



The National Monitor

Tracking National Legislation & Regulation to Allow Grassroots Action



May 20, 2013

Association Events

- **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
- **6.4.13 - OK Department of Labor Announces License Assistance Day in Tulsa**
The Oklahoma Department of Labor licensing division will be at the Tulsa branch of ADI on June 4, 2013 located at 4731 S Memorial. They will be there all day in order to take pictures for your new license and assist applicants with their renewals. They will accept payment and applications at that time as well, however they will not be issuing the actual license at that time. Applications will be brought back to the Oklahoma City office for processing and licenses will be mailed to you. For more info- [Rick Flanigan](#) Safety Standards Director - Oklahoma Department of Labor- Voice: 405-521-2612
- **6.5.13 – OKBFAA June Monthly Luncheon**
Tulsa - Johnny Carino's - 91st Riverside RSVP today to attend the next OKBFAA Monthly meeting. We will take July off so last chance for the summer to connect and network with fellow industry members. [RSVP now.](#)

Door to Door Sales

- None this week



Public Safety Updates

- **GA: City seeks suggestions on fixing false alarms ordinance**
5.19.13 - Reporter Newspapers - A top city official says alarms are causing real problems for Atlanta Police Officers and the city, overwhelming the courts and draining police resources. [More Info](#)
- **MI: Flint stops billing security companies for false alarms—for now**
5.15.13 - Security Systems News - Flint, Mich.—The city of Flint has stopped billing security companies for false alarms, but the future of the policy remains uncertain as industry representatives await the next move by city officials. What kind of long-term resolution are industry groups seeking? [More Info](#)
- **OH: False alarms costing time and money**
5.17.13 - Dayton Daily News - Each year, law enforcement agencies are responding to thousands of security system alarm calls at homes and business. But in most cases, the calls turn out to ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Munroe Falls considering eliminating water and alarm fees**
5.19.13 - Stow Sentry - Council has not introduced legislation to eliminate the alarm fee, but discussed the matter May 7 and again at a May 14 public safety committee meeting, with ... [More Info](#)
- **WY: Police propose changes to city code on alarms**
5.14.13 - Wyoming Tribune - Cheyenne - Cheyenne Police officials are looking at ways to increase efficiency at the department, including reducing the number of false alarms officers ... [More Info](#)






Industry News



- **Survey: Many end users see increasing security budgets**
5.8.13 - Security Info Watch - Despite slowing growth of overall market, opportunities remain across different verticals [More Info](#)

- **Security systems in the channel: What will tomorrow's distribution model resemble?**
5.14.13 - Security Info Watch - Traditional delivery model has evolved from box shifting to a more sophisticated value-add service. [More Info](#)
- **Through Google's eyes**
5.8.13 - Security Info Watch - What end-users want from integrators [More Info](#)
- **TN: Auditor reviews security for 28 Knox County schools**
5.15.13 - WBIR-TV - The auditor, Simplex Grinnell, found problems with security cameras, motion detectors, and burglar alarm keypads at 20 of the 28 schools inspected. [More Info](#)
- **TX: Home Security Systems: What You Need To Ask Before Installation**
5.15.13 - CBS-11 - Unmonitored systems rely on sensors that set off a loud alarm when tripped. These are the most affordable systems available but only provide limited protection. [More Info](#)
- **FL: Security salesman found guilty of raping Citrus Park woman**
5.15.13 - South Tampa News and Tribune - Prosecutors say Rashad Hales, 20, was selling home alarm systems in a Citrus Park neighborhood on Dec. 30, 2011. Hales had been frustrated with a lack of ... [More Info](#)

Legislative Report

Full Text	Brief Description and Current Status	History
Text  <input type="checkbox"/> NYAB07247	Crespo COSPNSR Add S411, Ed L Requires a plan for the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in elementary and secondary school buildings. Status: 05/08/2013 : referred to education	History
Text  <input type="checkbox"/> NYAB07433	Crespo COSPNSR Requires a study by SED concerning the cost of installing hard-wired carbon monoxide detectors in schools across the state; possible funding options. Status: 05/16/2013 : referred to education	History
Text  <input type="checkbox"/> NYSB05158	GRIFFO COSPNSR Amd S378, Exec L Enacts the school buildings carbon monoxide act requiring the building code to include standards for the installation of operable carbon monoxide detectors in every elementary and secondary school building within the state wherein the use of heating or other equipment poses a substantial risk of exposure to carbon monoxide. Status: 05/13/2013 : REFERRED TO HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	History

