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- A man was arrested at a Regal Cinemas in Westlake, Ohio, August 4 after he was discovered to be in possession of multiple weapons while sitting in an empty theater waiting for the show to start. – *New York Daily News* (See item [47](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *August 7, Reuters* – (California) **Blaze out at Chevron Bay Area refinery; gasoline spikes.** A fire that shut Chevron Corp's Richmond plant, the second-largest refinery in California, was extinguished August 7 as fears of a months-long closure caused a 25-cent spike in regional gasoline prices. The fire that spewed flames and a column of smoke high above the densely populated industrial suburb of east San Francisco Bay started late the afternoon of August 6 and was contained 5 hours later, then extinguished, Chevron said. Officials allowed a small controlled burn to continue, the firm said. The 245,000-barrels-per-day (bpd) plant, which accounts for one-eighth of California's refining capacity, was partially shut down. An order for more than 100,000 nearby residents to remain indoors was lifted, and local transit stations reopened, authorities said. About 200 people sought medical help, complaining of respiratory problems, the San Pablo, California-based Doctors Medical Center said. The Kaiser Permanente Richmond Medical Center said it saw about 150 people with similar concerns but had no admissions. The fire started in the No. 4 crude unit, the only one at the plant, Chevron said. As the leak grew, workers were evacuated. The company said there had been only one injury, which it described as minor, among workers. The extent of damage was not clear. Any lengthy disruption in production could affect the supply of fuel on the West Coast, particularly gasoline, due to the difficulty in meeting California's super-clean specifications. The region also has few alternative supply sources.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/07/us-chevron-refinery-idUSBRE8760MK20120807?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

2. *August 7, Homeland Security News Wire* – (Texas) **Study finds correlation between injection wells and small earthquakes.** Most earthquakes in the Barnett Shale region of north Texas occur within a few miles of one or more injection wells used to dispose of wastes associated with petroleum production such as hydraulic fracturing fluids, according to new research from the University of Texas at Austin, Homeland Security

News Wire reported August 7. None of the quakes identified in the 2-year study were strong enough to pose a danger to the public. The scientist who authored the study analyzed seismic data collected between November 2009 and September 2011 by the EarthScope USArray Program, a National Science Foundation-funded network of broadband seismometers from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. Because of the high density of instruments, 25 in or near the Barnett Shale, the scientist was able to detect earthquakes down to magnitude 1.5, far too weak for people to feel at the surface. He found the most reliably located earthquakes — those accurate to within about 0.9 miles — occurred in 8 groups, all within 2 miles of one or more injection wells. Before this study, the National Earthquake Information Center had only identified two earthquake groups in the area strongly associated with specific injection wells. This suggests injection-triggered earthquakes are far more common than is generally recognized.

Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20120807-study-finds-correlation-between-injection-wells-and-small-earthquakes>

3. *August 7, Stamford Times* – (Connecticut) **Power restored to thousands in Greenwich-Stamford area.** Roughly 6 hours after approximately 30,000 Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) customers in Greenwich and Stamford, Connecticut, lost power due to a tree falling on a major transmission line in the vicinity of Cos Cob August 6, most had their power restored, according to CL&P. Normal electric train service also resumed on the New Haven Line, starting with the 2:34 p.m. train departing Grand Central and the 2:30 p.m. train departing Stamford, according to Metro-North officials. Diesel train service was being provided earlier in the day between Stamford and the Grand Central Terminal while CL&P worked to remove the fallen tree, which cut power to all four tracks on the New Haven line, according to Metro-North officials. Source: http://www.thehour.com/stamford_times/news/power-outage-affecting-cl-p-customers-in-greenwich-stamford-area/article_f9fb6c48-dfe2-11e1-b649-001a4bcf6878.html
4. *August 6, Burlington Free Press* – (Vermont) **Six cited after Lowell Mountain wind project opponents halt construction.** With the erection of a second turbine atop Lowell Mountain, in Lowell, Vermont, opponents of Green Mountain Power's wind-energy project returned August 6 to again block trucks from reaching the construction site. The 5-hour protest ended when police arrested six demonstrators and dispersed the remaining crowd. It was the second demonstration against the turbine project in a month that ended with arrests. Some 40-50 protesters took part in the blockade throughout the morning of August 6. At least two dozen protesters camped out on the dirt road early to head off workers who started to arrive at the site at about 7 a.m. Source: http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20120806/NEWS02/308060007/Protesters-arrested-at-Lowell-Mountain?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE&nclick_check=1
5. *August 6, Dow Jones Newswire* – (Wisconsin; Midwest) **U.S. allows Enbridge to restart oil pipeline in Wisconsin.** The U.S. Department of Transportation allowed Enbridge Energy Partners LP to restart its Line 14 August 6, which leaked more than

1,000 barrels of oil in Wisconsin in July. The federal agency said Enbridge agreed to extra safety precautions before being allowed to restart the 467-mile line, including restricting line pressure to 80 percent of that used at the time of the July 26 failure. The leak at Grand Marsh, Wisconsin, was the third major spill at an Enbridge pipeline, including a 20,000-barrel leak at a line in Michigan in July 2010 that ultimately resulted in a \$3.7 million civil penalty against the company. The 317,600 barrel-a-day Line 14 carries light crude oil to Chicago-area refineries, accounting for about a fifth of the oil imported into the region. Its outage was partly offset by mechanical problems at refineries operated by BP and Citgo Petroleum that cut demand for oil.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2012/08/06/us-allows-enbridge-to-restart-oil-pipeline-in-wisconsin/>

