



# The National Monitor

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## School Security

- **Tightening school security in D.C. area schools**  
1.27.13 - Washington Post - In the wake of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., there is a priority in the region's schools: ensuring safety. At West Springfield High in Fairfax County, Officer Joe Plazio patrols the halls. [More Info](#)
- **Security at the door: Schools tighten up**  
1.27.13 - Washington Post - Locking schoolhouse doors a priority; 73 percent do so in Va., 46 percent post someone at entrances. [More Info](#)
- **Panic buttons in, security guards out of new school budget**  
1.30.13 - The Advocate - Board member Rich Lyons questioned the idea, asking for information about false alarm rates and defects before the board made a decision. "I think you might ... [More Info](#)
- **Dade County leads way in school security monitoring, linking with ...**  
2.2.13 - Chattanooga Times Free Press - Trenton, GA - A bright orange button triggers a silent alarm. Law enforcement can then respond by locating a radio's position with GPS technology. The new cameras will be ... [More Info](#)

## Association Events

- **2.5.13 - Rio Grande Valley Chapter TBFAA - Corpus Christi, TX**  
Tuesday, February, 5, 2013- 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM - Guest Speaker: Nicholas Mirus CET – Underwriters Laboratories Join us at: Russo's Coal Fired Italian Kitchen- 6418 South Staples - Ste 124 - Corpus Christi, TX 78413 - 361-986-0620
- **2.6.13 - OKBFAA - OK Burglar & Fire Alarm Assn.**  
Monthly Meeting - February 6, 2013 - Central Oklahoma Home Builders - 420/430 E. Britton Road, OKC. Join OKBFAA members for our monthly membership meeting. Network with industry folks, hear from Houston Tracy, LRG, Inc. and get a sneak peak at changes taking place within YOUR professional organization. RSVP: Danna Fowble at [dannafowble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dannafowble@sbcglobal.net) or 405-365-7406
- **2.7.13 - Rio Grande Valley Chapter TBFAA - McAllen, TX**  
Thursday, February 7, 2013 - 11:30am to 1:00pm - Guest Speaker: Nicholas Mirus CET –Underwriters Laboratories Join us at Tony Roma's - 2121 South 10th Street - McAllen, TX - (956) 631-2121
- **2.12.13 - STAA Meeting – San Antonio, TX**  
South Texas Alarm Association will hold its next meeting at [Clear Springs Restaurant](#) on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Meet and Greet starts at 11:30.

## Door to Door Sales

- **How to Avoid Tricky Home Security and Alarm System Scams- Tip ...**  
1.28.13 -Virtual-Strategy Magazine - There are hundreds and even thousands of home security and alarm system scams reported each year, in particular as a result of door-to-door sales ...[More Info](#)



- **CA: Door-to-door alarm system sales firms to pay \$525000 settlement**  
2.2.13 - San Jose Mercury News - Martinez, CA -- Two businesses that sell fire alarm systems and security monitoring services have been ordered to pay \$525,000 and to upgrade their business ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Wave of Telemarketing Scams Targeting Seniors, BBB Says**  
2.1.13 - WBNG-TV - Johnson City, NY - The alarm, warns the recording, is necessary to protect against a long list of dangers, ... It claims that you can get an alarm system worth several hundred dollars ... [More Info](#)

## Public Safety Updates

- **CT: Wilton selectmen pass alarm ordinance revisions**  
1.29.13 - The Hour - Wilton, CT - The Board of Selectmen unanimously accepted changes to the town's house alarm systems ordinance last week, increasing fines for unnecessary ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Dunwoody adopts false alarm ordinance**  
1.29.13 - Reporter Newspapers - Dunwoody, GA - City Council has adopted an ordinance that will require alarm owners to register their systems with the city and pay fines after several false alarms. [More Info](#)



- **GA: Possible ordinance aims to reduce false alarms**  
1.30.13 - NeighborNewspapers.com - Johns Creek, GA - City Council is considering measures to limit false alarms that call on Johns Creek Police and Fire Departments when there is no emergency. [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Livingston Council Discusses Success of Shuttle**  
1.30.13 - TheAlternativePress.com - Livingston, NJ - Township Manager Michele Meade explained that the ordinance would state that alarm system users would be allowed two free "false alarms" before getting ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Police Commissioner Says Video Tech Solves Crime, Increases Safety**  
1.29.13 - Government Video - During 2012, New York City law enforcement dependence on video technology to solve crimes and support public safety increased tremendously, and police will depend on that technology even more in 2013, said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly during the annual State of the NYPD Address. [More Info](#)
- **OH: Proposal: Fines for false alarms**  
1.31.13 - Warren Tribune Chronicle - Warren, OH - Police and fire personnel responded to an average of 3,500 home and business alarms annually over the last five years, and between 90 percent ... [More Info](#)
- **SC: False alarms become nuisance, fines needed, Hilton Head fire chief ...**  
2.2.13 - Hilton Head Island Packet - Hilton Head, SC - Nineteen times last year, the Town of Hilton Head Island Fire & Rescue Division sent fire engines -- sirens blaring and lights flashing -- to the same resort hotel. [More Info](#)

