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Energy Sector

1. *March 19, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Police find truck used in Fremont theft of \$25,000 worth of copper wire.** A truck used in a theft of \$25,000 worth of copper wire was found by police March 19. Authorities are still searching for the individuals responsible for breaking into a PG&E facility in Fremont and taking the 5,600 pound spool of copper wire and insulation.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_22827301/police-find-truck-used-fremont-theft-25-000
2. *March 19, Reuters* – (Utah) **Chevron pipeline leaks 4,200-6,300 gallons of diesel in Utah: media report.** Authorities closed the Willard Bay State Park in Utah after a Chevron Corp. pipeline leaked 4,200 to 6,300 gallons of diesel fuel from their Salt Lake refinery.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/chevron-pipeline-leaks-4-200-6-300-gallons-231536053.html>
3. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **3 homeless men arrested in southwest Arkansas copper thefts.** Police arrested three homeless men in association with stealing close to \$200,000 worth of copper wire from an Ash Grove Cement plant near Foreman.
Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southcentral/2013/03/19/225219.htm>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *March 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Crews will need several hours to clear toxic chemical leaking from truck near Huey P. Long Bridge.** An 18-wheeler began leaking hazardous chemicals shortly after overturning on Highway 90 near the Huey P. Long Bridge. The spill was contained but hazmat officials could spend several hours cleaning the toxic chemical leak.
Source:
http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2013/03/will_take_several_hours_to_clear.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *March 19, New York Times* – (National) **N.R.C. votes for upgrades to some reactor vents.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted to require improved vents at 31 reactors in the U.S. with reactor designs similar to those at the Fukushima plant in Japan.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/20/business/energy-environment/nrc-votes->

[for-upgrades-to-fukushima-like-reactor-vents.html](#)

6. *March 19, KPBS 30 San Diego; City News Service* – (California) **Edison says one of San Onofre’s reactors could run at 100% power for 11 months.** The operator of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station said that one of the plant’s two reactors could be restarted and run at full output for around 11 months, following a technical evaluation. The plant has been offline since January 2012 due to unexpected generator steam tube wear.
Source: <http://www.kpbs.org/news/2013/mar/18/edison-says-one-san-onofres-reactors-can-restart/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *March 20, Associated Press* – (National) **GM recalls Buick LaCrosse, Cadillac SRX crossover SUV’s to fix transmissions.** General Motors announced a recall of almost 27,000 model year 2013 Buick LaCrosse and Cadillac SRX vehicles due to a problem with their transmission software that could put the vehicle in ‘sport’ mode unexpectedly.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/money/business-news/gm-recalls-buick-lacrosse-cadillac-srx-crossover-suvs-to-fix-transmissions>
8. *March 19, Foster’s Daily Democrat* – (New York) **Business evacuated after fire; Small dust explosion in duct work triggers incident.** Spaulding Composites in Rochester was evacuated and had two shifts canceled after a dust explosion in duct work caused a fire.
Source:
http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130319/GJNEWS_01/130319245/-1/FOSNEWS

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *March 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Man allegedly connected with Tilon banking trojan arrested by UK police.** A man allegedly involved in distributing the Tilon banking trojan was arrested by authorities in the United Kingdom and charged with conspiracy to defraud and other offenses.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Man-Allegedly-Connected-With-Tilon-Banking-Trojan-Arrested-by-UK-Police-338770.shtml>

10. *March 19, ABA Journal* – (New York) **Lawyer takes plea in \$279M no-fault auto insurance fraud case.** A lawyer charged in a massive \$279 million New York auto insurance fraud scheme pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges. A total of 36 individuals are charged in the scheme, including two other lawyers.
Source: http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/lawyer_takes_plea_in_279m_no-fault_auto_insurance_fraud_case/
11. *March 19, CNN Money* – (National) **Florida man arrested for fraud in run-up to Facebook IPO.** A man who allegedly defrauded investors of \$8 million by claiming to have access to shares of social media companies prior to their IPOs was arrested in Florida.
Source: <http://buzz.money.cnn.com/2013/03/19/fraud-facebook-ipo/>

