



The National Monitor

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May 13, 2013

Association Events

- **5.16.13- NTAA Meeting**
May 16, 2013 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM CDT- The Victoria Restaurant- 13435 Bee Street -214-772-6617 - Farmers Branch, TX 75234- Guest Speaker Patriot Paws - [Click here to register](#)
- **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](#)
- **5.22.13- MDBFAA – Member Happy Hour**
At High Tops in Timonium on 5/22/13 from 5 to 8pm. Free drinks and lite fare. We will be on the side patio. The address is 2306 York Road Timonium MD 21093

Door to Door Sales

- **KS: BBB Alert On Suspicious Medical-Alert Phone Calls - WIBW**
WIBW - The second call made by the BBB was answered by a person with an accent who said there was a fee of \$34.95 for the alarm necklace. When told that she ...[More Info](#)
- **MA: Holliston 911 Calls Include OUI Arrests, Harassment-by-Singing**
5.7.13 - Patch.com - ... receiving phone calls on her cell phone and landline that she believed were related to a scam involving a fake alarm company. She requested that police log ... [More Info](#)



Public Safety Updates

- **BC: Changes to False Alarm Bylaw in Williams Lake**
5.10.13 - Welcome to Williams Lake - The primary change to the false alarm bylaw is to remove an exemption from a fee in cases where the alarm has been cancelled prior to the RCMP or Williams ...[More Info](#)
- **NE: False burglary alarms less frequent; fire officials hope for similar ...**
5.6.13 - Lincoln Journal Star - False alarms threaten the safety of police officers, firefighters and the public by launching cruisers and fire engines through the streets and eating up about an ... [More Info](#)
- **NE: Local firefighter weighs in on fines for false alarm fires**
5.7.13 - KHAS-TV - "Typically when an alarm does come in, we're going to treat it as a real fire. And we're going to go lights and sirens across town at times and it does add a lot of ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Alliance City Council meeting of May 6**
5.7.13 - Canton Repository - Passed amendments to the "false alarms" section of the Emergency Alarm Equipment code, raising the cost of responding to calls for false alarms. The cost rises ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Council to host public hearing today on Development Code change**
5.7.13 - Huntsville Item - The council will consider three ordinances on the consent agenda – an amendment to alarm systems regulations that would penalize repeat offenders of false ... [More Info](#)




Industry News



- NC: Burglars Confess: Recent University of North Carolina at Charlotte ...**
 5.10.13 - PR Web - Approximately 83 percent of the offenders said they would attempt to determine if an alarm was present before attempting a burglary, and 60 percent said they ... [More Info](#)
- Avoiding duress device pitfalls**
 5.6.13 – Security Info Watch - Best practices organizations should implement when using duress technology... [More Info](#)
- Changing Credentials**
 5.1.13 – Locksmith Ledger - “Are You Ready?” This early wireless message by Marconi in 1897 signaled the beginning of a... [More Info](#)
- Homeowners say security system failed**
 5.6.13 - abc11.com - It was early morning, and they woke to smoke and a screeching fire alarm. ... Vector Security to monitor their home alarm system and knew from their experience ... [More Info](#)
- WA: Alarm salesman arrested for alleged burglary**
 5.7.13 - Columbia Basin Herald - Moses Lake - Quincy Police and the Grant County Sheriff's Office are seeking information from citizens who may have unknowingly fallen victim to a man ... [More Info](#)
- IMS: Boston bombing will impact video surveillance spending**
 5.8.13 - Security Systems News - Yarmouth, Maine—The Boston Marathon bombing will likely drive increased spending on video surveillance equipment, a market that had already been projected to more than double through 2016, according to England-based IMS Research. How much of an impact will it have? [More Info](#)
- Kittery ramps up school security**
 5.9.13 - Seacoastonline.com - Other monitors will be placed in the back of buildings, but will be motion sensitive with an audio alarm at the front office. "If someone's in the back of the building, ... [More Info](#)
- Alarm.com buys energy software startup EnergyHub**
 5.10.13 - GigaOM - Algorithms to manage connected thermostats and collect their data have become a hot property in 2013. Alarm.com snaps up startup EnergyHub for its ... [More Info](#)
- Graves Coins still looking for answers**
 5.10.13 - WALA-TV FOX10 - A Robertsdale business is still trying to find out why their alarm company didn't notify them when their shop was broken into. We first told you about ... [More Info](#)
- New Test Devices Help You Make the Grade**
 5.1.13 - Security Sales & Integration - The recent evolution of industry test equipment has made a spectacular change. In the past, technicians had a choice between inexpensive, basic individual equipment such as digital multimeters (DMM) or cable toner/tracers, and expensive high end, almost scientific, devices such as network certifiers. [More Info](#)