## Industry News

- **Security cameras multiply, raising privacy concerns**  
1.31.13 - Columbus Dispatch - Nearly everywhere you go, someone is watching. Thousands of surveillance cameras installed in the name of safety and security raise ... [More Info](#)



- **New UL standard will rate camera performance**  
1.30.13 - Security Systems News - Northbrook, IL - UL 2802 out in February; some products will be certified before ISC West. Underwriters Laboratories is launching the first digital-camera performance standard in February and plans to have some cameras certified in time for ISC West, Bob Jamieson, UL general manager, life safety and security industries, told Security Systems News... [More Info](#)
- **Bohicchio murders prompt Boca mom to invent personal security ...**  
1.29.13 - Sun-Sentinel - Boca Raton, FL - The Cincinnati native grew up going to her father's alarm company, but an inventor was the last thing she imagined she'd be. "I'm just a mom trying to make ... [More Info](#)
- **Who Owns the Code? The Law Says the Integrator**  
1.28.13 - CEPro - Richard Schwank, vice president, operations/general manager, recently wrote to Kirschenbaum saying he is currently trying to takeover a fire alarm system for a ... [More Info](#)
- **Dish Network may offer home security service, still in negotiations ...**  
1.30.13 - Denver Post - The satellite-TV provider would resell the service, generically branded as alarm.com in the video, through a third-party company called Vivint. One possible ... [More Info](#)
- **Report: 60-80% of U.S. Broadband Home Owners Willing to Pay for ...**  
1.30.13 - Broadway World - ... management markets and strategies to overcome consumer reluctance to adopt new energy solutions, including case studies from Alarm.com, Wi-Fi Alliance, ... [More Info](#)
- **Cox Communications to offer home security in Virginia**  
1.24.13 - Security Info Watch - Company to enter new market after four roll outs in 2012 [More Info](#)
- **Protection 1 Expands IT Capabilities With Pinnacle Security Buy**  
1.30.13 - Romeoville, IL - Continuing on its quest to build an IT-centric company, Protection 1 has purchased certain proprietary IT assets from summer sales model company Pinnacle Security. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. [More Info](#)

- **CSG closes year with three fold-in acquisitions**  
1.30.13 - Security Systems News - Tulsa, OK - Company adds mostly residential accounts in three states. Central Security Group closed 2012 with three fold-in acquisitions that have expanded the company's presence in Oklahoma, Arkansas and California. [More Info](#)
- **Private contract security services to see steady global demand**  
2.1.13 - SecurityInfoWatch - Among the private contract security market segments covered in the "World Security Services" report include alarm monitoring, security systems integration, ... [More Info](#)

## Legislative Report

Full Text	Brief Description and Current Status	History
ALSB00052 <a href="#">Text</a> 	<p>AL Security Board of Licensure, alarm installers and locksmiths, inspections of unlicensed operations, licensure dates, criminal and civil enforcement, exclude motor vehicle locks and business selling locks, licensure in counties less than 30,000, Secs. 34-1A-1, 34-1A-3, 34-1A-5, 34-1A-6, 34-1A-7, 34-1A-10 am'd. SB52 By Senator Whatley RFD Governmental Affairs Rd 1 05-FEB-13 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Electronic Security Board of Licensure licenses and regulates alarm system installers and locksmiths. This bill would provide that the definition of locksmith includes the installation or service of locks for motor vehicles, would specify that the powers of the board include making inspections relating to unlicensed operations, would authorize licenses to be staggered and issued for a two-year period and would delete the specified date of December 31 of each year for licenses to expire, would specify that businesses selling locks only over the counter or by mail order are exempt under the law and would clarify the application of exemptions, would specify that each offense would be punished as provided by law, and would further provide for civil enforcement of the law by injunctive relief and civil fines. Under existing law, the licensure law does not apply in counties having a population of 30,000 inhabitants or less according to the most recent decennial census. This bill would provide that the licensure law would not apply to an alarm installer in a county having a population of 30,000 or less if the person or business entity had a business license during the five-year period immediately preceding the enactment of this bill.</p> <p>Status: 02/05/2013 : Pending Committee Action in House of Origin Governmental Affairs</p>	<a href="#">History</a>
CTHB05580 <a href="#">Text</a> 	<p>CT Legal Impact: That the General Assembly direct the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to study ways to increase security at elementary schools and to prevent unauthorized entry into elementary school buildings. AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE SECURITY AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. Statement of Purpose: To direct the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to study ways to increase school security and improve school safety at elementary schools.</p> <p>Status: 1/23/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Education</p>	<a href="#">History</a>
CTHB06012 <a href="#">Text</a> 	<p>CT Legal Impact: That chapter 541 of the general statutes be amended to provide that a local building official shall order any person holding a building permit for the construction or renovation of a residential building to immediately cease work when, in the course of such building official's first inspection of the newly constructed or renovated building, he or she observes that properly functioning permanent or temporary smoke or carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment has not been installed in violation of section 29-292 or 29-315b of the general statutes. AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE CODE PROVISIONS REQUIRING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. Statement of Purpose: To add an enforcement mechanism for local building officials who discover that requirements pertaining to smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment have not been followed.</p> <p>Status: 1/24/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security</p>	<a href="#">History</a>

