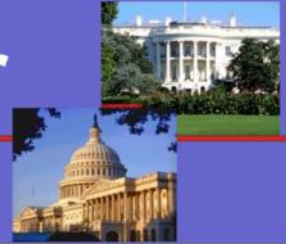




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## Association Events

- **5.1.13- OKBFAA Meeting Notice**  
Central Oklahoma Home Builders - 420/430 E. Britton Road, OKC - 11:30 a.m. Join OKBFAA members for our monthly membership meeting. Network with industry folks, hear from vendors that graciously support our industry day in and day out.... Dept. of Labor Safety Standards Director Rick Flanagan will join us as we hear about Department topics of interest to our members. RSVP: Danna Fowble at [dannafowble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dannafowble@sbcglobal.net) or 405-664-0270.
- **5.9.13 - 2013 NTAA Golf Tournament**  
Thursday May 9, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM CDT - It's time to sign up to play in or to sponsor the North Texas Alarm Association Golf Tournament. The competition takes place on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at Indian Creek Golf Club, located in Carrollton, TX. [More Info](#)
- **5.21.3 - TBFAA-.Central Chapter Bowling Tournament**  
1:30 PM to 4:15 PM CDT- Highland Lanes 8909 Burnet Road- Austin, TX 78757 [Click here to register](#)

## Door to Door Sales

- None this week



## Public Safety Updates

- **CA: Ceres council will weigh tying false-alarm fines to utility bills**  
4.21.13 - Modesto Bee - Ceres -- False alarms for emergency services soon could cost residents and businesses more and potentially put a stop to their garbage ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Is false alarm company 'crying wolf' with \$53 billing statement?**  
4.25.13- Morgan Hill Times - "We received a billing statement from a company called CryWolf asking us to pay a \$53 registration fee to register our alarm system and to comply with the City's ... [More Info](#)



- **GA: Dunwoody to crack down on false alarms from security systems**  
4.23.13 – WXIA-TV - Dunwoody, Ga. -- The city of Dunwoody moved forward with a plan aimed at reducing the number of false alarm calls from security systems to which police ... [More Info](#)
- **HI: Deputy attorney appointed to KPD**  
4.28.13 - Thegardenisland.com - O'Connor said the Commission and KPD would be updating the community on the Alarm Registration Permit. He said business owners and residents need to be ... [More Info](#)
- **MD: Salisbury Looking To Wrap Up Debate Over False Alarm Fees**  
4.26.13- The Dispatch-Salisbury – After months of deliberation, the Salisbury City Council voted twice to pass amended false alarm fees and is already discussing having the ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: False alarms rile police agencies**  
4.26.13 - Grand Rapids Business Journal - But then something happens: Before the next thunderclap hits, a cacophony of car alarms begin to wail. But the problem goes beyond annoying noise, law ... [More Info](#)

- **NM: Inside Albuquerque's Real-Time Crime Center**  
4.25.13 – Security Sales & Integration - The Albuquerque Police Department's new Real-Time Crime Center features a bank of 16 television screens, including a 90-inch monitor, and eight work stations. [More Info](#)
- **NY: New Rochelle considers hike in faulty alarm fines**  
4.21.13 - The Journal News | LoHud.com - The City Council is weighing increases in the fines charged for repeated false police or fire alarms — \$100 for the third false alarm in two years ... [More Info](#)

## Industry News

- **Exploring effectiveness of high-tech security systems**  
4.25.13 - WDAM-TV - Recent FBI data shows Americans lose more than \$4.5 billion in property each year to burglary. As a result, a growing number of homeowners are installing video surveillance systems in and around their homes. "America Now" host, Leeza Gibbons, met with Lt. Alan Hamilton of the Los Angeles Police Department to explore the effectiveness of these high-tech security solutions. [More Info](#)
- **AT&T introduces Digital Life home security and automation system**  
4.26.13- Sun-Sentinel - Digital Life allows users to control their home security alarm, small ... Over the next five years, the security alarm services industry is projected to grow at an ... [More Info](#)
- **Police use Flir cameras to find Boston terror suspect**  
4.22.13 – SecurityInfoWatch - Thermal imaging technology helps authorities track suspect's movements [More Info](#)