6. *August 6, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Sinkhole bends, shifts natural gas pipeline.** Assumption Parish, Louisiana officials said powerful underground forces unleashed by the formation of an acre-sized swampland sinkhole had bent and shifted an adjacent 36-inch natural gas pipeline, posing an explosion risk to nearby motorists, the Baton Rouge Advocate reported August 6. As a result, the officials said they shut down vehicular traffic August 4 over a 4-mile stretch of La. 70 South in Pierre Part and Bayou Corne while the pipeline operator, Crosstex Energy L.P., of Dallas, worked to depressurize the line. The director of the parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness said the pipeline was not leaking but presented an explosion risk if it ruptured. The Assumption Parish sheriff said two 20-inch natural gas pipelines owned by Acadian Gas run parallel to the Crosstex line and also were at risk from Crosstex's line. An evacuation order was issued August 4 but area residents were not being forced to leave their homes. Officials handling the emergency estimated about 350 people occupy about 150 residences in the Bayou Corne community. The sheriff said the decision to close La. 70 — a major east-west corridor — was required because the pipeline crosses under the highway just east of Bayou Corne. The compromised section of pipeline stretches about 400 feet in length about a half-mile south of La. 70. The pipeline had bent 16 feet downward and 15 feet to the east toward the sinkhole.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/3539214-125/sinkhole-forces-bend-gas-pipeline>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *August 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Utah) **Three Utah facilities to pay penalties for Risk Management Program violations.** Three facilities in Utah — Olympic Park (Park City), Duchesne Valley Water Treatment Plant (Duchesne), and Ashley Valley Water Treatment Plant (Vernal) — agreed to pay civil penalties and correct violations associated with the safe management and use of hazardous chemicals, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced August 6. The penalties, collectively totaling \$11,650, were assessed under the federal Clean Air Act that requires the development of Risk Management Programs for all public and private facilities that manufacture, process, use, store, or otherwise handle flammable and toxic

chemicals such as chlorine and anhydrous ammonia. By agreeing to the settlements, all three facilities certified they are now in compliance. Olympic Park will pay penalties of \$7,000. Duchesne Valley will pay penalties of \$2,470. Ashley Valley will pay penalties of \$2,180. Duchesne Valley and Ashley Valley are both owned and operated by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. EPA inspected the facilities in 2011 and found various violations of Risk Management Program rules designed to prevent accidental chemical releases and minimize the impact of releases. The three facilities are subject to these rules because they store highly toxic chemicals above regulatory thresholds.

Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/three-utah-facilities-to-pay-penalties-for-risk-management-program-violations-308843>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *August 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **U.S. Labor Department cites international steel plate manufacturer for exposing workers to continued safety and health hazards at Conshohocken, Pa., facility.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) August 6 cited steel plate manufacturer Arcelor Mittal for eight safety and health violations at its Conshohocken, Pennsylvania facility. OSHA initiated an inspection in response to a complaint alleging workers were being overexposed to metal fumes. Proposed penalties totaled \$66,300. The repeat violations involved open-sided floors or platforms, as many as 20 feet or more above ground level, which lacked guards to prevent workers from falling. The 11 serious violations included a lack of annual audiometric testing and training, a lack of guarding for power transmission devices, electrical hazards, deficiencies in training for powered industrial trucks, a lack of training on respiratory protection and fitting workers for protective equipment, and exposing workers to hexavalent chromium at more than four times the permissible level.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22791

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *August 6, Richmond Register* – (Kentucky) **GB vapor detected in igloo at depot.** Officials at Blue Grass Army Depot near Richmond, Kentucky, reported August 6 that low levels of GB agent vapor were detected in a chemical weapons igloo during recent weekly “headwall monitoring” by a real-time analytical platform. The igloo houses M55 rockets that contain GB nerve agent. Chemical workers at the depot connected a 1,000 cubic feet-per-minute filter to the rear vent of the igloo, the release stated. “At this time, the leak poses no danger or risk to the citizens of Madison or surrounding counties,” the release added. Such “leakers” in chemical munitions are relatively rare, according to a news release from the Chemical Weapons Alternatives Outreach Office. However, detection, isolation, and mitigation of leaking munitions “is a normal part of chemical storage operations,” it stated. State and county emergency management agencies were notified of the vapor leak.

Source: <http://richmondregister.com/localnews/x1402348003/GB-vapor-detected-in-igloo-at-depot>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *August 7, Bloomberg News* – (International) **SEC freezes another \$6 million in Nexen insider trading case.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) obtained a second emergency court order to freeze assets of traders who allegedly profited from insider knowledge of Cnooc Ltd.’s bid for Nexen Inc., Bloomberg News reported August 7. The second order relates to \$6 million held by unknown traders, who the SEC alleges reaped \$2.3 million by trading illegally ahead of Cnooc Ltd.’s announcement that it would buy the Canadian oil company. The SEC said the traders opened a U.S. brokerage account through Hong Kong-based CSI Capital Management Ltd. a week before the the Cnooc-Nexen deal. The SEC first announced July 27 that it suspected insider trading on the deal with a court order to freeze the assets of traders who allegedly reaped more than \$13 million from illegal trading. Hong Kong-based Well Advantage Ltd. and unknown traders had bought Nexen stock based on “nonpublic information” and made an illegal profit of \$13 million, the SEC said in a statement. The latest court order swelled the assets frozen in connection with the insider trading charges to more than \$44 million.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-08-07/sec-freezes-another-6-million-in-nexen-insider-trading-case>

11. *August 7, Reuters* – (International) **Ex-Lloyds bank security chief admits \$3.9 mln fraud.** A former Lloyds Banking Group anti-fraud chief August 7 admitted cheating the England-based bank of \$3.9 million in what prosecutors called a “huge breach of trust” against her employer. The employee, who served as the U.K. government-backed bank’s interim head of fraud and security for digital banking, pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering. She submitted false invoices to claim the money between late 2007 and December 2011, using some of the illicit money to buy property in France.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/07/lloyds-fraud-idUSL6E8J77OL20120807>

12. *August 7, Annapolis Capital Gazette* – (Maryland) **Fire at Severna Park bank causes \$750,000 in damage.** A fire caused an estimated \$750,000 in damage to a Severna Park, Maryland bank August 5, county fire officials said. Fire and rescue personnel were called to an M&T Bank and found heavy smoke coming from the one-story building. Firefighters had to force their way inside the bank, a fire department spokesman said. The bank was closed and unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Source: http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/for_the_record/fire-at-severna-park-bank-causes-in-damage/article_1c63264e-c6b4-587f-8232-6f836156a2d7.html

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Transportation Sector

13. *August 7, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Clash between 2 families led to shooting that injured 7, says cruise operator.** An evening of dining and dancing aboard a riverboat cruise in Detroit ended in a hail of gunfire August 6 when a woman disembarked and shot several rounds into a crowd of passengers on the dock and wounded seven people, police and witnesses said. The incident, which was reportedly sparked by an argument between two families, happened as 500 passengers departed the Detroit Princess following the Hot 107.5 FM “On Deck Sunday” Moonlight Cruise. The shooting left one man in critical condition with a back wound, and six others with minor injuries to arms, legs and feet, investigators said. Police did not identify the victims.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120807/METRO01/208070360/Clash-between-2-families-led-shooting-injured-7-says-cruise-operator?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