<p>CTHB06080</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>CT Legal Impact: That title 10 of the general statutes be amended to enhance existing and mandate new school security measures for all public schools in the state. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENHANCEMENT OF SCHOOL SECURITY MEASURES. Statement of Purpose: To enhance and protect the safety of students at school in the state. Status: 1/25/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Education</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>CTHB06081</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>CT Legal Impact: That the general statutes be amended to allow funds received through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program to be used to enhance school safety and security. AN ACT ALLOWING SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS TO BE USED TO ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY. Statement of Purpose: To provide more funding opportunities for school safety and security through STEAP grants. Status: 1/25/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Education</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>CTHB06084</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>CT Legal Impact: That section 10-283 of the general statutes be amended to make the cost of upgrading security in schools eligible for purposes of calculating eligible costs for school building project grants. AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF SECURITY UPGRADES IN SCHOOLS. Statement of Purpose: To make security upgrades in schools part of the eligible costs for purposes of school building project reimbursement. Status: 1/25/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Education</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>CTHB06160</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>CT Legal Impact: That section 29-292 of the general statutes be amended to provide that, prior to transferring title to real property containing any residential building or private dwelling, the owner of such real property must demonstrate that such residential building or private dwelling has working smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment. AN ACT REQUIRING WORKING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND PRIVATE DWELLINGS AT THE TIME TITLE IS TRANSFERRED. Statement of Purpose: To promote the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in all residential buildings and private dwellings. Status: 1/25/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>CTSB00480</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>CT Legal Impact: That: AN ACT PERMITTING THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS TO THE EXTERIOR OF UNITS LOCATED IN A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY OR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT. Statement of Purpose: To prohibit associations and board of common interest communities and planned unit developments from enacting rules which prohibit the installation of security cameras to the exterior of a unit. Status: 1/23/2013 : Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>IASF00065</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>By Danielson.   A bill for an act prohibiting private safety agencies from utilizing the digits 911 in telephone numbers or internet addresses, and providing a penalty. Status: January 30, 2013 : Subcommittee, Soddors, Boettger, and Courtney. S.J. 162.</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>ILSB01184</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>5 ILCS 80/4.24 5 ILCS 80/4.25 Extends the repeal date of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 by one year. Effective immediately. Status: 1/30/2013 : Senate Referred to Assignments</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>
<p>MSHB01332</p> <p><a href="#">Text</a> </p>	<p>Income tax; provide credit for taxpayer paying home security expenses for primary residence. Status: 01/21/2013 : (H) Referred To Ways and Means</p>	<p><a href="#">History</a></p>

MSHB01395 <a href="#">Text</a> 	Locksmiths; provide for licensing of. Status: 01/21/2013 : (H) Referred To Workforce Development;Ways and Means	<a href="#">History</a>
NCSB00018 <a href="#">Text</a> 	NC G.S.74F3 reads as rewritten: AN ACT amending the locksmith licensing act, expanding the authority of the locksmith licensing board to regulate institutional locksmiths, and raising the ceiling on certain fees. Short title - Amend Locksmith License Act Raise Fee Ceiling. Status: 01/30/2013 : Filed on 01/30/2013	<a href="#">History</a>
TXHB00855 <a href="#">Text</a> 	Relating to a security services contractor's lien. Status: 01/30/2013 : H Filed	<a href="#">History</a>

## State Trends



- AL: Proposed legislation would alter burglary laws to allow more severe ...**  
 1.30.13 - Anniston Star-Patrick Houston works on a phone/alarm system at Telephone Communications in Anniston. A bill being proposed to the Alabama Legislature seeks to reclassify ... [More Info](#)
- KS: Kansas bill would let job seekers keep their social media secrets**  
 1.30.13 - Kansas City Star - In the era of social media where anyone can be famous for 15 minutes — or longer — the challenge of the Digital Age is keeping stuff private. [More Info](#)
- TX: For Most Texans, Session Means Following Along From Afar**  
 1.29.13 - Texas Tribune - Living close to the capital city, Central Texans have relatively easy access to state lawmakers during the biennial legislative session. But in a state as big as Texas, most of the state's population must follow the action from up to hundreds of miles away [More Info](#)
- TX: Perry has a surprise in his State of the State address**  
 1.29.13 - Houston Chronicle - Austin - Gov. Rick Perry in his State of the State address will ask lawmakers to approve a constitutional amendment to let the state return unspent tax revenues directly to Texans, his office confirmed. [More Info](#)
- TX: Perry sees windfall in rainy day**  
 1.31.13 - My SA - Austin, TX - Gov. [Rick Perry's](#) proposal to tap into the rainy day fund for tax relief could affect revenue long into the future and is a marked change from his repeated insistence that the state savings account shouldn't be used for ongoing expenses... [More Info](#)