Legislative Report

Full Text	Brief Description and Current Status	History
NYAB07064 Text 	Saladino COSPNSR Add S392-j, Gen Bus L Requires a working fire suppression system as well as an alarm system which is directly connected to the police or fire station in any permanent structure where animals are housed or displayed; does not apply to farms or circuses. Status: 05/01/2013 : referred to agriculture	History

State Trends

- Significant tax reform measures under consideration in 2013**
 5.6.13 – NCSL - Following a relatively quiet year for tax activity, 2013 beckoned as “the year of tax reform” as governors across the country kicked off the legislative sessions with major tax reform proposals. [More Info](#)



National News

- **Which States Have What CO Codes and Requirements?**

System Sensor - Check this interactive map regularly to find updated details of CO legislation in your state. California and Washington have the most recent updates. You can also view a printable summary of CO legislation by state. [More Info](#)



- **NSC, Nationwide Say Cell Phone Crashes Far Under-Reported**

5.8.13 - OHS - The National Safety Council has released an analysis of national statistics on fatal motor vehicle crashes that indicates fatal crashes in which a driver's use of a cell phone was involved are significantly under-reported. The new report, "Crashes Involving Cell Phones: Challenges of Collecting and Reporting Reliable Crash Data," was funded in part by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. It reviewed 180 fatal crashes from 2009 to 2011 where evidence indicated driver cell phone use. [More Info](#)

- **Federal Appeals Court Invalidates NLRB Poster Rule**

5.8.13 - NSBA- The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) declared in a rule that employers subject to its jurisdiction (which is most employers) would be guilty of an unfair labor practice if they did not post a "Notification of Employee Rights under the National Labor Relations Act" on their properties and on their websites. [More info](#)

- **White House and IT Firms Work to Retrain Vets**

5.7.13 – Baseline - A new public-private initiative spearheaded by First Lady Michelle Obama and involving tech vendors aims to retrain vets for careers in the IT industry. [More Info](#)

Business Tips

- **Have the Right Team Members in the Right Roles**

5.2.13 – Baseline - Whether it's a work team or a sport team, assembling top talent is important, but it's even more essential to have the right players in the right roles. [More Info](#)



- **12 Management Lessons From Disney U**

5.6.13 – CICO Insight - With its 90 years of success, Disney has proved it is not a Mickey Mouse organization. Here's how the company trains its employees and future leaders. [More Info](#)

- **Many Employees Don't Work an Eight-Hour Day**

5.2.13 – Baseline - Only 38 percent of employees in a CareerBuilder survey said they work a genuine eight-hour day, and 12 percent confess that they work four hours or less. [More Info](#)

- **6 ways to be a more courageous leader**

4.30.13- Fast Company - Life and leadership are a lot like baseball; even the best batters strike out sometimes. But a true athlete, and courageous leaders, can never run away from the pitch. Progress requires courage — but unfortunately, many leaders lack it. Here are simple tips that will help you make tough decisions with confidence. [More Info](#)

- **How to Control Workers' Compensation Costs**

5.3.13 – CEPro - How can integrators react to a spike in workers' compensation premiums after years of virtually level costs? [More Info](#)

- **12 Surefire Ways to Boost Your Leadership Presence**

5.8.13 - CIO Insight - You don't need to be a movie star to fill the room with your presence, but you do have to understand the way effective leaders think and act. [More Info](#)

Fire News

- **DC: Smoke Alarm in White House West Wing Prompts Evacuation**

5.13.13 - HispanicBusiness.com - ... House was briefly evacuated early Saturday after a smoke alarm went off. ... near the West Wing malfunctioned and set off a smoke alarm," an official said. [More Info](#)

- **IA: Smoke Alarm Alerts Residents To House Fire**

5.10.13 – KSCJ - A smoke alarm sounded and woke up two occupants in a home on Sioux City's northside, allowing them to safely escape an early morning house fire Friday. [More Info](#)



- **MI: Smoke alarm alerts man and his dog to house fire**

5.6.13 - UpNorthLive.com - ... Alarm Goes Off, Smoke Alarm, Chimney Fire. A smoke alarm woke a Grand Traverse County man and his dog early Monday morning. [More Info](#)