14. *August 7, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Cleanup continues after train derails in Cramerton.** People who were evacuated after the August 6 derailment of a train transporting liquid petroleum gas in Cramerton, North Carolina, were allowed back home. August 7, crews had removed most of the damaged cars and were working to replace damaged tracks. The incident happened along 8th Avenue. There were 3 locomotives and 121 cars, 19 of which derailed. There were four tank cars containing liquid petroleum among the derailed, but officials said there was no leak. The train was headed from Linwood, North Carolina, to Macon, Georgia. The tracks go right through neighborhoods. Crews used heavy equipment to clear and fix the tracks, cutting through some of the damaged line, August 6 and 7. About a quarter-mile of track that was damaged during the derailment will have to be replaced. Some of the damaged cars have been moved off the track and onto the side. One of the two lines along the stretch was back up and running.

Source: <http://www.wsoc.com/news/news/train-partially-derails-cramerton/nQCDq/>

15. *August 7, KWES 9 Midland* – (Texas) **New details released regarding Interstate 20 pileups in Martin County.** The eastbound and westbound lanes of I-20 near mile marker 152 re-opened August 7 after the Interstate was shut down for several hours

following a set of major pileups in Martin County, Texas, just west of Stanton. Authorities said 15 vehicles were involved in the accidents, including an 18-wheeler carrying methane that rolled over, spilling the chemical. Reports came in of an accident on a stretch of the Interstate near mile marker 152. That accident involved five cars and two 18-wheelers. During that collision, a vehicle was dragged nearly a half mile down the westbound lanes of the Interstate. A woman inside that SUV was airlifted to a hospital in critical condition. When authorities arrived on scene, they witnessed a second accident. Authorities say the second crash involved seven cars and one 18-wheeler which was carrying methane, a flammable chemical. HAZMAT crews were called out to clean up the spill after the truck rolled over.

Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/19210985/new-details-released-in-martin-county-multi-vehicle-pileups>

16. *August 7, KMPH 26 Visalia* – (California) **Muddy mess: Water main breaks, causing flooding and large sinkhole.** An 8-foot deep sinkhole and hundreds of feet of broken roadway resulted from a Fresno, California water main break. A 14-inch pipe ruptured without warning in the Sunnyside Ranch subdivision, on McMillin Avenue August 7. Thousands of gallons of water erupted, flooding the neighborhood and turning one street into a river. The sinkhole measured about 12 feet wide and 8 feet deep. About 500 feet of road, saturated by water, buckled as a fire truck moved to avoid falling in. City officials said the pipe is fairly new, only about 7 years old, and made of PVC. An official said the water main was made to last about 70 years, so the fact that it suddenly burst after only 7 years was very unusual. Water was shut off to 10 homes in the area. The water main break did not cause any damage to any homes in the area.

Source: <http://www.kmph.com/story/19211132/muddy-mess-water-main-breaks-causing-flooding-and-large-sinkhole>

17. *August 7, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Another rig closes westbound I-80 in Sierra.** A driver lost control of his double trailer-pulling rig August 7 on westbound I-80 near Cisco Grove in Placer County, California, resulting in the westbound lanes being shut down for at least 10 hours, according to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The big rig traveled through a guard rail and up an embankment before striking a bridge overcrossing. The driver suffered minor injuries, and all westbound lanes were closed. Contents on the truck included 200 gallons of vanilla extract and a drum of resin. According to a CHP officer, a small amount of acid leaked from batteries on board. August 6, westbound Highway 80 was blocked for about 7 hours when another big rig overturned at Yuba Gap.

Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2012/08/another-rig-closes-westbound-i-80-in-sierra.html>

18. *August 3, Saratoga Springs Saratogian* – (New York) **Troy man arrested for stealing copper wire from railroad bridge.** Police arrested a Troy, New York man on felony charges after they said he stole copper cable from the Waterford-Cohoes railroad bridge in Waterford, New York, and severed communication between trains and their central railroad dispatcher. The police charged the man with felony grand larceny, felony criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, criminal tampering, possession of stolen property, and criminal trespass August 2, the Saratoga Springs Saratogian reported

August 3. Police said he stole roughly 1,000 feet of signal wire from the railroad bridge July 15. A Waterford Public Safety commissioner stated the theft caused railroad communication to be cut off for about 15 minutes.

Source:

<http://troyrecord.com/articles/2012/08/03/news/doc501b69f97c947921887668.txt>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *August 4, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Suspicious powder at local postal facility prompts HAZMAT response.** Texas’s Waco Fire Department’s HAZMAT team responded August 4 after workers discovered a suspicious white powder at a mail-processing center. The powder spilled onto a pallet. There was no immediate indication the substance was dangerous and tests showed it was harmless. Units cleared the scene hours later. Other details were not immediately available.

Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Suspicious-Powder-At-Local-Postal-Facility-Prompts-HAZMAT-Response-165002036.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *August 7, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Police: Cook sent threatening photos to chef after being fired.** A Chicago man on probation for a weapons conviction sent threatening photos of himself armed with a shotgun to a chef at an Oak Park, Illinois restaurant where he had recently been fired, authorities said August 6. Prosecutors said the suspect texted the photo to a chef at the Maya del Sol restaurant July 28, 5 days after he was fired as a line cook. He also sent photos depicting a stash of ammunition, police said. The restaurant immediately reported the photos to Oak Park police. In a statement issued August 6, Oak Park police said they interpreted the alleged communication from the suspect as “a potentially escalating incident” and notified authorities in Chicago. He was arrested August 4 near his home. A search of his apartment uncovered a loaded, sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun with a sling to make it concealable, a military-grade ballistic vest with steel plates, a set of night-vision goggles, and a 12-gauge signal gun, police said. The suspect was charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and cyberstalking. His bond was set at \$250,000.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-threatening-photo-arrest-0807-20120807,0,5901557.story>