## National News



- U.S. economy contracted at annual rate of 0.1 percent in fourth quarter**  
 1.30.13 - Washington Post - The U.S. economy shrank from October through December for the first time since the recession ended, hurt by cuts in government spending, fewer exports and sluggish growth in company stockpiles. [More Info](#)
- U.S. economy added 157,000 jobs in January; unemployment rate at 7.9 percent**  
 2.1.13 - Washington Post - U.S. employers added 157,000 jobs in January and hiring was stronger over the past two years than previously thought, providing reassurance that the job market held steady while economic growth sputtered. The unemployment rate rose to 7.9 percent from 7.8 percent in December. [More Info](#)

## Business Tips

- Report: Employees the biggest threat to cybersecurity**  
 1.24.13 - Security Info Watch - According to new research from Wisegate, a membership body for senior IT professionals, the biggest threat to an organization's cybersecurity ... [More info](#)



- **Security Threats to Expect in 2013**  
1.28.13 - Baseline - The most hyped security threats aren't necessarily the most dangerous ones, according to a new data breach investigations report from Verizon researchers. [More Info](#)
- **Ten Ways to Disarm Angry Customers**  
12.3.12 - Baseline - When so many customers are posting their experiences on social media, good service is essential. So keep these tips in mind when you and your staff are dealing with customers. [More Info](#)
- **Obvious but Hard Lessons in Small Business Advertising**  
1.29.13 - smallbiztrends.com - Learn from the mistakes of others and follow these obvious but hard lessons learned in small business advertising so you don't make the same ... [More Info](#)
- **12 Unexpected Social Media Tips - OPEN Forum :: American Express ...**  
1.21.13 - www.openforum.com - Believe it or not, social media extends beyond Facebook and Twitter. It's any website where people can discuss content. YouTube is social ... [More Info](#)

## Fire News

- **CA: Firefighters discover suspected drug lab in Old Town**  
2.1.13 - KFMB News 8 - San Diego, CA - Crews responded to a ringing alarm at the E-Z 8 Motel around 1:30 p.m. When they arrived, they found tubing and cans of ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: String of falsely pulled fire alarms plague row houses**  
1.28.13 - The Stanford Daily - Stanford, CA - Row houses have been plagued by maliciously pulled fire alarms this quarter, as two incidents at the start of 2013 complemented seven such incidents recorded ... [More Info](#)



- **GA: Smoke detectors alert Lilburn family to fire**  
1.27.13 - WGCL Atlanta - Lilburn, GA - Two adults were home asleep at the time and were alerted by smoke alarm. Firefighters were able to rescue the dog before intense heat and a partial collapse of ... [More Info](#)
- **IA: Teen raises money for smoke alarms**  
1.31.13 - Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier - Waterloo, IA - A fire that killed a Waterloo mother and destroyed her family's home Friday started with a scented oil warmer.... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Alarms, smoke alert Boylston homeowner to fire**  
2.2.13 - Worcester Telegram - Boylston, MA - Suddenly, the fire alarms in his house went off, and the phone rang with a call from the alarm company telling him the water alarm in his basement had just gone ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Small fire at Hardee's in Roanoke Rapids this morning**  
2.1.13 - Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald - Roanoke Rapids, NC... Battalion Chief Jason Patrick said around 4 a.m. today firefighters were dispatched to the Hardee's Restaurant in response to a fire alarm. [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Seven sent to hospital after fire at Sunrise Assisted Living in ...**  
1.28.13 - NorthJersey.com - Woodcliff Lake, NJ - Shortly after 2 a.m., police officers and firefighters were dispatched to the nursing home after the alarm sounded. Woodcliff Lake Fire ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Merrimack Man Charged With Pulling Fake Fire Alarm**  
1.29.13 - Patch.com - Merrimack, NY - A Merrimack man was arrested over the weekend for pulling a fire alarm at the London Court apartment building and fleeing the area. Alan Bell, 28, of 1 Cardinal ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Meth lab fire breaks out in Curtis Apartments; man arrested**  
1.29.13 - WatertownDailyTimes.com - Watertown, NY - A first-floor resident told the Times she was awakened by the internal alarm system, smelled nothing, assumed it to be an alarm malfunction, and went back to ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Official: Auto shop fire started due to vehicle battery**  
1.31.13 - Odessa American - Odessa, TX - Owner Judy Love said Monday she was alerted about the fire after the alarms went off and one of her employees received a call from the alarm company. [More Info](#)