State Trends

- **GA: Georgia Adopts Enhanced Call Verification to Combat False Dispatches**
5.16.13 - Security Sales & Integration - Atlanta - Georgia is joining the list of states to mandate alarm management best practices to conserve police resources while maintaining police response for burglar alarms. Beginning July 1, central stations will be required to make two telephone calls to alarm owners prior to dispatching police to an alarm site. [More Info](#)
- **MD: New Maryland Law Dictates Need for Smoke Alarms**
5.16.13 - FireEngineering.com - Your relationship with your smoke alarm is changing and there's important information everyone needs to know. Maryland is the most recent state to require that ... [More Info](#)



National News

- **President Obama pays tribute to fallen law enforcement officers at Capitol**
5.15.13 - The Hill - President Barack Obama offered tribute to law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty at the U.S. Capitol, urging Americans "to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory." He went on to say, "We should not pause and remember to thank first responders and police officers only in the wake of tragedy. We should do it every day." [More Info](#)



- **Phone-Related Fatal Car Crashes: Where Most Occur**
5.9.13 - Eweek- Crashes due to drivers distracted by cell phones are vastly underreported, a new study finds. And there are large differences in states' reporting of fatal crashes due to cell phone distraction. Reported crashes in Tennessee, for example, far outnumbered those in New York, a state with a much larger population, in 2011. Here's a look at key data points by state. [More Info](#)

Business Tips

- **Enhancing the Customer Experience**
5.14.13 – Baseline - Customer experience management is a very challenging aspect of operating a business, but it's the best way to build stronger relationships. [More Info](#)



- **12 Ways to Create Successful Teams**
5.9.13 – Baseline - This book provides an in-depth perspective on how teams can incorporate best practices to ensure that all team members are working for the good of the whole. [More Info](#)
- **6 things exceptional leaders do better**
5.6.13 - Inc. - Many business students believe that future leaders need a new set of leadership skills that recognize the new global economy that continues to be molded and shaped by rapidly changing technology and globalization. They aren't wrong. They are overlooking, however, the fact that fundamental leadership skills are characteristic of all great leaders, past and future. What differentiates exceptional leaders from great leaders, however, was not necessarily how to amend these characteristics but rather how to execute them better. Here are six things exceptional leaders do better. [More Info](#)
- **Leading in an age of continuous transformation**
5.8.13 - Forbes - Many people find any change uncomfortable and today's changes daunting. Yet, it's important to remember that our nation and world are filled with leaders who are very able. They are already leading organizations to unimagined achievement in this rapidly evolving environment. You can be one of those leaders. [More Info](#)
- **Own the Room**
5.8.13 - CIO Insight - Twelve tips about increasing your leadership presence. [More Info](#)
- **The Sins of Managers Hurt Staff Performance**
5.13.13 - Baseline - The following six "sins" of managers--specifically how bosses convey them to the staff and the resulting damage they can cause--derail employee productivity and morale [More Info](#)
- **How to Become a Valued Team Player**
5.8.13 - Baseline - On way to advance your career and become a valued team player is by freely sharing what you're learning with peers and managers. Click here for eight other careers tips. [More Info](#)
- **Network Your Way to a More Profitable Business**
4.28.13 - www.empowernetwork.com -. Love it or not, when done correctly, it's one of the easiest and fastest ways ... [More Info](#)
- **Tough Crowd: Smart Ways To Deal With Angry Customers Online**
5.13.13 - Forbes - Social media has given everyone a platform to air their gripes, and your company is bound to end up on the receiving end of that negativity at ... [More Info](#)

Fire News

- **CO: Elizabeth FD: Smoke Alarm Saves Woman's Life - KKTU**
5.16.13 - KKTU 11 News - The story could have ended a very different way had an Elbert County grandmother not had a working smoke alarm, the Elizabeth Fire Department said ... [More Info](#)



- **MI: Maybe smoke, but no fire at Aldi store on West Main**
5.13.13 - Mlive Kalamazoo - But it turned out to be a false alarm, authorities said. It appears that a light ballast fixture burned out, which gave off an smoky odor, said Rick Griffin, deputy chief ... [More Info](#)

- **ON: Workers' quick actions save Ottawa paper warehouse from going up ...**
5.17.13 - CTV News - Fire officials say that when the alarm sounded, employees followed the emergency plan and evacuated the building, while three workers used the in-house fire ... [More Info](#)
- **WA: Smoke detectors wake resident of Redmond apartment**
5.17.13 - Redmond Reporter - Just before 11 a.m. on Wednesday, residents of an apartment complex were awakened by the smoke alarm ... [More Info](#)