21. *August 6, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (California) **California firm recalls chorizo sausage due to misbranding in that it contains monosodium glutamate (MSG).** Alexis Wholesale, Inc., a Gardena, California establishment, recalled approximately 6,210 pounds of chorizo sausage because it was misbranded in that it contained monosodium glutamate (MSG), which

was not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced August 6. The product was produced July 2-27 and was sold to a distributor in Los Angeles. The problem was discovered by FSIS personnel during a routine label review. MSG is a sub-ingredient in the chorizo spice blend and was not listed on the final product label.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/RNR_054_2012/index.asp

22. *August 6, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Reichel Foods, Inc. issues voluntary recall for Dippin' Stix Sliced Apples & Caramet with Peanuts and Armour Active Packs Cheese Pizza Lunch Kits because of possible health risk.** Reichel Foods, Inc. of Rochester, Minnesota, is voluntarily recalling a limited amount of Dippin' Stix Sliced Apples & Caramel with Peanuts and Armour Active Packs Cheese Pizza Lunch Kits because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 6. The products were distributed to retail and convenience stores throughout the United States. The problem was discovered through microbiological testing by Reichel Foods. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm314587.htm>
23. *August 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **CDC: 40 sick in multistate Salmonella ground beef outbreak.** Forty people in eight States have now been linked to an outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis from ground beef, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said August 6. The number of victims in the outbreak is up from 33 people in 7 States as of July 23. According to the CDC, the States with reported illnesses are Maine (1), Massachusetts (3), New Hampshire (2), New York (18), Rhode Island (2), Vermont (11), Virginia (2), and West Virginia (1). CDC said a multi-agency investigation has implicated ground beef produced by Cargill Meat Solutions at a single facility is the likely source. July 22, Cargill Meat Solutions recalled 29,339 pounds of fresh ground beef. Cargill said it does not test for *Salmonella* Enteritidis in beef: "This particular strain of *Salmonella* Enteritidis in beef has not been linked to a public health problem before, and no validated test for it in fresh beef is commercially available." Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/cdc-40-sick-in-multistate-salmonella-ground-beef-outbreak/#.UCEQg6D6fEU>
24. *August 6, Bel Air Patch* – (Maryland) **Edgewood Denny's fire set intentionally, officials say.** Investigators believe the August 3 fire at Denny's Restaurant in Edgewood, Maryland that caused about \$500,000 in damage was an act of arson, the Bel Air Patch reported August 6. Deputy State fire marshals' determined the fire was set intentionally in the men's bathroom of the restaurant, according to a news release from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office. A patron discovered the fire in the bathroom. At the time of the fire, 50 customers and 20 employees were inside the business. The fire spread from the bathroom to the attic and roof. The fire went to two alarms, with 75 firefighters from Harford and Baltimore County fire companies battling the fire for 45 minutes before getting it under control, according to the release. An employee and a firefighter from Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company were taken to the hospital for treatment and later released. State troopers and crime scene technicians with the Maryland State Police Bel Air Barrack were assisting with the investigation.

Source: <http://belair.patch.com/articles/edgewood-dennys-fire-set-intentionally-officials-say>

25. *August 6, Minneapolis Star Tribune; Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **2 hurt in grain elevator explosion in Tracy, Minn.** Two men were injured in a grain elevator explosion August 6 in Tracy, Minnesota. The two — one an employee of CHS Inc., which owns the elevator, and the other a non-employee truck driver — were unloading grain when the explosion occurred in equipment used to load and unload grain, said a CHS spokeswoman. There was no fire, and all employees of the Tracy Feed Mill were accounted for, she said. The injured men were taken to the hospital. The spokeswoman also confirmed a second fire at a CHS plant August 6. A small fire broke out at a soybean processing plant in Fairmont. It was quickly extinguished, but two employees were treated at the site for minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/165187956.html?refer=y>

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Water Sector

26. *August 7, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Plaquemines Parish calls state of emergency for drinking water as salt moves up Miss. River.** The president of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, declared a state of emergency August 7 due to a salt wedge moving north up the Mississippi River, threatening the parish's drinking water supply. The wedge is moving due to low water levels in the river. The state of emergency is a precautionary measure to insure a plan is in place if the need for fresh water arises because it must be transported via barge to Port Sulphur and the east bank. The parish has three fresh water intake valves and officials did not plan on closing the valves in the immediate future. If the salinity of the water becomes too high, Jefferson Parish will allow the parish to take fresh water to the lower parts of Plaquemines Parish. Plaquemines Parish officials were working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Source: <http://www.wvltv.com/news/Plaquemines-Parish-keeping-eye-on-drinking-water-quality-as-salt-moves-up-Miss-River-165195766.html>

27. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **2 treated following Baltimore chlorine leak.** A Baltimore public works spokesman said a chlorine leak at a water treatment plant sent two employees to area hospitals, the Associated Press reported August 6. The spokesman said the leak occurred at the Montebello treatment plant. Between 15 and 20 employees were in the plant at the time and were evacuated while the leak was capped by firefighters. Initial reports indicated a cap on a cylinder of chlorine gas may have failed.

Source:

http://www.foxbaltimore.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.md/31480e7d-www.foxbaltimore.com.shtml

28. *August 6, Everett Daily Herald* – (Washington) **Untreated sewage spills into Port Gardner.** A power surge caused an estimated 30,000 gallons of untreated sewage to spill into Port Gardner in Everett, Washington August 5. City crews were investigating the incident that lasted about 20 minutes at a sewage lift station, an Everett spokeswoman said. Crews tested water samples after the spill and were awaiting results.
Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20120806/NEWS01/708079945>
29. *August 6, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **City sets water main break record for July.** A lack of rain facilitated a rise in the number of broken water mains in Topeka, Kansas, the Topeka Capital-Journal reported August 6. The city recorded 162 such breaks in July, setting a record for the month, the interim city manager wrote in her weekly report to the city council. The city maintains about 850 miles of water mains. City officials said the two main reasons for breaks are drought conditions and the city's aging water infrastructure, with many water mains 60 to 80 years old. The city announced August 6 that two more water main breaks forced street closings along the city's west edge and it was unclear when the stretches of street would reopen.
Source: <http://cjonline.com/news/2012-08-06/city-sets-water-main-break-record-july>
30. *August 5, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Water main breaks; 4th since July 22.** Philadelphia Water Department employees worked August 5 to repair a 12-inch water-main break in the city's Frankford section, a spokeswoman said. The break happened early in the morning, leaving 65 properties without water. It was the fourth water-main break in the city since July 22.
Source: http://articles.philly.com/2012-08-05/news/33049809_1_water-main-laura-copeland-repair