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Transportation Sector

12. *March 20, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Interstate 40 westbound lanes to be closed for hours for debris cleanup following accident.** A tractor trailer accidentally overturned, causing grain to spill on Interstate 40 westbound lanes near Briscoe. The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department closed lanes on Interstate 40 for several hours to clean up the spill.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/fd7a93515b254a27ab42316d0243103e/AR--Interstate-Closing>
13. *March 19, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Security breach leads to evacuations at Sea-Tac Airport.** More than 1,000 people were evacuated and flights were delayed after a person accidentally compromised a secure area at Sea-Tac Airport March 19. Authorities found and apprehended the individual after searching for nearly 2 hours.
Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2013/03/security-breach-leads-to-evacuations-at-sea-tac-airport/>
14. *March 19, New York Times* – (New York) **Damage from derailment to slow L.I.R.R. trains for days.** Extensive damage caused by a train derailment prompted delays and some cancellations on the Long Island Railroad which may last until March 22.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/20/nyregion/damage-from-derailment-to-slow-lirr-trains-for-days.html?_r=0
15. *March 19, Reuters* – (Massachusetts) **Late winter snow snarls traffic, shuts schools in northeastern U.S.** Severe winter weather caused close to 545 flight cancellations throughout the Northeast while the Massachusetts State Police reduced the speed on major highways to 40 miles per hour as a result of a higher than usual number of traffic accidents throughout New England.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/19/us-usa-weather-idUSBRE92I0QA20130319>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *March 19, U.S Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Daesang issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in Mixed Soy Bean Paste (Sesame and Garlic).** Daesang America Inc. recalled their Mixed Soy Bean Paste (Sesame & Garlic) 500 gram packages because the products may contain peanuts. The products were distributed nationwide in retail stores as well as through online dealers.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm344657.htm>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

17. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Man kills wife, self inside Lehigh Valley Hospital campus.** A man shot and killed his wife before committing suicide March 19 at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. The hospital was not evacuated as authorities determined patients and staff were not in danger.
Source: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/article/20130319/NEWS01/130319245/updated-man-kills-wife-self-inside-lehigh-valley-hospital-campus>

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *March 19, WVTM 13 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **JSU suffers student apartment, library damage from Monday's storm.** Students from a Jacksonville State University apartment complex were temporarily relocated after a severe storm blew the roof off the building. The college's Houston Cole Library along with classes and services were shut down March 19 due to damage from high winds.
Source: <http://www.alabamas13.com/story/21709402/jsu-suffers-student-apartment-library-damage-in-storm-jacksonville-state-university-alabama>
19. *March 19, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Loan broker admits to \$100 million small-business fraud.** A loan broker and his conspirators were charged with fraudulently obtaining \$100 million in bank loans backed by the U.S. Small Business Administration through his brokerage, Jade Capital & Investments LLC, of

Woodbridge, Virginia. The loan broker created 124 fake loans with 17 commercial lenders between 1990 and October 2011.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-03-19/virginia-loan-broker-admits-to-100-million-sba-bank-loan-fraud.html>

20. *March 19, WXIX 19 Newport* – (Ohio) **Juvenile arrested for starting fire at Northwest HS.** A young adult was arrested March 19 after setting a fire in a men's restroom at Northwest High School in Colerain Township. Emergency crews put out the fire while the building was evacuated.
Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/21712977/small-fire-evacuates-northwest-high-school>
21. *March 19, WDTV 5 Weston* – (West Virginia) **Philippi Elementary School inspected, nothing found.** Officials evacuated Philippi Elementary School in Philippi for several hours March 19 after finding a note claiming there was a bomb in the building. Police conducted a search and deemed the school safe once the facility was cleared.
Source: <http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view§ion=5-News&item=5-NEWS-UPDATE-Philippi-Elementary-School-Inspected-Nothing-Found8734>
22. *March 19, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **USDA fines Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center \$35,000 for violations of Animal Welfare Act.** Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center was fined \$35,000 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture after an investigation of events between 2009 and 2012 that determined the facility violated the Animal Welfare Act due to improper animal research procedures.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bb38d6232e234f3d8cc62417d650e9ef/NC--Wake-Forest-Baptist-Fine>
23. *March 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Pentagon bans 60 mm mortar round after deaths.** Officials at the Pentagon initiated a temporary ban on the usage of 60 mm mortar rounds by the military until the results of an investigation into the deaths of 7 marines and injury of several others during mountain warfare training at the Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada is released.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/politics/article/Pentagon-bans-60-mm-mortar-round-after-deaths-4365487.php>
24. *March 19, Space.com* – (Virginia) **Former NASA contractor arrested at Dulles Airport.** Authorities arrested a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) contractor in a Virginia airport as he was boarding a flight to his native China March 16. The former NASA contractor did not disclose to authorities that he was in possession of a laptop, a computer hard drive, and a subscriber identity module that was believed to contain NASA data and technology information.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/former-nasa-contractor-arrested-dulles-airport-114733744.html>
25. *March 19, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **10 students, 2 adults hurt in school bus**

