update to patch a vulnerability discovered in the Catalyst Control Center’s graphics card drivers’ auto-update notification feature.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/AMD-warns-of-security-hole-in-its-Catalyst-Control-Center-1773314.html>
28. *December 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Drupal 7.18 and 6.28 released to address security vulnerabilities.** Drupal 7.18 and 6.27 were released to fix three remotely exploitable vulnerabilities, all rated moderately critical.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Drupal-7-18-and-6-28-Released-to-Address-Security-Vulnerabilities-316281.shtml>

29. *December 19, Threatpost* – (International) **US-CERT warns of Adobe Shockwave Xtras vulnerabilities.** The U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) warned that three vulnerabilities in Adobe Shockwave could enable remote code execution.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/us-cert-warns-adobe-shockwave-xtras-vulnerabilities-121912](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/us-cert-warns-adobe-shockwave-xtras-vulnerabilities-121912)

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *December 20, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **South Shore fires have jakes fearing arsonist back.** Representatives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Massachusetts fire marshal investigated a fire at the Taylor Marina that destroyed three boats, damaged several others, and forced the evacuation residential buildings in the area.

Source:

[http://bostonherald.com/news\\_opinion/local\\_coverage/2012/12/marshfield\\_marina\\_fire\\_forces\\_homeowners\\_evacuate](http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_coverage/2012/12/marshfield_marina_fire_forces_homeowners_evacuate)

31. *December 20, KPIX 5 San Francisco; Bay City News Service* – (California) **Firefighter hurt, 25 residents displaced in San Francisco apartment blaze.** A 2-alarm fire at a San Francisco apartment complex caused the evacuation of 25 individuals and disrupted service on the Muni M-Ocean View line.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/12/20/25-residents-displaced-by-san-francisco-fire/>

32. *December 20, Your News Now Austin* – (Texas) **One person still unaccounted for in North Austin complex fire.** An apartment fire in Austin destroyed 3 structures, left 7 others with smoke damage, and displaced 60 families.

Source: [http://austin.ynn.com/content/top\\_stories/289725/60-displaced-in-nw-austin-apartment-fire](http://austin.ynn.com/content/top_stories/289725/60-displaced-in-nw-austin-apartment-fire)

33. *December 19, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Fire damages Holiday Inn at Rock Road and Kellogg; one injured.** A fire started by an electrical malfunction caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage at a Wichita hotel December 19 and led to the evacuation of 55 individuals, one of whom was injured.  
Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2012/12/19/2609399/fire-damages-holiday-inn-at-rock.html>
34. *December 19, Your News Now Austin* – (Texas) **16 displaced in NE Austin complex fire.** An apartment fire in Austin December 19 affected 10 units, displaced 16 individuals, and caused \$200,000 in structural damage.  
Source: [http://austin.ynn.com/content/top\\_stories/289707/16-displaced-in-ne-austin-complex-fire](http://austin.ynn.com/content/top_stories/289707/16-displaced-in-ne-austin-complex-fire)

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## **Dams Sector**

35. *December 20, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Blast takes down Lock 4 wall portion in North Charleroi.** About 120 feet of guard wall was demolished December 19 in North Charleroi, the beginning of work planned for Locks and Dam 4 on the lower Monongahela, a \$7.7 million contract.  
Source:  
<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourmonvalley/yourmonvalleymore/3166385-74/wall-dam-chamber#axzz2Fb1sYFJu>
36. *December 20, Norwell Wicked Local* – (Massachusetts) **Dam behind South Shore YMCA is one step closer to removal.** A waiver for an environmental impact report for the Mill Pond Dam was given to the South Shore YMCA, the first obstacle in the estimated \$350,000 dam removal process.  
Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/norwell/news/x65616666/Dam-behind-South-Shore-YMCA-is-one-step-closer-to-removal#axzz2Fb1YsupY>
37. *December 19, East Idaho News* – (Idaho) **Ashton dam construction finished.** The reservoir at the Ashton Dam in Idaho started refilling after 5 years of renovation and construction. The dam began providing power December 10, and the reservoir should open to recreational activities January 4.  
Source: <http://www.eastidahonews.com/2012/12/ashton-dam-construction-finished/>

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