Crime News



- **AR: Burglars Try to Hit Clearinghouse Again**
5.16.13 - 5news.com - It still costs us money whenever they do stuff like this and the fact of the matter is with alarm systems on there now and I hope there listening, there not going to ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Alameda: Woman, 83, discovers burglar in her living room, police say**
5.15.13 - San Jose Mercury News - ... and windows are securely locked, installing an alarm and sensor-activated lighting, and trimming bushes from near windows where someone could hide. [More Info](#)
- **CA: Video surveillance foils break in at Watsonville school**
5.13.13 - Santa Cruz Sentinel - The motion-sensitive camera captured the illegal activity at 5:30 p.m., and alerted First Alarm to monitor the live feed. In turn, the security company called police, ... [More Info](#)
- **CO: Convicted Waldo Canyon Fire Burglar Receives 72-Year Sentence**
5.16.13 - KKTV 11 News - The undercover agent later testified that he asked the suspects how they'd gotten into the houses without setting off an alarm. He says they told him they crawled ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Could Bosh, Haslem robberies be related?**
5.15.13 - Sun-Sentinel - A security alarm at 9:47 p.m. April 13 at the expansive property, encircled by a ... Several alarm boxes were pulled from the walls, but the burglar might have fled ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Exclusive: Miami Beach Police Arrest Four In Suspected Wave ...**
5.17.13 - WBFS - While the two men were committing the crime, an alarm was set off which awoke the homeowner shortly after midnight. "These guys definitely knew what they ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Burglars bash their way into west Bibb County store**
5.17.13 - Macon Telegraph - The burglars dismantled the alarm, the release stated, and some of the store's motion detectors were not working at the time. The thieves were wearing all black ... [More Info](#)
- **IA: Des Moines police link two pharmacy break-in attempts**
5.17.13 - DesMoinesRegister.com - Around 12:15 a.m., officers went. after responding to a silent alarm, authorities said. They found damage to the glass in a door and a large ... [More Info](#)
- **IN: Thieves take ammo from car repair shop**
5.15.13 - WISH - Police were called to Lee Adams Tire around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after a burglar alarm was set off. Officers found several ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Lexington Police Searching For Burglary Suspects**
5.13.13 - WTVQ - Police said they were called to Fayette Moped at around 11:30 p.m. after an alarm in the business went off. When they arrived, they found the front door to the ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Police: Man drank beer, smoked, cooked while in grocery**
5.14.13 - WXIX - Crews were called to an apartment fire in Mason on Monday evening. A two-alarm fire was reported at an apartment complex ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Would-be robber feels remorse, waits for police**
5.16.13 - WHAS 11.com - Police say he gave a teller a note demanding money and the teller started to cry. Thau then told her to push the alarm button and promised to wait for police. [More Info](#)
- **MA: Clerks fight back against would-be robbers in Fall River**
5.14.13 - WHDH-TV - Viveiros reached for the alarm, but quickly learned the crooks wanted more than money. "Just as I pulled the alarm, they went to stab me," said Viveiros. [More Info](#)
- **MA: Store employees fight off masked robbers**
5.14.13 - Providence Eyewitness News - "I just pulled the alarm and defended ourselves once they lunged at us. We had a hammer in the back so I'll I did was pick up the hammer and I happened to hit ... [More Info](#)
- **MD: Laurel Crime: Man Holds Up 7-Eleven, Student Robbed Near High ...**
5.13.13 - Patch.com - The teller pressed the silent alarm button and the male then exited the bank. No weapon was displayed and no one was injured. Anyone with information is ... [More Info](#)
- **ME: Burglary alarm at Pingree's office proves false**
5.17.13 - Morning Sentinel - The police log reported that the alarm was triggered at 9:46 a.m. and investigated by Deputy Chief Deputy Chief Charles Rumsey and officers ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: School burglary: Thieves swipe electronic gear at former Cheney ...**
5.13.13 - AnnArbor.com - Deputies from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office went the the building around midnight Saturday to investigate a burglary alarm, according to a news ... [More Info](#)