## Legislative Report

- None this week

## State Trends

- None this week



## National News

- **National Standards for Police Vehicle Digital Cameras Close to Being Finalized**  
4.23.13 – Government Video - The guidelines are almost done, according to an official with the agency developing the standards, speaking at a conference on electronic forensics. [More Info](#)
- **Bombing probe highlights expansion of surveillance**  
4.19.13 – Security Info Watch - Municipal and private surveillance comes through for investigators [More Info](#)
- **U.S. economy expands at rate of 2.5 percent in first quarter**  
4.26.13 - Washington Post - U.S. economic growth accelerated from January through March, buoyed by the strongest consumer spending in more than two years. The strength offset further declines in government spending that are expected to drag on growth throughout the year. [More Info](#)
- **Report: 7 People Die Each Day in Home Fires**  
4.25.13 – Security Sales & Integration - U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 366,600 home fires from 2007-2011, according to a new report by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). [More Info](#)



## Business Tips

- **Why clearly communicating purpose is the most important leadership skill**  
4.15.13 - Fast Company - There are so many characteristics of great leaders. Different circumstances demand different leadership styles. But if those you lead don't understand what you believe in, what your goals are, and what you personally are willing to do to help get there, they will never be able to maximize their collective potential. [More Info](#)



- **5 things leaders are thinking, but not talking about**  
4.15.13 - Forbes - Many leaders don't act like leaders. They define themselves more by their job title and job description, rather than the required courage, resiliency and determination to continually renew and reinvent themselves — while at the same time having their team's best interests at heart. Leadership is a marathon, not a sprint. Leaders must remain focused on those things that impact their ability to lead most efficiently and effectively. Those that only pay attention to the immediate short-term results are the ones that miss-out on the longer-term, more sustainable opportunities. [More Info](#)
- **Great Advice From Great Business Books**  
4.23.13 – Baseline - If you're looking for direction or inspiration to jump-start your career, you should consider these passages, which are taken from today's best-selling business books [More Info](#)
- **What Makes CEOs Rate High With Employees?**  
4.19.13 – Baseline - Find out what employees think about their CEO and why certain top execs win a lot of accolades. Is it vision, innovative thinking, compassion--or all three? [More Info](#)
- **50 Time Saving Tips for Small Businesses**  
4.17.13 – Small Business Trends - How can you better accomplish tasks in a shorter amount of time? Here are 50 time saving tips to help you save time throughout your workday. [More Info](#)
- **Inappropriate Office Decor Can Hurt Your Career**  
4.24.13 - Baseline - You may want to make a personal statement with your office decor, but you should avoid items that could cause people to question your professionalism. See these 10 very inappropriate office additions. [More Info](#)
- **Words of Wisdom From Top Business Leaders**  
4.23.13 - Baseline - "How are you first, only, faster, better or cheaper than other people who want to do what you're doing in the world?" That's one of nine motivational quotes from business leaders. [More Info](#)

## Fire News

- **BC: Smoke detector the hero in Duncan blaze**  
4.22.13 - HQ Cowichan Valley - Smoke alarms are being credited with saving lives at a Duncan house fire late ... "They were woken by their smoke alarm, so that tells you how smoke alarms do ... [More Info](#)
- **IA: Working Smoke Alarm Alerts Family of Early Morning Fire**  
4.28.13 - KCRG - Fire officials say a working smoke alarm woke up the two people living in the home, giving them enough time to escape safely. When firefighters arrived, they ... [More Info](#)
- **OR: Smoke alarm alerts Keizer family to cooking fire**  
4.23.13 - Statesman Journal - According to officials from the Keizer Fire Department, a woman and three children were in a Keizer house when a fire ... [More Info](#)



## Crime News

- **CA: Police Respond to Burglar Alarm on 10th St.**  
4.27.13 - Patch.com - At least one burglar attempted to break into a home. Friday afternoon, prompting Manhattan Beach Police to respond and set up a ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Three men wanted for liquor store robbery**  
4.23.13 – First Coast News - ... Spirits Liquors on Friday in reference to a burglar alarm, according to a release from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. [More Info](#)