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *August 7, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Woman who tried to kidnap newborn posed as nurse, police say.** The Los Angeles Times reported that police said a woman arrested August 6 for allegedly trying to kidnap a newborn from a Garden Grove, California hospital was wearing a hospital nurse uniform and had an official-looking hospital ID. The suspect posed as an employee of Garden Grove Hospital Medical Center and entered a room where a mother and her newborn were resting in bed. After distracting the mother, the suspect stashed the newborn "into a large tote bag she had brought with her," police said. She then left the room. The abduction triggered an alert throughout the hospital, and staff members were able to stop the suspect and recover the infant. The baby was safely returned to the mother.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/woman-who-tried-to-kidnap-newborn-posed-as-nurse-at-hospital.html>

32. *August 6, KSWO 7 Lawton* – (Oklahoma) **Fire at Taliaferro being investigated as arson.** A suspicious fire August 4 at the Jim Taliaferro Mental Health Facility in Lawton, Oklahoma, has the fire marshal's office looking for an arsonist. The fire started in a closet in an occupied wing of the outpatient area. Firefighters were able to put out the flames while residents and staff were evacuated. The fire marshal's office said they have a person of interest. The fire was started with a stack of papers in a closet in the southwest side of the facility. Fire officials said this fire was not very large but it could have escalated quickly and spread. A Lawton fire investigator said residents and staff who were in the wing were extremely lucky the facility was equipped with the proper fire protection devices.
Source: <http://www.ksw.com/global/story.asp?s=19209552>
33. *August 3, KPCC 89.3 FM Pasadena* – (California) **LAPD looking for men who robbed marijuana clinic and shot security guard.** Los Angeles police were asking for the public's help in catching three men who shot and wounded a security guard after robbing a medical marijuana clinic July 17 in the Rampart area, KPCC 89.3 FM Pasadena reported August 3. Police said the men attacked a security guard at gunpoint, held him down, and continued to ransack the business. Authorities believed the men stole about \$2,000, along with marijuana. After the three suspects escaped through the back of the clinic, the security guard chased them. They apparently exchanged gunfire, and the guard took a bullet. One of the assailants may have been shot, too.
Source: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2012/08/03/33645/lapd-looking-men-who-robbed-marijuana-clinic-and-s/>
34. *August 3, Palm Beach County Health Department* – (Florida) **Palm Beach County Health Department medical client breach.** Florida's Palm Beach County Health Department issued a public notice August 3 that some patients of its health centers may have had confidential information contained in their records disclosed to an unauthorized source. The breach occurred when an employee created a client list containing names and Social Security numbers (SSNs) from patients at the clinics and attempted to mail the list. Law enforcement confiscated the list containing 86 names in May and advised they were likely being used for fraudulent activity. The confiscated document contained only names and SSNs. Further investigation by law enforcement revealed additional names of former health department patients were used for fraudulent activity. The health department director said persons who were patients in one of the health department health centers and identified on the lists were notified by mail. The employee was permanently removed from access to any and all health department information.
Source: <http://www.pbchd.com/press/2012/aug/augnews22012.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *August 7, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Former UM student accused of threatening campus pleads guilty.** The former University of Maryland honors student accused of threatening a shooting rampage on the College Park campus pleaded guilty August 7 to two of the eight charges leveled against him. The charges against him stemmed from online threats made in March that he hoped to “kill enough people to make national news.” He pleaded guilty to disturbing activities at a school and misusing the telephone. His guilty pleas carry up to 3.5 years in prison, but his deal with prosecutors ensures he will never be behind bars. He will also never be allowed to legally own guns. Sentencing has not been scheduled, pending his mental health progress, according to a judge. The convict was released into the custody of his parents. Campus police took him into custody before he acted, and he was put in the care of mental health professionals. Police said they did not believe he was a danger to anyone. He allegedly told officers he was “very stressed out” and was crying and shaking when he was taken into custody. Prosecutors said he posted notes about the threatened shooting on multiple Web sites.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/breaking/bs-md-um-threats-plea-20120807,0,2598463.story>
36. *August 7, Associated Press; CBS News* – (Arizona) **Suspect pleads guilty in Tucson shooting rampage after judge finds him mentally competent.** A man pleaded guilty to the January 2011 shooting rampage in Tucson, Arizona, that left six dead and wounded a former U.S. Congresswoman and 12 others. The plea allows him to avoid the death penalty in a mass shooting that gained worldwide attention. Among the dead were Arizona’s chief federal judge and a congressional aide. The federal judge presiding over the trial had previously found the man was mentally unfit to stand trial. He ruled August 7 that months of forcibly medicating him to treat his schizophrenia made him competent to understand the gravity of the charges and assist in his own defense. A court-appointed psychologist testified she believed he became competent after treatment.
Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-57488460-504083/jared-loughner-pleads-guilty-in-tucson-shooting-rampage-after-judge-finds-him-mentally-competent/
37. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Connecticut; New York) **2 small planes enter President’s NY, Conn. airspace.** F-15 fighter jets intercepted two small airplanes in the New York City metropolitan area after they entered airspace temporarily restricted because of the U.S. President’s campaign visit to Connecticut. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said the first incident was August 6 over Long Island. The plane was followed until it landed, where local law enforcement was waiting. NORAD said the second incident was near New Haven, Connecticut. That plane was allowed to continue to its destination.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/small-planes-enter-obamas-ny-conn-airspace-16944356#.UCFD4aAxHU0>