- **RI: Man Arrested After Pulls Fire Alarm at Motel 6**
5.8.13 - Patch.com - Michael Santucci, 24, was arrested Tuesday after he allegedly pulled the fire alarm at Motel 6. A witnesses told ... [More Info](#)
- **UT: Fire crews respond to alarm at care center**
5.8.13 - Dixie Press Online - Fire crews responded to a fire alarm at the Kolob Care and Rehabilitation Center that turned out to be a possible A/C unit malfunction, St. George, Utah, May 7, ... [More Info](#)

Crime News



- **AR: Bryant police search for Subway burglary suspect - Arkansas Online**
5.6.13 - Arkansas Online - Police responded to an alarm call at the Subway. Surveillance video showed a black male wearing a large, black coat and a red ski ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Chico T-Mobile store's window broken, burglarized**
5.8.13 - Enterprise-Record - Police responded to an alarm call at about 2 a.m. Tuesday at the T-Mobile store at 605 Mangrove Ave., said Chico police officer Todd Lefkowitz. The windows of ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Kensington Hilltop Locked Down While Police Search for Burglar**
5.8.13 - Patch.com - A woman was awakened from a nap by the interior residential alarm sounding, and when she went downstairs, she was confronted by a burglar, police said. [More Info](#)
- **CA: Suspect flees attempted holdup at Santa Rosa Radio Shack**
5.12.13 - Santa Rosa Press Democrat - An alarm that sounded when the back door opened apparently startled the robber, who fled out the back door without taking anything, police said. The suspect ... [More Info](#)
- **CT: E. Main businesses hit in burglary spree**
5.7.13 - The Advocate - The thief or thieves smashed a window shortly before the alarm went out at 4:30 a.m. Sunday at Rent A Center. Computers were taken, police ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Boca B-Kwik Burglar B-Stupid, B-Busted**
5.7.13 - BocaNewsNow.com - On Sunday, April 21 at about 11:30 p.m., Boca Raton Police officers responded to the B-Kwik again regarding an alarm. When they arrived they found the front ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Cameras catch burglars striking two homes in one day, police say**
5.8.13 - Sun-Sentinel - The Fort Lauderdale homeowner's surveillance system recorded the burglary attempt, which police say was thwarted because of an alarm. The suspects were ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: College Park police incidents, April 28-May 4**
5.7.13 - Orlando Sentinel - A commercial alarm was reported at 2:07 a.m. April 28... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Deputies: Man uses large knife to rob Bradenton bank**
5.6.13 - WWSB ABC 7 - A witness who works for the bank's alarm & security services called the robbery in and began following Fountain. He was stopped around 11:12 a.m.... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Quick turnaround for Bonita store despite burglary**
5.12.13 - WZVN-TV - Ever since the store alarm went off, staff has been working around the clock. And getting things back in order for their monthly auction. "We don't miss auctions," ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Victim: Security company let me down**
5.6.13 - WALA-TV FOX10 - Thousands of dollars worth of goods were stolen from Graves Coin Shop in Robertsdale last week and their alarm company didn't call them about it. FOX10 ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Would - Be Burglars Caught on Camera at Coral Ridge Home**
5.6.13 - NBC 6 South Florida - That morning, she made a point of setting the alarm. "I had a feeling that morning that something was going to happen," she said. Her intuition was right. Fifteen ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Cordele robbers target same drugstore to steal prescription meds**
5.11.13 - WFXL FOX 31 - Three days later they set off the alarm of another store nearby, but when officials went to investigate, they realized it was set up as a distraction so they could ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Silver burglars bypass alarms**
5.10.13- Security Systems News - Columbus, GA - Police in this city are on the lookout for burglars who stole more than \$100,000 worth of silver from homes in the Green Island Hills neighborhood, according to a report from WTVM.com, a local broadcast news network. [More Info](#)
- **GA: Thieves strike Morrow High as students celebrate prom - Atlanta ...**
5.7.13 - MyFox Atlanta - An alarm went off. These folks were in and out of the school very. Very quickly. They knew exactly where they were going and exactly what they were after," said ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: ABC7's Diane Pathieu and Jason Knowles**
5.11.13 - ABC7Chicago.com - "I was glad I had my alarm on is what I was thinking at the time to be honest. That's the first thing I was thinking," said neighbor Dave Pygon. Orland Park police ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: Chicago Man Charged in Downers Grove Jewelry Store Burglary**
5.6.13 - Patch.com - According to police reports, the burglary occurred just before 4:21 a.m., when a tripped alarm sent police to the store. A nearby officer arrived within 60 seconds ... [More Info](#)

