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Association Events

- **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

- **AL: AG warns of alarm system scam**
5.23.13 - CBS42 - Anyone suspicious of a door-to-door salesperson representing themselves as a locksmith or alarm company employee is urged to ask to see their state issued ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Germantown residents: bogus alarm system sales reps targeting ...**
5.23.13 - WDRB - Germantown residents: bogus alarm system sales reps targeting homes.... [More Info](#)
- **ID: Scammer targets Rathdrum retiree, steals meds**
5.24.13 - KXLY Spokane-The Rathdrum police department wants to alert the community about a scam where a man posing as an alarm company technician stole a woman's prescription ... [More Info](#)



Public Safety Updates

- **CT: Fire chief wants policy to curb false fire alarms**
5.20.13 - Ct Post - Fairfield - As the Police Department did nearly 20 years ago, the Fire Department is weighing a policy designed to cut down on the number of false alarms in ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Alarm ruling brings renewed call to reimburse Lowell landlords**
5.24.13 - The Sun - Lowell -- A recent court ruling that the city cannot force certain property owners to purchase one type of fire-alarm system has prompted a renewed call for the ... [More Info](#)
- **NC: Cornelius false alarm ordinance takes effect June 1**
5.26.13 - Huntersville Herald - Cornelius - The town will begin enforcing its False Alarm Reduction Program at the beginning of June, and Cornelius residents and businesses are now ... [More Info](#)
- **MD: New Law Requires Installation of 10-Year Smoke Alarms**
5.20.13 - NBC4 Washington - National statistics show 94 percent of American households have smoke detectors, but 30 percent of those alarms don't work. Additionally, most fire fatalities ... [More Info](#)
- **UT: Orem police using door hangers to help cut down on crime**
5.20.13 - Daily Herald - Another item on the list is a false alarm from a security system. Martinez says they respond to dozens of false alarms a month and that it can cost residents or ... [More Info](#)



- **MA: Lowell officials alarmed by court ruling on fire alarms**
5.20.13 - The Sun - Lowell - A Housing Court judge has ruled that the city cannot force building owners to install just one of the four types of fire-alarm signaling systems allowed ... [More Info](#)
- **LA: Fire marshal fines unlicensed security alarm employees**
5.23.13 - Knoe.com - "As the regulatory agency responsible for licensing firms and individuals that install security alarm systems, we must be proactive in identifying anyone who ... [More Info](#)
- **TN: Greeneville Will Add A Fine For Too Many False Alarms**
5.22.13 - Greeneville Sun - Greeneville Police Chief Terry Cannon explains his support of an ordinance discouraging false alarms during Tuesday's meeting of the Greeneville Board of ... [More Info](#)

Industry News

- **ADT dispatcher hailed as hero by woman she saved from fire**
5.22.13 - Security Systems News - A life-saving incident in April in Wichita, Kan. underscores the importance of having a monitored fire alarm. It also is a heart-warming story in which an ADT call center operator gets to meet the woman whose life she helped save. [More Info](#)



- **Electrician volunteering to enhance school's security systems**
5.20.13 - Norwich Bulletin - He mainly does work for commercial customers, taking on such projects as installing security and fire alarm systems. "I come here and work whenever I can," he ... [More Info](#)
- **Alarm.com Sues Telguard/ Telular over Cloud-Based Security ...**
5.21.13 - CEPro - Alarm.com, a pioneer of cloud-based services for security and home automation, sues Telular for its implementation of iControl's alarm notification features. [More Info](#)
- **Varied strategies for sales success**
5.22.13 - Security Systems News - Las Vegas - Four top dealers for Guardian Protection Services talk about how to excel in door knocking, affinity marketing and telemarketing - and also how to hang on to customers. What are the pros and cons of each sales technique? [More Info](#)
- **Best Security and Home Automation Systems? 'Review' Site is a Sham**
5.20.13 - CEPro - TopConsumerReviews.com and SecuritySystemsReviews.com pretend to write 'expert reviews' on security and home automation companies but ratings are bogus. FrontPoint trumps Elan, Control4, Crestron, Savant? [More Info](#)
- **Living on the edge**
5.21.13 - SecurityInfoWatch - Edge-based video surveillance technology offers end-users in a variety of applications cost savings and enhanced capabilities over traditional ... [More Info](#)
- **Tech Trends: Big Data Analytics- Using Video**
5.15.13 - SecurityInfoWatch - New technology can harness surveillance data to provide greater value for business operations. [More Info](#)