38. *August 7, CNN* – (Florida) **Fake IDs part of ‘fantasy life,’ Florida man tells police.** A man arrested with a stash of fake military, law enforcement, and medical paraphernalia — including badges and uniforms — told investigators he “lives in a fantasy world,” police officials in Florida said August 7. However, authorities still are not convinced the man is telling the truth, the New Port Richey police chief said. Police arrested the man in New Port Richey August 1 for a traffic offense and parole violation. An officer noticed the identification card he provided seemed strange and had plastic where it should not have been. That launched the investigation that led to the stash. The materials found in the man’s two homes and car included diplomatic license plates and dozens of fake identification cards from DHS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Defense, CIA, and NASA. The suspect also had access badges to hospitals around Florida, doctor and nurse scrubs, a respiratory technician badge, police blue lights, and access stickers to Coast Guard bases around Florida, the police chief said. During questioning, the man admitted he fabricated most of the credentials and items police seized, the chief said. Since a news conference August 6 about the man’s arrest, authorities received more than 100 tips, the police chief said. Many came from residents who said they had encounters with the suspect passing himself off as a law enforcement officer or member of the military.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/07/justice/florida-fake-ids/index.html?hpt=hp_t3
39. *August 6, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Grenades spark evacuation in Blue Ash.** The Blue Ash, Ohio city building was evacuated August 6 after a citizen brought four hand grenades to the police station. Everyone was ordered to leave the city building, which includes police headquarters, after a resident showed up with the grenades and military ammunition he found while helping an elderly friend clean her home, said a police lieutenant. Because of concerns the devices might have degraded and become unstable, officials evacuated about 30 people from the building while bomb technicians from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office rendered the grenades safe. Police forwarded 9-1-1 calls to Hamilton County during the evacuation, and city employees and others waited at Blue Ash Nature Park until they were informed it was safe to re-occupy the building. The police lieutenant said everything was back to normal within about 45 minutes.
Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120806/NEWS01/308060117/Grenades-spark-evacuation?odyssey=nav|head>

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *August 7, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Man arrested for calling 911 over 70 times.** Eastlake, Ohio police posted to the department’s Facebook page that a man called 9-1-1 nearly 70 times within several hours August 1, disrupting the dispatch center and emergency services, WEWS 5 Cleveland reported August 7. Eastlake officers enlisted the assistance of Ashtabula police, who served the man with an arrest warrant at his home. According to police, he resisted arrested and faces charges in Ashtabula and Eastlake. He remained at the Lake County Jail pending bond or

arraignment.

Source: <http://www.onntv.com/content/stories/2012/08/07/story-man-arrested-911.html>

41. *August 6, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Allentown Police Department switches to encrypted radios; communications will not be publicly accessible.** The Allentown, Pennsylvania Police Department switched to encrypted radios August 6, meaning the public will no longer be able to listen to dispatch radio chatter. City officials said the change was made to increase officer safety and enhance operational security, particularly by preventing criminals from listening to radio traffic on commercially available scanners and smartphone apps. Encrypted radio transmissions will sound distorted to regular listeners, and police communication will only be heard by listeners with the proper encryption key. The Allentown Fire Department and EMS communications will not be affected and will still be able to be heard on normal police scanners and smartphone apps.

Source:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/allentown/index.ssf/2012/08/allentown_police_department_sw.html

42. *August 6, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Inmates made ‘dummies’ to evade headcount during attempted escape.** Three convicted murderers were in a segregation unit at Mount Olive Correctional Complex in Fayette County, West Virginia, after they tried to escape custody, Associated Press reported August 6. The West Virginia Division of Corrections said the three inmates tried to escape the facility late July 17. The inmates evaded a headcount by stuffing pillows and blankets into their beds. The corrections commissioner said the pillow-and-blanket “dummies” made it appear the inmates were sleeping. He said the July 17 escape attempt shows why correctional officers are taught to physically see inmates before counting them in the headcount. He said the inmates were located within 15 minutes after their attempted escape and captured.

Source:

http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Three_Convicted_Murderers_Attempt_to_Escape_from_Prison_162903016.html

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Information Technology Sector

43. *August 7, The H* – (International) **iCloud attack began with Amazon hack.** In an article in Wired, a journalist who recently had several of his electronic accounts hacked explains how the attackers used flaws in Amazon’s and Apple’s customer service lines to expose his iCloud password. iCloud customer support requires a user’s residential address and the last four digits of the registered credit card to generate a new password. The hackers obtained the journalist’s residential address from records for a personal domain he registered. The last four digits of the credit card were obtained through Amazon. Apple told the New York Times it made a mistake when resetting the

password, and protocols were not completely followed. However, the journalist said a colleague at Wired was able to reset a different Apple ID by replicating the same process the hackers used.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/iCloud-attack-began-with-Amazon-hack-1661646.html>

44. *August 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Quantum cryptography theory has a proven security defect.** Researchers at Tamagawa University, Quantum ICT Research Institute, announced August 7 that they proved the incompleteness and limit of the security theory in quantum key distribution. They showed the present theory cannot guarantee unconditional security. Until now, the majority of researchers in quantum information science believed quantum cryptography (quantum key distribution) can provide unconditional security. The guarantee of its unconditional security is given by the trace distance, which is a quantum version of the evaluation of a mathematical cipher.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13383&utm>

45. *August 6, Threatpost* – (International) **Attackers go phishing for payroll workers with Java CVE-2012-1723 exploit.** Java flaw CVE-2012-1723 that Oracle patched in June has been the target of several pieces of malware and Web-based attacks recently. Now researchers indicate there is a phishing scam targeting payroll and HR employees that involves an exploit for the Java bug as well. The latest version of this kind of attack is using a scare tactic, telling recipients of the phishing email the certificate they use to access their payroll system is about to expire and needs to be renewed. If the user clicks on the embedded link, they will end up on a site serving a variety of exploits, including one for the Java flaw.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/attackers-go-phishing-payroll-workers-java-cve-2012-1723-exploit-080612

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Communications Sector

46. *August 7, Fort Dodge Messenger* – (Iowa) **Mediacom explains intermittent outages.** Intermittent outages in services provided by Mediacom over the last month have frustrated many, the Fort Dodge Messenger reported August 7. According to the Mediacom director of communications in Des Moines, Iowa, the outages have been caused by the intense July heat. The nodes serve as many as 400 customers in a single area, she said. When they become burned out by the heat, it is usually replaced by a technician within 2 hours. The process takes longer at night, when a technician has to

be called in. Another issue is power loss or damage to power lines. According to the Mediacom director of communications a MidAmerican Energy line went down August 4, burning Mediacom cable lines. The lines were promptly repaired, she said. The damage affected only 40 to 50 customers, as opposed to the impact of a damaged node. Another cause of intermittent outages was Mediacom upgrading and fine-tuning its technology.