## Crime News

- **AL: Man arrested, linked to multiple school burglaries**  
1.30.13 - WSFA - Montgomery, AL - Police located a broken window at the site of the alarm and observed Giles running in front of the building. Officers took Giles into custody and were able to link ... [More Info](#)
- **AZ: Stupid Criminal Tricks Continue**  
2.1.13 - Payson Roundup - Payson, AZ - McAnerny learned all of the employees knew the alarm code and that Gibson and another employee had closed up the night before. When Gibson stopped to ... [More Info](#)



- **CA: Bank robberies continue**  
1.31.13 - Marinscope Community Newspapers - Novato, CA - Marin County sheriff's deputies responded to the bank after a holdup alarm was triggered. The suspect was described as a white male, 40-50 years old, medium ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Burglars hit Valley Springs school again**  
2.1.13 - Calaveras Enterprise - Calaveras, CA - Sgt. Hewitt adamantly recommended installing security cameras and alarm systems ... Hewitt was surprised the school did not already have security alarms or ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Police Blotter: Two people chase down Fremont tagging suspect ...**  
1.29.13 - San Jose Mercury News - Fremont, CA - 3:55 a.m. Thursday A person who activated an alarm kicking open the side door to an office got away with a desktop ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Redford police briefs**  
1.31.13 - Hometownlife.com - Redford, CA - Police responded to a burglar alarm Sunday morning at a building in the ... Police responded to a burglary alarm at the business and arrived to find the ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: San Andreas Mini Mart burglarized**  
1.31.13 - Calaveras Enterprise - San Andreas, CA - "They triggered the alarm, once they were in the store," Hamann said. "Once it went off, they went around like chickens with their heads cut off." How much the ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Saratoga's Bank of the West Is Robbed**  
2.1.13 - Patch.com - Saratoga, CA -The call alerting Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies about the crime came in 2:32 p.m. as an alarm warning from the bank, said sheriff's spokesman Jose ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Thieves Target Small Businesses in Roseville**  
1.31.13 - Patch.com - Roseville, CA - At about 2 a.m. January 20, officers responded to a burglary alarm activation at a hair ... If notified of an alarm activation in the middle of the night, take it seriously ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Three arrested in iPad burglary from San Diego school**  
1.31.13 - Los Angeles Times - San Diego, CA - Minutes earlier, San Diego police had gone to Del Mar Heights Elementary School to investigate a burglar alarm. Police found that iPads and a MacBook had ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Torrance Deputies Find Theft Suspect**  
1.31.13 - Mountain View Journal - Torrance, CA - 24, that alarm went off and the couple dialed up Torrance County Sheriff Heath White, who got a number of deputies to the property in time to catch Solether on ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Two arrested cutting into ATM**  
1.28.13 - Times-Standard - Ferndale, CA - Police officers responded to an internal alarm at the US Bank at 3:26 a.m. and heard voices and saw smoke inside the building, ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Valley briefs: Three armed men rob Reedley home**  
2.1.13 - Fresno Bee - Fresno, CA - ... and Pilegard warehouse around 9 p.m., when the two men set off a burglary alarm, Sgt. Larry Hustedde said. [More Info](#)
- **CO: Security alarm got no CSPD response before double homicide**  
1.30.13 - Colorado Springs Independent - Colorado Springs, CO - At approximately 11:10 a.m. on Jan. 14, a security alarm for the Bassett Drive home of Staff Sgt. David Dunlap and his wife Whitney Butler was triggered, the ... [More Info](#)
- **CO: Trial Begins For Pair Accused Of Breaking Into Evacuated Homes**  
1.28.13 - KKTU 11 News - Colorado Springs, CO - The suspects allegedly told the agent that they crawled through a dog door to break into the houses without setting off an alarm. The trial for both suspects is ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Kid's 911 Call Foils Home Burglary**  
2.1.13 - WBFS - Miami Beach, FL - The burglars used a crowbar to open the door and the house alarm went off. During the entire robbery, 911 operators were listening on the phone. Police were ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Perfumes thieves break-in Mission Impossible-style**  
1.29.13 - Sun-Sentinel - Tamarac, FL - They methodically tried to disable the alarm and surveillance system and even ripped out the business' Internet wiring before targeting loot that even the store's ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Burglar fails to smash into Dougherty County store**  
1.30.13 - WALB-TV - Dougherty County, GA ... say the man tried to use a concrete pole pulled out of a neighbor's yard to smash the door, but it would not break and the pounding set off the burglar alarm. [More Info](#)
- **GA: Fourth Suspect Jailed in Attempted Armed Robbery**  
2.2.13 - Patch.com - Fort Stewart, GA - Employees at the bank slowed the transaction and triggered a silent alarm, the ... Hinesville police and Liberty County deputies responded to the alarm and ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Police Investigating Another Burglary Involving Stolen Cigarettes**  
1.31.13 - Patch.com - Buford, GA - Gwinnett County Police responded to a burglary alarm at the Chevron and, upon arrival, ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Shots fired at homeowner in Surrency**  
1.30.13 - Baxley News-Banner - Surrency, GA - On Friday, January 18, at approximately 3:00 p.m. a homeowner in the Surrency area received a call that his home alarm had been activated. Upon arrival, the ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Valdosta propane company burglarized**  
1.30.13 - WALB-TV - Valdosta, GA - The business did not have any surveillance cameras, and no alarm sounded. If you have any information on this burglary Valdosta Police ask you to call ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: Police arrest suspect in string of Peoria burglaries**  
1.31.13 - Peoria Journal Star - Peoria Heights, IL - .... was arrested at 9:35 a.m. after police responded to a house alarm in the area. [More Info](#)