accident. Twelve people were injured March 19, including 10 students and 2 adults, when a school bus was involved in an accident with a car in Newark.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/21710292/10-students-2-adults-hurt-in-school-bus-accident>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *March 20, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Prison in Fort Madison on lockdown after security breach.** Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison was locked down after contraband items were found during a search.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130320/NEWS/130329985/1707>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *March 20, The Register* – (International) **South Korean TV and banks paralysed in disk-wipe cyber-blitz.** Several South Korean TV stations and banks were hit by a cyberattack that caused computers on their networks to crash, be unable to be restarted, and flash error messages. Online banking and ATMs were also affected.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/03/20/south_korea_cyberattack/

28. *March 20, V3.co.uk* – (International) **LinkedIn suffers mysterious service outage.** Professional social networking site LinkedIn suffered an unexplained outage March 20.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2256145/linkedin-suffers-mysterious-service-outage>

29. *March 20, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft: Hackers obtained high profile Xbox Live accounts.** Microsoft reported that several Xbox Live accounts of current and former employees were compromised using social engineering techniques to obtain access.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237740/Microsoft_Hackers_obtained_high_profile_Xbox_Live_accounts

30. *March 19, Help Net Security* – (International) **Massive Chameleon botnet steals \$6M per month from advertisers.** Researchers uncovered a sophisticated botnet dubbed “Chameleon” that uses over 120,000 hosts in the U.S. to perform click fraud.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14620>

31. *March 19, Threatpost* – (International) **T-Mobile Wi-Fi calling feature**

susceptible to man-in-the-middle snooping. T-Mobile released a patch March 18 to close a vulnerability that could allow man-in-the-middle (MiTM) attacks through T-Mobile devices' Wi-Fi Calling feature.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/t-mobile-wi-fi-calling-feature-susceptible-man-middle-snooping-031913

32. *March 19, Threatpost* – (International) **Ruby on Rails patches DoS, XSS vulnerabilities.** The developers of Ruby on Rails released patches to close vulnerabilities that could have allowed denial of service (DoS) attacks and cross-site scripting (XSS) injections.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/ruby-rails-patches-dos-xss-vulnerabilities-031913

33. *March 19, eWeek* – (International) **Google pays \$40,000 for partial Chrome OS exploit.** Google awarded a researcher who participated in the Pwnium 3 contest \$40,000 for uncovering a partial exploit of Chrome OS that contained a string of bugs that but did not produce an end-to-end exploit.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/security/google-pays-40000-for-partial-chrome-os-exploit/>

34. *March 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Uracto malware hidden in at least 10 Android apps, Symantec finds.** Researchers at Symantec found that the Uracto malware targeting Japanese users was seen in 10 different apps, has multiple variants, and appears to be created by the same group or developer as two other pieces of malware.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Uracto-Malware-Hidden-in-at-Least-10-Android-Apps-Symantec-Finds-338610.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

35. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Watches worth \$600,000 taken in Va. Smash-and-grab.** A heist at Virginia's Pentagon City Mall lasted 30 seconds and

netted four thieves 23 watches worth more than \$600,000. The robbery was the second crime of this type reported at the mall in 2 months after a February 4 theft netted thieves \$128,000 in stolen rings using the same method of smashing cases with a hammer.

Source: http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews_wire/wires.national/2dec92cf-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml#.UUm_sSbD-Uk

36. *March 19, Washington Times* – (Washington, D.C.) **2 shot and injured at troubled D.C. apartment complex.** A March 19 burglary attempt inside the Tyler House housing complex in Washington, D.C. left two people shot and injured with non-life threatening wounds. It was the second shooting related incident in 2 weeks; a previous unrelated shooting left 13 people injured outside the 284-unit complex.

Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/mar/19/2-shot-and-injured-troubled-dc-apartment-complex/>

37. *March 19, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Chattanooga hotel evacuated after workers get sick.** Two workers at a Holiday Inn Express in Chattanooga were taken to a hospital after getting sick from elevated levels of carbon monoxide. Firefighters evacuated the hotel and began ventilating the building and investigating the source of the leak.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2013/mar/19/chattanooga-hotel-evacuated-after-workers-get-sick/?CID=happeningnow>

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