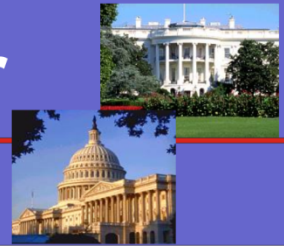




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## Association Events

- **6.11.13 - STAA Meeting**  
South Texas Alarm Association will hold its next meeting at [Clear Springs Restaurant](#) on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Meet and Greet starts at 11:30.
- **6.13.13 - HGCAA Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday June 13, 2013 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM CDT- Professional Houston Burglar Fire Alarm Association Cadillac Bar & Grill [More Info](#)
- **6.13.13 - 2013 NTAA Golf Tournament**  
Thursday June 13, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM CDT Rescheduled Date for Golf Tournament- [More info](#)
- **6.20.13 - NTAA Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday June 20, 2013 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM CDT- [More Info](#)

## Door to Door Sales

- **BBB warns consumers about warm weather scams**  
6.4.13 - Beacon News - Alarm systems – BBBs across the country receive complaints about people selling alarm systems and failing to divulge terms of the contract for alarm system ... [More Info](#)
- **Utah home security company agrees to pay \$50K**  
6.5.13 - Lincoln Journal Star - The Provo, Utah, business, formerly known as APX Alarm Security Solutions Inc., agreed to an assurance of voluntary compliance. In exchange, the Nebraska ... [More Info](#)



## Public Safety Updates

- **IN: Fire marshal links fire fatalities to lack of smoke detectors**  
6.7.13 - South Bend Tribune - "Smoke alarms are inexpensive and easy to install, and they save lives by giving ... "We recommend that you have a smoke alarm that fits your needs," Greeson ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: New police program offers improved response to alarm systems**  
6.6.13 - Wicked Local- Melrose - Normally, private companies that install or manage the alarm systems relay the call to the police department when an alarm goes off. The switchover would ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: City fines going up for faulty fire alarms**  
6.9.13 - Hometownlife.com - Plymouth business and homeowners will soon be paying higher fines for repeated false fire alarms. The Plymouth City Commission on Monday approved the ... [More Info](#)
- **MO: Stopping nuisance fire alarm calls in Hannibal**  
6.5.13 - ConnectTriStates.com - Tuesday night at the Hannibal city council meeting a resolution was discussed that would help decrease unwanted or nuisance fire alarms to the fire department. [More Info](#)
- **NC: City weighs false security, fire alarm fees**  
6.7.13 - The Wilson Times - Setting off a false security or fire alarm could come with a price as city officials consider charging a fee to help reduce the number of false alarms, city costs and ... [More Info](#)



## Industry News



- **DIRECTV buys LifeShield**  
6.4.13 - Security Systems News - El Segundo, Calif.—Satellite TV provider DIRECTV is getting into home security with the purchase of LifeShield. Formerly known as InGrid, LifeShield is a self-installed, professionally monitored, wireless digital security system. Over time, DIRECTV plans to integrate the home security technology with "the DIRECTV video experience," Robert Mercer, spokesman for DIRECTV, told Security Systems News. [More Info](#)
- **911 and Police Ineffective – Two Neighbors Tell Their Stories**  
6.7.13 - Germantownnewspapers - During the summer of 2012, my neighbors were out of town and I received a call from the alarm service that their back door had been breached and that the ... [More Info](#)
- **Can Alarm Dealers Survive the Battle to Control the Home?**  
6.4.13 - Security Sales & Integration - The Z-Wave Alliance is a consortium of more than 200 independent manufacturers that build wireless home control products based on the [Z-Wave](#) standard. Mark Walters, chairman of the group, joins the conversation to discuss the increasingly competitive home automation/home security landscape. [More Info](#)
- **Influx of telecoms, cablecos into security not alarming, study says**  
6.7.13 - Security Systems News - Austin, Texas - New IMS Research study says new players are helping to boost home security penetration rate The penetration rate for U.S. residential intruder alarm products will increase by 5 to 8 percent during the next three years, aided by the entrance of new telecom and cableco players in the market, according to a recent study from IMS Research, now part of IHS. [More Info](#)

## Legislative Report

No items this week

## State Trends

- **MD: State Fire Marshal Not Seeking 3rd Term, Job Open**  
6.8.13 - Patch.com - He leaves on the same day that a state law goes into effect requiring that old homes must have a battery smoke alarm on each floor. That's a change from the ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Texans not very engaged as citizens, nonpartisan study finds**  
6.4.13 - Dallas Morning News - Regina Lawrence, the UT journalism professor who runs the Strauss Institute, said the findings should alarm Texans. She noted that just 36 percent cast ballots ... [More Info](#)



## National News

- **FBI Reports That Violent Crimes Rose in 2012**  
6.4.13 - Security Today - The FBI released its Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report on June 3, reporting that in 2012 the number of violent crimes in the United States rose by 1.2 percent, property crimes dropped by 0.8 percent and arson offenses declined by 1.2 percent. The report summarizes information the FBI gathered from 13,770 law enforcement agencies that submitted six to 12 comparable months of data for 2011 and 2012. [More Info](#)
- **U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May; unemployment rate at 7.6 percent**  
6.7.13 - Washington Post - The U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May, according to a Labor Department report released Friday morning. The nation's unemployment rate was at 7.6 percent. Economists expected the report to show that the country added 165,000 jobs last month and that the unemployment rate would remain at 7.5 percent. [More Info](#)