- **IL: Police Pick Up Three on Warrants**  
1.30.13 - Patch.com - Oak Lawn, IL - An employee who could not get the alarm code entered in time at a business... Police responded to a security alarm around 10 a.m. Jan... [More Info](#)
- **IN: Richmond man faces 10 gun, drug felony charges**  
1.29.13 - Palladium-Item - Richmond, IN - Day-shift patrol officers Ami Miller and Aaron Stevens responded to a residential alarm at about 1:55 p.m. Friday and discovered a ... [More Info](#)
- **KS: Seven arrests on nearly 20 different charges this morning.**  
2.2.13 - Lawrence Journal World - Lawrence, KS - Just before 2:45 a.m., KU Police were called to Learned Hall on a report of an alarm sounding. The officer located an "emergency shower" ...[More Info](#)
- **MA: Pair held in December burglary**  
1.31.13 - The Salem News - Beverly, MA - Prosecutor Mark Byron said in court that the victim told police that her burglar alarm went off around 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 27. She reset it ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Police investigate break at law offices of former New Bedford mayor**  
1.28.13 - SouthCoastToday.com - New Bedford, MA - Lang said today police responded immediately when the building's silent alarm went off about 2 a.m. Friday. He said there was no damage to the building and ... [More Info](#)
- **MD: Alleged Burglar Found Hiding in Riverbank**  
1.28.13 - Patch.com - Essex, MD - Police were called for a report of a burglary alarm that had gone off around 10 a.m. that day. Police found that a back door. [More Info](#)
- **ME: Police blotter**  
2.1.13 - Wiscasset Newspaper - Wiscasset, ME - Sergeant Williams responded to an alarm at the Wiscasset Community Center. ... January 27 - Officer Walsh responded to a residential alarm... [More Info](#)
- **ME: Police: Seven Central Maine Businesses Burglarized During ...**  
1.28.13 - WABI - Waterville, ME - Later on in the early morning hours on Sunday, Waterville Police responded to an alarm activation at the Weathervane restaurant. Deputy Police ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Resident Locks Wayward Deer in Bathroom**  
1.28.13 - WLNS - Summit Township, MI - Lansing Fire Crews were alerted to the break when fire alarms went off throughout ... (WLNS) - A fire alarm alerted the owners of the Blue Gill Grill restaurant in ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Wyandotte: Burglars break into T-Mobile store in smash-and ...**  
2.2.13 - Southgate News Herald - Wyandotte, MI - The store manager said he opened the store that morning to find it had been broken into. The alarm was still going off, although the manager said neither he nor ... [More Info](#)
- **MN: Burglars Hit Two More Eden Prairie Businesses: Pick of Our Patches**  
2.1.13 - Patch.com - Eden Prairie, MN - An alarm had gone off, and nothing was disturbed inside the business. In the Honey Garden break-in, the front glass door had been shattered but the frame ... [More Info](#)
- **MS: Meridian Salon Burglarized**  
2.2.13 - WTOK - Meridian, MS - Unfortunately her alarm didn't go off Friday night, and thieves made off with cash deposits from the safe. While she's still in shock over what happened, anger ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Police investigate break-in at downtown drug store**  
1.30.13 - New Bern Sun Journal - New Bern, NC - She said the alarm sounded, and police rushed to the store. Police are examining a videotape of the incident recorded while the robbery was in progress. [More Info](#)
- **NC: Three nabbed for break-in at grill**  
1.30.13 - Sampson Independent - Sampson, NC - In that incident, a sheriff's deputy responded to a burglar alarm call to the grocery and grill and found that an exterior storage room door had been pried open. [More Info](#)
- **ND: Police arrest 3 in FM convenience store theft spree**  
1.30.13 - In-Forum - Moorhead, ND - Minutes later, an alarm was reported at Orton's convenience store 10 blocks west of the Stop-N-Go, Jacobson said in a news release. A few minutes after that, ... [More Info](#)
- **NH: Police Searching Seacoast for Robbery Suspects**  
2.1.13 - Patch.com - Hampton, NH - Emergency radio communications reported the gun wasn't shown, though, and the employee on duty hit the store's panic alarm, which reportedly malfunctioned. [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Nutley: Police blotter, Jan. 28**  
1.29.13 - NorthJersey.com - Nutley, NJ - The alarm alerted them that the basement door was open. They went ... 25 at 12:03 p.m., Nutley police responded to a burglar alarm. [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Rockland shaken, stirred by James Bond Gang burglaries**  
2.2.13 - The Journal News | LoHud.com - Rockland, NJ - They watch a house to ensure no one is home, cut alarm systems and then use ... "Because they move so quickly, even if they trigger an alarm, they are gone ... [More Info](#)
- **NV: Reptile store reports burglary same night as other high-priced pet ...**  
1.30.13 - KTNV - Las Vegas, NV - New thinks the sound of her store alarm scared them off before they could steal any expensive pets. She doesn't have surveillance video, but watching the video ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Man charged in store robbery**  
1.30.13 - GoErie.com - Jamestown, NY - Police said they responded to the store after an employee activated a holdup alarm. When Mitchell approached the counter to make a purchase, he reached ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Stupid thief in 'slip'-up**  
1.29.13 - New York Post - East Meadow, NY - The suspect asked, "Did somebody press the alarm?" and ran out, half an hour later, the thief - about 30 years old - showed up at TD Bank in East Meadow. [More Info](#)