- **MO: 4 suspects sought after smash-and-grab at St. Louis business**
5.15.13 - KMOV.com - Authorities said an officer was traveling westbound around 4 a.m. when he heard the alarm sounding at a nearby ... [More Info](#)
- **MO: Police Log: Burglar Breaks Window, Enters Wildwood Home**
5.18.13 - Patch.com - Subject entered house by breaking window which activated alarm. No suspects at this time. May 11. Call for a speeding vehicle in the area of Imperial Crown ... [More Info](#)
- **MO: Police: Cars Broken Into on Elm, Flora and Maple**
5.15.13 - Patch.com - ... Police received an alarm and discovered the front door of the business shattered. Cartons of cigarettes were reported stolen. [More Info](#)
- **NC: Break-ins lead to arrests, manhunt**
5.16.13 - The Stokes News - The Stokes County Sheriff's Office reports that on May 8, deputies were dispatched to a residential alarm call in the Germanton area. [More Info](#)
- **NC: Greensboro stores victims of smash and grab**
5.16.13 - Greensboro News & Record - The Hub Ltd. was likely broken into first, with police alerted to the break in by an alarm going off at 3:30 a.m., Roberts said. Freedom House was broken into at 4 ...[More Info](#)
- **NJ: Attempted Home Burglary, Recent Thefts in Manalapan**
5.14.13 - Patch.com - Burglars were deterred from a Manalapan home after the home alarm was set off during an attempted burglary on Thursday, May 2. Between 2:45 p.m. and 3:15 ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Clerks fight back against would-be robbers in Fall River**
5.13.13 - WHDH-TV - Viveiros reached for the alarm, but quickly learned the crooks wanted more than money. "Just as I pulled the alarm, they went to stab me," said Viveiros. [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Convicted burglar's birthday gift: A 10-year prison sentence**
5.13.13 - NJ.com - Authorities said Jones confessed to trying to break into the house and fleeing after a burglary alarm went off. The 10-year prison term was to be applied to that ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Cops: East Greenbush teen stole \$50000 worth of property**
5.15.13 - WXXA - Thomas E. Slivienski, 17, of Cohoes, was arrested after the Gold Mine Pawn Shop sounded a silent hold-up alarm at 10:45 a.m. in ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Cortlandt Police Blotter: Shoplifters at Kohl's and an Unhappy Pool ...**
5.18.13 - Patch.com - Westchester County Police responded to an accidental alarm activation at a home on a report of an activated burglar alarm. The alarm had ...[More Info](#)
- **ON: Garden City business owner chased van thief**
5.13.13 - Niagara Advance - The co-owner of Professional Carpet Systems arrived moments after an alarm went off at his business early Monday morning, only to find one of his three work ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Deputy stops Clover thief from taking 13 cartons of cigarettes**
5.18.13 - The Herald | HeraldOnline.com - A man broke into the store around 2:40 a.m. Thursday, setting off an alarm and causing about \$2,500 worth of damage, the report states. A deputy arrived as the ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Moon Township Police Investigate Burglary at Montour Road Business**
5.16.13 - Patch.com - According to a news release issued by police Chief Leo McCarthy, at 12:17 a.m. May 9, shock sensors tripped an alarm at the company. When officers arrived at ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Subway robbery suspects charged in 2 more armed robberies**
5.15.13 - PhillyBurbs.com - After Smoot left, an employee hit the panic alarm to alert police, court records show. Police say that Smoot and Ferraro admitted to their participation in the... [More Info](#)
- **SC: Search for burglary suspect in Bluffton so far unsuccessful**
5.16.13 - Hilton Head Island Packet - The homeowner was not at the residence at the time but went back to check on it after a security alarm sounded and saw a man only only described as black ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Arrests made in burglary-turned-robbery case**
5.14.13 - 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: Man armed with knife robs Rosenberg bank**
5.19.13 - abc13.com - Police arrived at the bank just three minutes after they received a holdup alarm but the suspect was nowhere in sight. He's been described as a white man ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Police: Suspects caught with stolen DVDs, clothes following dollar ...**
5.16.13 - KHOU - The Houston Police Department said an alarm led officers to the Dollar General around 3 a.m. Thursday. Officers found the ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Beach police investigating credit union robbery**
5.17.13 - WVEC.com - Police received a call from an alarm company about a robbery at the Chartway Federal Credit Union. According to police spokesperson, ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Hampton man arrested in early morning burglary**
5.17.13 - Daily Press - Police responded to an alarm at the Bonzai Pipe and Tobacco Shop at about 2:45 a.m. and found a broken window in the back of the store. Topics · Hampton ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Hampton Wells Fargo robbery suspect arrested**
5.18.13 - Daily Press - At about 2:36 p.m. on Thursday, Hampton communications received an alarm activation from the Wells Fargo Bank. [More Info](#)

- **WA: Employee at Kennewick Furniture Store Thwarts Burglary in Progress**

5.17.13 - KNDO/KNDU - The alarm went off late Tuesday night at Walker's Furniture but that's not out of the ordinary. Walker's Furniture usually has an employee check it out before ... [More Info](#)

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