Legislative Report

None this week

State Trends

- **There's an app for that state service**
Stateline- Many of the apps are included in a new [catalog](#) compiled by the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO). NASCIO researchers already have loaded about 160 apps into the catalog, and state officials from around the country are expected to add hundreds more in the coming months. [More Info](#)



- **GA: Georgia Passes Alarm Verification Law**
5.23.13 - SDM - As president of Georgia Electronic Life Safety and Systems Association (GELSSA), John D. Loud was pleased to hear that House Bill 59 (HB 59) passed. House Bill 59, with 157 House votes and 32 Senate votes, will be effective July 1, 2013. "In order to preserve valuable municipal and county law enforcement and firefighter resources," HB 59 requires alarm monitoring companies in Georgia to make a "reasonable attempt ... to contact the alarm site or alarm user ... [with exception] in the case of a fire alarm or a panic or robbery-in-progress alarm or in cases where a crime-in-progress has been verified to be true by video or audible means." [More Info](#)
- **KS: Governor Brownback to Kansas legislature: Shut it down**
5.24.13 - The Kansas City Star- Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback has seen enough. In a terse, four-sentence news release Wednesday, the governor demanded that lawmakers end the 2013 session [More Info](#)

National News

- **Thermal Imaging Technology Assists Oklahoma National Guard in Locating Tornado Victims**
5.21.13 - Security Today - The 146th Air Support Operations Squadron is utilizing thermal imaging technology, seeking body heat under the rubble, in an effort to locate those buried. [More Info](#)



- **Oklahoma integrator rides out storm, but one employee loses home**
5.22.13 - Security Systems News - Oklahoma City - All employees of High Tech Tronics, a PSA Security systems integrator based here, survived the May 20 tornado, but one employee lost his home, CEO Marc Bradley told Security Systems News. [More Info](#)
- **Post-tornado, ASG employees tout 2GIG severe weather alert**
5.22.13 - Security Systems News - Yesterday afternoon I spoke to some Oklahoma-based employees of super-regional security company ASG Security. Thankfully, all employees and employee families are safe, according to Bob Ryan and Ralph Masino of ASG, but many were witnesses to the destruction that occurred May 20. [More Info](#)
- **Tornado spares CSG office in Oklahoma City, but branch manager's daughter, top dealer lose homes**
5.22.13 - Security Systems News - Tulsa, Okla. - Monday's devastating tornado spared Central Security Group's office in Oklahoma City, but the homes of the branch manager's daughter and a CSG dealer were among the hundreds that were destroyed, CSG's Glenn Albers told Security Systems News on Tuesday. [More Info](#)
- **How can schools prepare successfully for disasters like tornadoes?**
5.22.13 - Security Systems News - Yarmouth, Maine - What can a school do when a monstrous EF5 tornado is barreling down upon it, packing winds of at least 200 mph? Follow through on what should already have been practiced many times, school security experts say. [More Info](#)

Business Tips

- **Security Should Involve Every Department**
5.15.13 - Baseline - For too long, security has been perceived as either an issue of guards, gates and guns, or as an IT issue. While it is both, it is also more than that and involves every function in the organization. [More Info](#)



- **Start by being a leader of one**
5.9.13 - Inc. - The topic of leadership can get pompous pretty quickly as names like Steve Jobs to Abraham Lincoln are bandied about. But if you're just starting out, this sort of inspiration can seem more than a little out of reach. You're just a young person with business dreams, after all. Before you strive to be the next Steve Jobs or Richard Branson, start with being a leader to yourself. [More Info](#)
- **Business leaders beware: Ethical drift makes standards slip**
5.15.13 - Forbes - Business ethics have certainly been in the spotlight over the last couple of years — with scandals involving Libor-fixing, failing to prevent money laundering, and breaking the rules around defaulted mortgages to name a few. Recently, major organizations have been lumped with hefty fines for questionable moral practices. Are dubious morals inevitable for successful business? [More Info](#)
- **Millennials Change Everything**
5.20.13 - CIO Insight - Forty million Millennials are in today's workforce and, as they become the majority of workers, a different enterprise and IT department will emerge...[More Info](#)