- NY: Syracuse man admits guilt in city bank heist**  
 1.31.13 - Syracuse.com - Syracuse, NY - Officers responding to a bank robbery alarm found Bundrage standing at the front door of the bank trying to get back inside. Although the grand larceny charge ... [More Info](#)
- OH: Bank robbery foiled in Lima**  
 1.31.13 - Lima Ohio.com - Lima, OH - The teller immediately pushed the alarm, which alerted police of the situation, and the man panicked and ran out of the bank without any money. Officials said ... [More Info](#)
- OH: Masked men rob Lorain Internet cafe at gunpoint**  
 1.28.13 - Chronicle-Telegram - Lorain, OH - He said an alarm then sounded, and the men fled. According to McCoy, no arrests have yet been made, and police do not have any suspects. The men are ... [More Info](#)
- OK: Bandit Burglarizes Cushing Convenience Store**  
 1.30.13 - news9.com KWTW - Cushing, OK - An alarm sounded around 11:15 p.m. January 26 at Maveric Mini Mart. When officers arrived, they quickly determined the store had been ... [More Info](#)
- OK: Cushing police seek help identifying burglary suspect**  
 1.30.13 - Stillwater News Press - Cushing, OK - Police officers responded to an alarm at 1:16 p.m. Saturday. Once officers arrived, they determined a male had broken into the store and taken several items. [More Info](#)
- PA: Burglary and other crimes in New Hope**  
 1.28.13 - PhillyBurbs.com - New Hope, PA - Police said someone kicked in the front door, initiating an alarm. Officers answering the alarm discovered nothing taken from the ... [More Info](#)
- PA: Car thieves crash through bay door**  
 1.30.13 - Main Line - Bala Cynwyd, PA - After contacting the manager of the Firestone, it was reported that the alarm company had contacted him at 1:40 a.m. of an alarm activation. The managers told ... [More Info](#)
- PA: Police: Armed men rob south Allentown hotel**  
 1.30.13 - Allentown Morning Call - Allentown, PA - The manager pressed the silent alarm, but the men fled before police arrived, he said. The men made off with an undetermined amount of money. Police did not ... [More Info](#)
- PA: Police: Burglar climbed through ceiling at Lake Wylie restaurant**  
 1.28.13 - The Herald | HeraldOnline.com - Lake Wylie, PA - ... and convenience store, told deputies he received a call from his alarm company telling him the alarm inside the store was activated. [More Info](#)
- SC: 4 charged with Richland County burglaries**  
 1.30.13 - Richland County, SC - The State - Officers responded to a burglary alarm Thursday afternoon. When they arrived at the home, they saw that the home's front door had been ... [More Info](#)
- SC: Burglar came in through the floor then out the back door**  
 2.1.13 - Anderson Independent Mail - Anderson, SC - A burglar alarm was triggered at a Belton business and the arriving police officer Charlie Hendrix noticed a rear door that had been forced open from the inside. [More Info](#)
- SC: Man chases suspected thieves, locks them in trunk**  
 1.31.13 - San Francisco Chronicle - Walterboro, SC - An incident report states the alarm went off early Wednesday and Mixon saw two teens standing by his truck. When the two ran, Mixon jumped into his car and ... [More Info](#)
- TN: Police search for gun store burglars**  
 1.30.13 - WCYB - Greene County, TN - "They were probably checking to see what we have for an alarm system. A lot of companies have a glass-break alarm," he explained. After about spending four ... [More Info](#)
- TN: Unknown person breaks into video game store to steal Wii**  
 1.28.13 - Wgnradio - Murfreesboro, TN - Police made contact with a suspicious subject walking near the store minutes after the alarm went off on Saturday. An arrest has not been made, but the case is ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Armed robber makes off with cash from Corpus Christi loan store**  
 2.2.13 - Corpus Christi Caller Times - Corpus Christi, TX - About 7 p.m. officers were dispatched to the business in Moore Plaza after an employee activated a holdup alarm, ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Burglary of southeast Houston home caught on camera**  
 1.31.13 - KHOU - Oak Meadows, TX - "I slept with my panic button for our alarm," she said. Houston police are investigating several break-ins in the Oak Meadows neighborhood. The suspect -- who ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Church members catch, hog-tie burglary suspect**  
 1.29.13 - Houston Chronicle - Houston, TX - When the church alarm went off about 2:40 a.m. Saturday at Templo Hermosa Church pastor Franklin Peraza called several church ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Man arrested while stealing drugs from Amarillo pharmacy**  
 1.28.13 - ConnectAmarillo.com powered by KVII - Amarillo, TX - On Sunday morning at approximately 6:24 a.m. Amarillo Police responded to Remedies Pharmacy on a burglary alarm. When police ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Police arrest one in burglary at a church**  
 1.28.13 - Your Houston News - Houston, TX - Parishioners who responded to the reported burglar alarm discovered the man in the church office and held him until police arrived. According to a report by ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Police say suspects used sledgehammer to smash into game room**  
 1.28.13 - KHOU - Houston, TX - Officers with the Houston Police Department said they responded to a silent alarm around 2:30 am. The first officer on the scene ... [More Info](#)
- TX: Robbery at NE Houston game room foiled by police**  
 1.28.13 - abc13.com - Houston, TX - Investigators say an alarm went off as the suspects tried to enter the business, alerting both officers and the business owner at home. As officers arrived, they ... [More Info](#)