Source: <http://www.messengernews.net/page/content.detail/id/550156/Mediacom-explains-intermittent-outages.html?nav=5010>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *August 7, New York Daily News* – (Ohio) **‘Dark Knight’ copycat arrested at Ohio movie.** A man was arrested at a Regal Cinemas in Westlake, Ohio, August 4 after he was discovered to be in possession of multiple weapons while sitting in an empty theater waiting for the show to start, the New York Daily News reported August 7. The suspect carried a satchel that raised suspicion when he entered the theater. After the suspect took a seat, an off-duty Westlake police officer who was providing security to the theater asked to search the bag. The officer found a loaded 9mm Glock handgun, multiple loaded magazines, and three knives inside, a Westlake police spokesman said. An additional knife was found underneath his clothes. The police added that being in the back row prevented anybody from being able to come up from behind the suspect, giving him a “tactical advantage. Police searched his truck in the parking lot and found a tactical vest, the station reported. Cops searched the suspect’s home August 6 and found an additional arsenal of six to eight pistols, rifles, shotguns, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Officers also discovered prescription medication in the home that may have prevented him from being able to own firearms. The FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives have assisted with the investigation, but only State charges have been filed.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/dark-knight-copycat-arrested-ohio-movie-theater-article-1.1130755>

48. *August 7, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Walmart in Muhlenberg evacuated after bomb threat.** Police evacuated the Wal-Mart in Muhlenberg Township, Pennsylvania, August 6 after a man called city police and said he had placed a bomb in the store, stated the emergency dispatchers. He refused to give officers more information and hung up, dispatchers said. Police and firefighters responded and evacuated the store. It was not clear how many customers or employees were inside. Crews searched the store and parking lot August 6 but did not find anything suspicious.

Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=406679>

49. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Fire destroys Mo. mosque; officials seek arson clues.** A mosque outside Joplin, Missouri, burned to the ground August 6 in the second fire to hit the Islamic center in little more than a month, and investigators searched through the wreckage for evidence of arson. The Islamic Society of Joplin’s building was a total loss after the fire, the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office said.

Investigators from the sheriff's office, the FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, were at the scene August 6. A fire July 4 was determined to be arson, but no charges were filed. The FBI released a video of a suspect caught on surveillance video and offered a \$15,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in that fire. The FBI said it was too early to say if there was surveillance video available from the August 6 fire. The sheriff's office said the video equipment was destroyed. The FBI encouraged anyone with information about either fire to call authorities. A Jasper County sheriff said patrols at the mosque were stepped up after the July 4 fire was found to be arson.

Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/national/fire-destroys-mo-mosque-officials-seek-arson-clues/article_d5624df1-2ca3-5271-82d0-4cb871d32434.html

50. *August 7, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Most of Tulsa strip mall destroyed by fire.** Four businesses were destroyed by a fire that reduced most of a Tulsa, Oklahoma strip mall to rubble August 7, firefighters said. Flames had engulfed the roof of the shopping center when the majority of firefighters arrived, witnesses said. After an hour-long battle, only Southern Hills Sports Bar and Omega Laundry, the anchoring tenants on either end of the strip mall, remained. The other businesses, including Submariner Sandwich Shop, Bookland, and Tulsa Nails were a wreckage of crumbled walls and twisted metal roof.

Source: <http://newsok.com/most-of-tulsa-strip-mall-destroyed-by-fire/article/3698888>

51. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **1 person killed, 5 hurt in crash at Iowa auction.** A pickup truck used to conduct a busy Iowa livestock auction sped into a crowd without warning August 6, killing one person and injuring at least five others, authorities said. The driver of the Ford F-250, which was ferrying the auctioneer from one horse trailer to the next at the Kalona Sales Barn, was pulling forward when he had a sudden health problem that caused him to hit the accelerator and lose control, said the Kalona city administrator. The auctioneer and several people involved in running the auction were in the back of the truck, and some of them were thrown out when it sped forward. The truck hit six or seven people in the parking lot outside the barn before it struck a tree and continued through downtown Kalona for a block before stopping, he said. Washington County authorities said in a statement one person was pronounced dead at the scene and five others were transported to hospitals.

Source: http://www.thonline.com/news/iowa-illinois-wisconsin/article_75a2fe78-938a-5459-8022-f1c070e106f6.html

52. *August 7, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **2 dead, 25 injured in Aurora apartment fire, arson suspected.** Two people were killed and 25 injured after an apartment fire in Aurora, Colorado, August 6. Police said the fire may have been arson. When crews arrived, all four floors of the Fitz apartment building were in flames and smoke. Fire crews said because of the intensity of the flames and the fact the central corridor of the building was consumed, it was difficult or impossible for residents to escape. Witnesses claimed they saw a man pouring gasoline in the hallway of the apartment complex shortly before the fire. The two people killed were on the fourth floor. Twenty-five people were treated for mild to moderate injuries. Fifteen people had to be taken to the hospital. The cause of the fire was being classified as undetermined, but officials were

not ruling out arson.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/281690/71/Fatal-Aurora-apt-fire-may-be-arson>

53. *August 7, KTVU 2 San Francisco* – (California) **Four alarm fire sweeps through San Francisco businesses.** A four-alarm fire erupted in a common attic space in a neighborhood commercial district in the Ingleside section of San Francisco, August 6, heavily damaging at least six businesses before firefighters extinguished the fire, authorities said. The fire was reported above a bakery and quickly spread to other businesses. Two firefighters were injured when they were caught in a backdraft. Firefighters brought the fire under control by cutting holes in the roof to get to the attic from above and also pulled down ceilings to reach the flames from below. Transportation officials were forced to shut down the KT Muni line at Ocean and Capital and replace it with bus shuttles.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/four-alarm-fire-sweeps-through-san-francisco-busin/nQCcc/>