- **GA: Thieves smash pickup into pawn shop, weapons taken**  
4.24.13 - Macon Telegraph - Macon police, responding to a burglar alarm early Wednesday morning, found a ... The alarm sounded at about 4:45 a.m., but when officers arrived, the culprits ... [More Info](#)
- **HI: Businesses battle burglars after rash of break-ins**  
4.23.13 – Thegardenisland.com - "I don't know why this is happening but we are taking action including putting in a silent alarm," said Peter Gempong, manager of The Shrimp Station, which ... [More Info](#)
- **IA: Le Mars Police arrest three for business burglary**  
4.23.13 – Le Mars Daily Sentinel - Le Mars Police went to the business in southwest Le Mars at approximately 1 a.m. when an alarm was triggered. Officers found a front window had been broken, ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: East St. Louis Jewelry and Pawn owner shot during attempted robbery**  
4.26.13 – KSDK - East St. Louis police responded to a panic alarm at East St. Louis Jewelry and Pawn around 12 p.m. Thursday. [More Info](#)
- **IL: Police: \$30K in Jewelry Taken From Downtown Downers Grove ...**  
4.22.13 - Patch.com - The burglary occurred just before 4:21 a.m. Thursday, when a tripped alarm sent police to a store. A nearby officer arrived within ... [More Info](#)

- **IL: Two in custody after armed robbery at Smokey Bones in Fairview**  
4.28.13 - Belleville News Democrat - Employees at Smokey Bones restaurant summoned police with a hold-up alarm at 8:07 a.m. Sunday. The manager told police he was ... [More Info](#)
- **IN: Alleged Grocery Burglar Caught Red-Handed**  
4.22.13 - Eagle 99.3 FM WSCH - (Dillsboro, Ind.) – A local grocery store's alarm system notified police of an ... Dearborn County dispatchers were notified of a motion alarm at the Dillsboro IGA. [More Info](#)
- **KY: Lexington Police Investigate Smash And Grab Burglary**  
4.26.13 - LEX18 Lexington KY News - Police say an alarm company alerted them to a break-in at the Speedway at the corner of Tates Creek Road and Mt. Tabor Road around 1:15 a.m. When officers ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Police Searching For Attempted Burglar**  
4.21.13 – LEX18 Lexington KY News - Police are looking for someone who set off an alarm at a Lexington business ... Alarms sounded at Old Colony Insurance on Cambridge around 8:00 a.m. Police ... [More Info](#)
- **LA: Three arrested in school vandalism**  
4.21.13 – WBXH - Deputies responded to an alarm at La Belaire Elementary School just before 4:30 am. While en route to the school, school board security observed the subjects ... [More Info](#)
- **ME: Lewiston man sentenced for break-in at SACC offices**  
4.26.13 - Lewiston Sun Journal - The agency changed the locks on the doors, installed a silent alarm and made other security upgrades, but the break-ins continued. "The employees were ...[More Info](#)
- **MI: Break-In at Loonar Station in Trenton, Owner Reports Nothing Missing**  
4.25.13 - Patch.com - Police said an alarm went off after the door was shattered and, possibly, scared the person away. Cash that was in the store at the time of the break-in remained ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Clerk fired after defending himself from thief**  
4.25.13 - WWMT-TV - Even though he says he pressed the silent alarm, Rathman says not giving the money up right away violated the store's policy and he was immediately let go. [More Info](#)
- **MI: Police arrest man found in GC Hospital restricted area**  
4.25.13 - Hometownlife.com - The police responded to an intrusion alarm about 9 a.m. April 18 at Wearmaster. Someone had tried to use a vehicle to enter through the closed [More Info](#)
- **MO: Bathroom break or burglary? St. Charles County man arrested after ...**  
4.26.13 - STLtoday.com - According to police, a burglary alarm sounded at Crossway Church at 2:56 a.m. The church pastor arrived about a half hour later and ... [More Info](#)
- **MO: Suspects apprehended in armed robbery of Fairview Heights ...**  
4.28.13 - STLtoday.com - The Fairview Heights Police Department was notified of the incident by an alarm sounding at the restaurant at 8:07 a.m. The manager of Smokey Bones at the ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Alarm Helps Police Catch Burglary Suspect - WITN**  
4.23.13 – WITN - An alarm call netted police a burglary suspect they say just broke into one business and tried to break in to another early this morning. Jacksonville police say ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Man charged in 3 ATM break-ins**  
4.22.13 - abc11.com - Then on Sunday, police got an alarm from the North Carolina State Employees' ... Monday morning, officers got a second alarm at the North Carolina State ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: SABLE leads K-9 unit to suspect in early morning breaking & entering**  
4.26.13 - WECT-TV6 - According to police, officers responded to an alarm at the Buffaloes grocery store and saw three people running from the business into the woods to escape. [More Info](#)
- **NC: Security alarm leads to Jacksonville B&E arrest**  
4.22.13 - WNCT - Police say an alarm was going off at business. When they got there, officers say they spotted 19-year-old Christian Tyler. Police say he was ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Burglar Strikes Homes In Wayne, NJ, Ignores Alarms**  
4.22.13 - CBS Local - As CBS 2's John Slattery reported, the man ignores burglar alarms and just storms right ... "We have an alarm system; very good alarm system," the woman said. [More Info](#)
- **NM: Police: False alarm causes Saturday evening investigation at Sears**  
4.28.13 - Las Cruces Sun-News - Las Cruces - Las Cruces Police said Sunday that a false alarm temporarily closed the area of the Sears store at the Mesilla Valley Mall for an investigation ... [More Info](#)
- **NM: Roswell smoke shop catches burglar on camera - KRQE-TV.com**  
4.28.13 – KRQE - According to store employees and alarm went off and the suspect ran away empty handed. However ... Alarm went off and they took off running," said Hatfield. [More Info](#)
- **NY: Man Charged in Church Burglary Caught In the Act**  
4.26.13 - Rochester YNN- Police responded to the alarm at the church around 1:30 a.m Friday. When they got there, they could hear movement inside and called ... [More Info](#)
- **OR: Burglar escapes after break-in at Bi-Mart in Damascus -**  
4.22.13 - KPTV.com - Deputies say the break-in happened at about 1:08 a.m. at the store. The store's alarm went off, alerting deputies to the crime in progress. [More Info](#)
- **PA: Mail-Slot Burglaries Prompt Changes In South Philly**  
4.22.13 - MyFox Philadelphia - "They probably got in, and when they opened this the alarm must have gone off," one victim, Rita DeClerico, told FOX 29 News. "You have 30 seconds. And so ... [More Info](#)