- **VA: Portsmouth police investigate fast food restaurant robbery**  
1.28.13 - Daily Press - Portsmouth, VA - Officers were dispatched at about 8:40 p.m. to the Hardee's after receiving reports about a robbery alarm sounding at the ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Reston Police Report: Unlawful Entry on Greywing Square**  
1.28.13 - Patch.com - Reston, VA - Officers responded for an alarm call. They found a damaged open window in the rear of the home. No one was found in the home. Nothing was stolen.... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Suspects hold up Hardee's at gunpoint**  
1.28.13 - WAVY-TV - Portsmouth, VA - Jan Clark with the Portsmouth Police Department said officers were dispatched to Hardee's for a report of an alarm around 8:45 p.m. ... [More Info](#)
- **WA: Business owner scares off burglar in Moses Lake**  
2.1.13 - Columbia Basin Herald - Moses Lake, WA - The suspect fled the scene when the audible alarm sounded. Glass and jewelry were scattered along the sidewalk and nearby alley. Security footage from ... [More Info](#)
- **WA: Man accused of attempt to repeat Spokane burglary**  
1.29.13 - The Seattle Times - Spokane, WA - Officers responded to a burglary alarm Sunday night and found that someone had broken into the attic to reach the office. They found 32-year-old Samuel T. [More Info](#)
- **WA: Spokane Police Arrest Burglar; \$25000 Of Stolen Property Recovered**  
1.28.13 - Myfoxspokane.com – Spokane, WA - Press Release From The Spokane Police Dept: Spokane Police patrol officers responded to an alarm at the K-Mart at 3:50am. [More Info](#)
- **WA: Suspect charged in Craigslist sex ad robberies targeting CD, Capitol ...**  
1.30.13 - CHS Capitol Hill Seattle - Seattle, WA - ... activated the fire alarm button on a security fob he was carrying, scaring Hansen off. The victim needed six stitches to close the laceration, according to police. [More Info](#)
- **WI: Milton man arrested in Janesville store robbery**  
2.1.13 - Wisconsin State Journal - Janesville, WI - Officers went to Lions Quick Mart shortly before 6 a.m. Friday to respond to a holdup alarm. "The suspect entered the store and demanded ... [More Info](#)
- **WI: Two local businesses hit by separate burglaries**  
1.28.13 - River Falls Journal - River Falls, WI - The intruder set off a motion sensor inside that triggered an alarm. Officers arrived quickly and secured the salon after finding it empty. A cash register inside had ... [More Info](#)
- **WV: BB&T branch robbed on West Side**  
2.2.13 - Charleston Gazette - Charleston, WV - Cooper said bank personnel followed procedures correctly by pressing a panic alarm during the robbery. Anyone with information is asked to call the Charleston ... [More Info](#)
- **WV: Parkersburg, WV police investigate unusual ATM theft**  
2.2.13 - WOWK - Parkersburg, WV - Officers got a call about an alarm going off at the Certified gas station. When they arrived, officers found the front doors had been busted out, ... [More Info](#)
- **WV: Two arrested in Fayette for alleged break-ins**  
1.29.13 - Beckley Register-Herald - Fayetteville, WV - Police say just before 1 a.m. Saturday, the Fayette County 911 Center received notification of an alarm sounding at Ball's Grocery. 16 just outside ... [More Info](#)

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