Fire News

- **CA: Firefighters respond to smoke alarm at restaurant**
5.25.13 - Napa Valley Register - Smoke from a pot accidentally left on a gas range at an eatery triggered a smoke alarm at about 9 p.m. Friday, according to the ...[More Info](#)
- **MD: Joppa man arrested, charged with apartment arson**
5.20.13 - WBAL Baltimore - ... who lives in a unit at the Calvert's Walk Apartments entered her home at 1 a.m. Sunday to find smoke and an alarm sounding. [More Info](#)



- **NH: Robin's Nest May Have Sparked Hudson House Fire**
5.20.13 - Patch.com - Homeowners Marilyn and Karrie Carnes woke just before 2:30 a.m. when smoke alarms alerted them to the fire. They called 911 and evacuated the home. [More Info](#)
- **NV: Reno Fire Department credits working smoke alarms for saving the ...**
5.22.13 - FoxReno.com - "The residents woke up to their smoke alarms going off and quickly evacuated the home," advised Reno Battalion Chief Steve Leighton. "Working smoke alarms ... [More Info](#)

- **NY: Sleeping Teens Saved By Smoke Alarm**
5.20.13 - 13WHAM-TV - The teens had been sleeping on the second floor when their smoke alarm woke them up. The Rochester Fire Department said the fire started in the first-floor ... [More Info](#)

Crime News

- **AR: Burglars use bad weather as cover**
5.22.13 - Russellville Courier - Russellville Police responded to an alarm triggered after the businesses were ... "Although the power was out, the alarm did register the windows being broken. [More Info](#)
- **CA: Seal Beach detectives probe bank robbery at Towne Center**
5.24.13 - Long Beach Press-Telegram - The robbery occurred at about 4:20 p.m., when the police received a robbery alarm activation at the US Bank located in the Ralphs Grocery Store ... [More Info](#)



- **CA: Three arrested after San Bruno school burglary**
5.23.13 - San Mateo Daily Journal - A burglar alarm went off at El Crystal Elementary School at 8:41 p.m., according to San Bruno police. Officers found a classroom door had ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: \$100K in Merchandise Stolen from Bradenton Camera Store**
5.26.13 - Patch.com - Manatee County Sheriff's deputies responded to an alarm signaling a potential break-in at Johnson Photo Imaging, Inc., [More Info](#)
- **GA: Athens Police Investigate Multiple Burglaries**
5.22.13 - Patch.com - Officers found the door unlocked and discovered the alarm panel had been pulled from the wall but nothing appeared to be missing. The burglar wasn't located. [More Info](#)
- **GA: Car Stereo Store Robbed**
5.22.13 - Patch.com - The incident report states police responded to an alarm at 4:12 a.m. on May 15 and ... Owner Rob Riley was also alerted by the alarm company and arrived soon ... [More Info](#)
- **ID: Police: Copper wire thieves busted by burglar alarm**
5.23.13 - KTVB - According to the Boise Police Department, the duo set off a burglary alarm which alerted officers, who responded to the business. Both suspects tried to run ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: Arrests may solve Piatt burglaries**
5.21.13 - Champaign/Urbana News-Gazette - The investigation accelerated after burglars were scared away by an alarm at a home between Cisco and Cerro Gordo at around 6:40 p.m. May 6. Neighbors ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: Payroll check theft suspects busted**
5.24.13 - LaSalle News Tribune - The teller activated a silent alarm and gathered important information such as license plate numbers and vehicle description that led to their arrest. "(The teller) ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Police: Bank robbed inside Lexington Walmart**
5.26.13 - WKYT - Officers say the first call came out from the bank's hold up alarm, then moments later got a 911 call confirming there was a robbery. Still police say the biggest ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Man Asleep at Lyman Street Shop Faces Drug Charges**
5.20.13 - Patch.com - At 12:15 p.m., police received a report of a burglar alarm. At 1:51 p.m., police received a report from Lyman Street of a suspicious person, ... [More Info](#)
- **MB: Pair of break-ins may be linked**
5.24.13 - Brandon Sun - Ivan Tang, the manager of Ye's Buffet, said his building is outfitted with an alarm, but it wasn't set on the night of the break-in ... [More Info](#)
- **ME: Three arrested for breaking into old Nathan Clifford School**
5.21.13 - Portland Daily Sun - An alarm went off at 1:16 a.m. Tuesday, officers responded and they found that the main rear entrance door had been damaged and entry had been made, ... [More Info](#)
- **MN: Duo Accused of Burgling Two Funeral Homes, One Business**
5.22.13 - Patch.com - Around 12:20 a.m., the BPD responded to an alarm at an unnamed business. On arrival, officers found broken glass but ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Trenton police arrest suspect in double shooting, robbery**
5.25.13 - The Times of Trenton - NJ.com - After finding an assault weapon on him, they charged him with weapons possession, possession of a high-capacity magazine, and false public alarm, police ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Victim Foils Robbery in North Massapequa**
5.21.13 - Patch.com - He got back inside his car, and using a keyless remote, set off the panic alarm. It caused the gunman to run away. He was last seen headed towards ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: 2 arrested for breaking into garage**
5.20.13 - WHIO Dayton - According to a police report, the female resident said an alarm in her garage went off at about 2:30 a.m. and she could hear someone inside. When police ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Suspect in police chase has been caught**
5.20.13 - Mansfield News Journal - Eleven minutes later, the Mount Vernon Police Department received a business alarm, this time. Mount Vernon police officers tried to ... [More Info](#)