- **IL: Rockford Police: Two arrested during Kennedy School burglary**
5.9.13 - Rockford Register Star - Rockford - Two people were arrested early Thursday morning when Rockford Police Department officers responded to a burglary alarm at Kennedy Middle ... [More Info](#)
- **IN: Suspect allegedly grabs officer's gun, is subdued**
5.7.13 - Fort Wayne Journal Gazette - At 9 p.m., the detective and a police captain responded to a report of alarm at the conservatory. Inside, they ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Police: Burglar enters business through roof, gets spooked by alarm**
5.7.13 - WKYT - The Laurel County Sheriff's Office says a man cut a hole in the roof, and dropped down into the store. However, police say he set off the alarm system, and ran ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Surveillance released in bizarre Laurel County burglary**
5.9.13 - WKYT - Investigators say the burglar cut a hole in the roof, and dropped down inside the store. They say he was spooked when he set off the alarm system, and ran off ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: 70-Year-Old Gardner Man Fights Off Home Intruder**
5.9.13 - Gardner (CBS) - Seventy-year-old Michael Salame has eight heart stents, nerve damage and apparently quite a right hook, as an alleged home invader found out. [More Info](#)
- **MA: Larceny Reported on Valley Brook Road on Wednesday**
5.9.13 - Patch.com - At 8:28 a.m., police received a report from Lyman Street of a burglar alarm, which ... At 5:48 p.m., police received a report from Bridle Lane of a fire alarm, which ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Two Westport men charged with breaking into Dartmouth tanning ...**
5.9.13 - Fall River Herald News - Police arrested both men after responding to a burglar alarm at 12:48 a.m. Tuesday. Dartmouth Police Officer Christopher Flechsigg spotted a gray BMW idling ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Walpole Police Assist Foxborough in Investigation of Overnight ...**
5.8.13 - Patch.com - Walpole police provided Foxborough with assistance Tuesday morning as their department responded to a burglar alarm at Dunkin' Donuts [More Info](#)
- **MD: Thank you to Laurel Police for response to robbery attempt [Letter]**
5.8.13 - Baltimore Sun - We received a call from the alarm people on Saturday evening informing us that our dental office alarm had gone off. We called our neighbor who also heard ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Dearborn Heights Police Briefs: Nothing stolen at dental ...**
5.7.13 - Dearborn Press and Guide - Police responded because an alarm was sounding and the front and back doors were open. There were no signs of forced entry. One interior door was kicked in ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Police: Kernersville employees tied up, store robbed**
5.7.13 - Greensboro News & Record - The employees freed themselves and triggered the store's alarm. No employees were injured. One of the robbers was black, 6 feet to 6 feet 2 ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Thief uses stepping stone to break into Kmart, steal jewelry**
5.7.13 - Salisbury Post - Someone broke into the store around 2:30 a.m. Officers arrived to the alarm sounding where the front door had been broken into, ... [More Info](#)
- **NE: Burglars Get Away With Nothing**
5.8.13 - WOWT - Sheriff's department reports say the owners live above the business and were woke up by the alarm signaling a broken window. Their security camera showed ... [More Info](#)
- **NH: Manchester jewelry store burglarized; \$30000 in jewelry, watches ...**
5.6.13 - The Union Leader - A burglar alarm sounded at 1:38 a.m., bringing officers to the store where they found the front glass door and two glass display cases shattered. The owner ... [More Info](#)
- **NS: 2 women arrested after Sydney robbery**
5.7.13 - CBC.ca - The Needs store in Sydney was robbed at about 11:30 p.m. Police say two women assaulted the clerk, took cash and fled. The clerk hit an alarm ... [More Info](#)
- **NS: Arrests made following robbery**
5.7.13 - Cape Breton Post - The two suspects then took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled from the store on foot, while the clerk pushed the alarm button. The accounts of several ... [More Info](#)
- **NS: Cops nab suspect in law office break-in**
5.12.13 - TheChronicleHerald.ca - Police were responding to an alarm at a building that has several businesses and saw damage to an outside door leading to second- and ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Police: Peekskill Man Broke Into Cortlandt Gas Station To Steal ...**
5.7.13 - The Daily Voice - Responding troopers were told by the gas station's owner that after the alarm sounded he immediately checked his security camera system from his residence ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Expert burglars bypass alarms, steal silver from Green Island Hills ...**
5.9.13 - WTVM - Some of the houses listed in the police reports are located within gated communities, equipped with the latest entry alarms and motion sensors. Investigators say ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Man sought after break in**
5.8.13 - Portsmouth Daily Times - A man responding to an alarm at a house next door found himself confronted by ... Leslie Dempsey, 24, of Lucasville, heard an alarm going off, ... [More Info](#)
- **ON: Alarm call at Community Centre, Michael found inside**
5.10.13 - SooToday.com - On May 10th at approximately 2:35 am, police responded to an alarm call at the West End Community Center. Upon arrival they found a door ... [More Info](#)