54. *August 6, Anchoarge Daily News* – (Alaska) **Man threatened to open fire at Alyeska concert, police say.** An Anchorage man was arrested after threatening to shoot others, including security officers, at a concert August 4 in Girdwood, Alaska, State troopers said. Troopers responded to the Alyeska Resort day lodge because of reports that a man was threatening to shoot people at the 36 Crazyfists concert. An investigation revealed the suspect had threatened to shoot someone at the concert and then threatened to shoot the four security officers who were escorting him out. Troopers said they recovered a handgun during the investigation and alcohol was a factor. The suspect was arrested and taken to the Anchorage jail on charges of assault and terroristic threatening.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/08/05/2574127/man-arrested-after-threatening.html>

55. *August 6, San Antonio Express News* – (Texas) **Airport caller eyed in hotel bomb threat.** San Antonio police said they believe the man who phoned in a bomb threat at San Antonio International Airport August 1 made another threat August 5 that a bomb would explode at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel around noon. “There’s a good likelihood that it is the same person,” the police chief said outside the downtown hotel after dogs and police checked the building for explosives and found none. Hotel staff took the threat seriously and evacuated the building. Shortly after noon, police had cleared the building and the street had been reopened, but the incident tied up resources. A man claiming to have been working under the Taliban called the airport August 1 and said three bombs in the parking garage were set to go off. The call was determined to be a hoax. Someone called 9-1-1 from a North Side pay phone August 2 and said, “Yesterday was only a test.” Police are looking into whether the three incidents are connected and are working with the FBI to find the man responsible.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Airport-caller-eyed-in-hotel-warning-3766255.php

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *August 7, Eureka Times-Standard* – (California) **Dillon fire expected to be contained by Tuesday; weekend lightning starts new fires.** Firefighters continued battling the Dillon Fire near Dillon Creek in California, which has grown to 318 acres but was 90 percent contained and expected to be completely contained August 7. Acreage burned was previously reported as 330 acres, but a Forest Service spokeswoman said a lower acreage count was likely due to more accurate measurements from fire crews. Lightning storms August 5 sparked nine additional confirmed fires in the area, according to a press release. The fire began as a series of about 20 fires along State Route 96. According to a press release, most of the fires were quickly contained, but two grew into larger fires. One, in the Six Rivers National Forest, had burned 176 acres by August 6. The other had burned 154 acres in the Klamath National Forest. State Route 96 was opened August 6 to one-way controlled traffic about 12 miles west of Happy Camp, according to the California Department of Transportation Web site. The Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests implemented fire restrictions beginning August 6 in an effort to reduce human-caused wildfires.
Source: http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_21253303/dillon-fire-expected-be-contained-by-tuesday-weekend
57. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Wildfire burns 4,000 acres near Chelan, Wash.** A wildfire northeast of Chelan, Washington, burned across an estimated 4,000 acres, or 6 square miles, the Associated Press reported August 7. A fire management spokesman said August 6 that residents of about 50 homes were warned they may have to evacuate. Most homes were in the community of Alta Lake. So far, no structures have burned. Alta Lake State Park was closed. The spokesman said the Antoine Creek Fire was about 40 percent contained.
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/ap/washington/wildfire-burns-1000-acres-near-chelan/nQBtt/>
58. *August 6, Redding Record-Searchlight* – (California) **1,300-acre fire closes Lassen Park road.** Lassen Volcanic National Park officials closed the main road through the park while a fire burning in Redding, California, grew to about 1,300 acres August 6. The main road through the park was closed near Craggs Campground from the north entrance to the park and was closed at Summit Lake, from the south entrance to the park. The Reading Fire started July 23 after a series of thunderstorms passed through the area, according to the park's Web site. Meanwhile patches in northern California continued to burn August 6 as fire crews, mostly at national forests, battled a series of wildland blazes that so far have consumed more than 15,000 acres. The Salt Creek Fire about 20 miles north of Redding was contained August 5 though officials with the U.S. Forest Service cautioned August 6 that smoke would remain in Shasta County skies. The fire burned nearly 1,000 acres in 4 days, at one point threatening 220 structures and forcing hundreds in the Salt Creek and Gilman Road areas to evacuate as it spread on both sides of Interstate 5. The largest of the fires, the Chips Fire in the Plumas National Forest, burned 13,867 acres between July 29 and August 6. Officials said the fire was not contained and some 750 people were fighting it.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2012/aug/06/north-state-fires-continue-to-burn-as-weather/>

59. *August 6, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Ridge Fire determined to be human-caused.** The Ridge Fire, which briefly forced the evacuation of about 30 homes in the Layton, Utah area over the August 4-5 weekend, was believed to be human-caused, KSL 5 Salt Lake City reported August 6. As of August 5, the fire was 100 percent contained and was expected to be fully under control by August 7. The fire started August 5 and burned less than 50 acres. But it threatened about 30 homes that had to be temporarily evacuated. Meanwhile, a handful of other lightning-caused fires burned throughout Utah August 6. The West Mountain Fire in Washington County burned 2,400 acres west of Utah Hill in Washington County since August 4. As of August 6, the fire was 50 percent contained. The Pumpkin Fire east of Spanish Fork was 40 percent contained August 5. The fire had burned roughly 175 acres.

Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?sid=21585663&nid=148&title=ridge-fire-determined-to-be-human-caused>

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Dams Sector

60. *August 7, WSIL 3 Harrisburg* – (Missouri; Illinois) **Army Corps of Engineers start permanent levee repairs.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began work the week of August 6 on two levees along the Mississippi River, the Len Small Levee, west of Olive Branch, Illinois, and the Mississippi River levee, north of Cairo. The Corps' St. Louis and Memphis drainage districts both had crews on hand to do the work. The water has gone down and foliage is returning, but where a wide stretch of sand and clay should stand tall near Olive Branch, there are still the holes where the Mississippi River broke through in 2011. "They'll put that clay material on these slopes and just seal everything up, get it to the right height and width," an official explained. Crews will strip the topsoil and vegetation, then spread a large layer of clay over the current sand levee. A few miles away, a different group from the Corps was reinforcing the problematic Mississippi River levee. Crews were digging out clay from nearly 95 feet underground, mixing it with Bentonite, a water-resistant substance, then re-filling the trench with the mixture. The Corps has 90 days to complete the Len Small Levee and until the end of 2012 to finish the Mississippi River Levee. Crews were also finishing work on 28 new relief wells just north of Cairo.

Source: <http://www.wsiltv.com/news/local/Army-Corps-of-Engineers-Start-Permanent-Levee-Repairs-165198636.html>

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