- **OR: Duo plead not guilty in alleged botched burglary of Gresham Bi-Mart**
5.23.13 - OregonLive.com - Romero said they fled the roof when Stebbins, using bolt cutters to try and pry open the roof hatch, set off the alarm, the affidavit said.. The duo left a blue bag ... [More Info](#)
- **OR: Man arrested after breaking into Hermiston elementary school**
5.25.13 -East Oregonian - Hermiston Police Sergeant Kelly Parsons and a Umatilla County deputy went to the school at about 3:30 a.m. after an interior alarm was tripped. They found an ...[More Info](#)
- **PA: Philly janitor pleads guilty to burglarizing...**
5.22.13 - The Times Herald - The woman reportedly told police that upon coming into work that day, the alarm company notified her of a security alarm coming from an inventory room door. [More Info](#)
- **PA: Rash Of Burglaries Breaks Out In Beaver Co.**
5.21.13 - CBS Local - One woman says they tried to target her son's home, but got scared by the burglar alarm. "They kicked the door down, until it was on the floor and a lot of the ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Teenage intruder apprehended during Springhouse Middle School ...**
5.20.13 - The Express Times - LehighValleyLive.com - The teen, a district student, was apprehended after the alarm system notified police of an unauthorized entry at the school building, ...[More Info](#)
- **SC: Police Investigate Mauldin Home Burglary**
5.26.13 - Patch.com - The home had an alarm system, however it was not operational, the report said. A neighborhood resident told police that he saw a dark-primer conventional van ... [More Info](#)
- **TN: Police search for serial pharmacy burglar**
5.25.13 - WRCB-TV - An officer responded to the Rivermont CVS last month after the alarm went off. According to police reports, the back door was pried open and the pharmacy door ... [More Info](#)
- **UT: St. George man charged with business burglaries**
5.21.13 - St. George Daily Spectrum - "Officers responded to an alarm down south of town by the sewer treatment plant," St. George Police Sgt. Sam Despain said. "We have reason to believe items ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: ATM Broken Into at Crystal City Sports Bar**
5.20.13 - NBC4 Washington - They say that the two thieves managed to enter through the front door without tripping the restaurant's alarm system or motion detectors. Once they were inside ... [More Info](#)
- **WI: Asian Restaurants Targeted in Burglaries**
5.21.13 - Patch.com - The following night, someone attempted to enter Yen Hwa Chinese Restaurant but appeared to be scared off by an alarm that went off ... [More Info](#)
- **WI: Police interrupt burglary attempt at Bridges Golf Course**
5.23.13 - Wisconsin State Journal - Madison police answering a burglary alarm at an East Side golf course early ... "Officers responded to an alarm and found a door to the club had been pried ... [More Info](#)

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