- **TX: Amarillo police identify standoff suspect**  
4.25.13 - LubbockOnline.com - About 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, officers responded to a series of burglary calls and a burglar alarm in the Puckett neighborhood, police said. When officers, Randall ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Houston police shoot, kill bank robbery suspect**  
4.26.13 - Fort Worth Star Telegram - Sheriff's deputies arrested two other suspects after they responded to an alarm. The sheriff's office says the suspects were caught in a parking lot not far from the ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Officer wounded in Fort Worth shootout released from hospital**  
4.24.13 - KHOU - The officer, identified as Ofc. Marty Stone, was responding to a hold up alarm that came in just before 6:30 a.m. at a fast-food restaurant when he spotted a ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Smash and grab thieves target athletic shoe store**  
4.22.13 - abc13.com - Police responded to a burglar alarm at the business . They arrived and found the pickup inside the store. Authorities say whoever did this must have been scared ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Suspected burglar caught red handed in northwest Houston**  
4.22.13 - abc13.com - Police responded to an alarm call and saw the suspect through a window. The man quickly ran towards the back of the building as more officers surrounded the ... [More Info](#)
- **WA: Armed homeowner detains break-in suspect**  
4.24.13 - HeraldNet - The homeowner and his wife were alerted by an alarm, according to court ... The alarm woke the couple up around 4 a.m. The homeowner went out to the ... [More Info](#)
- **WA: Officers arrest man in attempted burglary at Seattle middle school**  
4.25.13 - KIRO Seattle - Seattle police east precinct officers arrested a would-be burglar early Thursday at Washington Middle School after they responded to a silent alarm call. [More Info](#)
- **WA: Officers arrest suspected burglar at Seattle middle school**  
4.25.13 - KOMO News - According to the Seattle Police Department, officers arrived at the school after a silent alarm was tripped around 4 a.m. and saw a man moving around inside. [More Info](#)

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