- **PA: Burglary suspect waives hearing**
5.11.13 - Clearfield Progress - According to the affidavit of probable cause, on May 13 at 4:16 a.m. two DuBois City police officers responded to a burglar alarm at The Medicine Shop on Park ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Lehigh County burglary spree thwarted with arrest of three**
5.7.13 - Allentown Morning Call - The electrical meter had been removed to disable the home's alarm system and entry was made into the home, but they fled without taking anything. [More Info](#)
- **PA: McDonald's receipt leads to charges in Moore Township burglary**
5.7.13 - The Express Times - LehighValleyLive.com - Vosper, who had been wanted for an unrelated warrant in Pen Argyl, allegedly told police he peeked in the window, but fled when a burglar alarm went off. [More Info](#)
- **SC: Arrests made in recent Greenville County burglaries**
5.10.13 - Travelers Rest Tribune - At 10:30 a.m. on the same day, the Sheriff's Office received an alarm call at a home on Tigerville Road. While en route to the location, a deputy observed a ... [More Info](#)
- **SC: Burglaries, car break-ins, shots fired reported near Spanish Wells on ...**
5.6.13 - Hilton Head Island Packet - A Hilton Head Island homeowner confronted a strange man in his yard early Sunday after he heard his guest house security alarm go off. That man shot at him in ... [More Info](#)
- **SC: Homeowner, suspicious of 2 men, helps crack Greenville burglary ...**
5.10.13 - Greenville News - A description of the men and the vehicle they were riding in was shared with other deputies who, while answering an alarm call about 30 minutes later at a home ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Arrests made in burglary-turned-robbery**
5.12.13 - Weatherford Democrat - Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler said the incident began at 7 a.m. Saturday when a neighbor checked on a residential burglar alarm... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Burglar with a taste for Subway gets 49 years in prison after being ...**
5.8.13 - Dallas Morning News - The store owner, who had been struck three times before, installed armored plating on his safe, along with a backup alarm system. Bedford police caught ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Man, woman arrested Saturday after botched Azle burglary and ...**
5.11.13 - Dallas Morning News - At about 7 a.m., an Azle man went to check on a burglary alarm at his neighbor's house in the 7000 block of Tucker Road. He witnessed two suspects attempting ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Mission burglary suspect claims he can't remember crime spree**
5.6.13 - KGBT-TV - Officers allegedly found them near the scene of the crime at the second store shortly after the alarm went off. Investigators showed the surveillance video to ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Thieves Cut Hole in Roof of Brenham Pharmacy, Steal \$12K in Drugs**
5.10.13 - KBTX - "Basically staying low on the ground rolling around trying not to set off the alarm system, and they're reaching up and taking large quantities of narcotics," said ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: West Fertilizer Plant was an Easy Mark**
5.3.13 - Security Today - Still reeling from the devastating explosion in West, Texas, where a fertilizer plant exploded, killing 15 and injuring more than 200 people, law enforcement has reported the site has been repeatedly burglarized. [More Info](#)
- **WA: Police: Teenager jailed for trying to set fire to high school**
5.7.13 - KIRO Seattle - Firefighters responded to an alarm at Anacortes High School early Sunday morning and found someone had smashed a window then set a garbage can on fire ... [More Info](#)
- **WV: Copper theft arrest made in Wyoming Co.**
5.10.13 - WOAY-TV - Police Chief Jeffrey Barlow says that within two minutes of the alarm going off, his officers arrived on scene where they found Kirk walking alongside the building. [More Info](#)

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