## Business Tips



- **How to get to the heart of what your customers really want**  
5.25.13 - The Demand Perspective - Somewhere along the way, we forgot that customers are human beings and feel, think and behave along the same patterns and values as those we know personally. In spite of claims to the contrary, we simply don't "know" our customers through their answers to narrow questions that we devise or snapshots in time from 60,000 feet in the air, like survey data or environmental scanning. [More Info](#)
- **How to lead when you're not in power**  
5.24.13 - Harvard Business Review Blog Network - For all of the books written on leadership, individuals (millions) who have participated in leadership seminars and dollars (billions) invested in leadership development, too many leadership experts still fail to distinguish between the practice of leadership and the exercise of bureaucratic power. [More Info](#)
- **6 reasons leaders make bad decisions**  
5.28.13 - Forbes - Employees are growing noticeably more frustrated with their leaders. Employees want their leaders to have their backs and listen to their concerns; to provide clarity of purpose and performance expectations; and to chart a road map for the future. They expect leadership from their leaders—but instead many employees are finding themselves being led by people that lack focus and vision, mismanage resources, and get caught up in corporate politics. [More Info](#)
- **The Top Killers of Office Productivity**  
5.31.13 - Baseline - Many professionals say they thrive best in an office setting, but distractions such as noisy co-workers keep them from focusing on their work. It's up to employers to provide an environment that fosters productivity. [More Info](#)
- **Facts Tell, But Stories Sell: 4 Secrets to Networking ...**  
5.28.13 - foxbusiness.com – I've been asked this question over 100 times: "In business, what is the one secret to success when it comes to networking?" My answer is ... [More Info](#)
- **10 Small Ways to Combat Big Employee Conflicts**  
5.29.13 – Small Business Trends - It doesn't matter how robust the company wellness program is or how relaxing the nap room feels – when two or more employees are stuck in a negative situation, the entire startup suffers. Whether they're butting heads on a new collaborative project or talking behind each other's backs about a personal matter, it's up to the boss to put an end to the conflict and bring the office morale — and productivity — back up to par. [More Info](#)
- **Workers Get Pushback for Using Social Tools**  
6.5.13 - Baseline - Many professionals worldwide believe that social media makes them more productive, but they are constantly getting pushback from managers for using these tools. [More Info](#)
- **Noisy Co-Workers Distract Employees**  
5.31.13 – Baseline - Sixty-one percent of employees surveyed say that constant sounds from their colleagues distract them from doing their work. [More Info](#)

## Fire News



- **CA: AFD FIRE WIRE**  
6.7.13 - Alameda Sun - Fire response: 1:22 a.m Union Street, commercial fire alarm. ... Fire responses: 3:07 p.m. Buena Vista Avenue; apartment fire alarm; ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Fire at Rite Aid causes \$50000 in damages**  
6.8.13 - Sierra Star - Mitch Reeves, Oakhurst Rite Aid manager, learned of the fire when the alarm company called and informed him of the fire. "Unfortunately fires are becoming too ... [More Info](#)
- **CO: Smoke alarm saves family from early morning fire**  
6.9.13 - 9NEWS.com - Centennial - Firefighters say a family in Centennial woke up to the live-saving sounds of a smoke alarm after fire broke out in their home. Crews from the ... [More Info](#)
- **LA: Smoke alarm credited for W. Shreveport family's escape from fire ...**  
6.6.13 - KSLA-TV - Louisiana parents are applauding state lawmakers for passing two bills that require schools to plan for emergency situations. Both bills call for every school to ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Abington police investigating home invasion**  
6.4.13 - Holbrook Sun - Majenski said on May 19, Abington firefighters responded to a fire alarm, which had been pulled at an apartment complex. Officer Mark Kilgour ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Reliance Fire Co. respond to alarm system call in Woodstown**  
6.7.13 - The Bridgeton News - NJ.com - Salem County Firelog includes alarm system call in Woodstown. ... [More Info](#)
- **WI: Fire destroys Janesville mobile home**  
6.6.13 - Janesville Gazette - A fire alarm alerted the mobile home's two adult male occupants, he said. Nobody—residents or firefighters were hurt, Simpson said. A Janesville Fire ... [More Info](#)

## Crime News



- **AL: Calera man pleads not guilty to Pelham bank robbery**  
6.7.13 - Shelby County Reporter - At about 10:15 a.m. on Jan. 14, the Pelham Police Department received a report of an alarm at the Union State Bank, according to police Capt. [More Info](#)
- **AL: Thieves target Auburn neighborhood, stealing jewelry, silver, el ...**  
6.5.13 - WSFA - That homeowner showed us where a suspect kicked in the backdoor, but apparently ran away with their alarm went off. Now, police need your help locating the ... [More Info](#)
- **AZ: Suspected serial burglar charged with 27 felonies**  
6.5.13 - Tucson News Now - The Oro Valley Police Department responded to the scene when they received an alarm notification from a nearby business. Officers then discovered that two ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: 2 arrested, linked to school burglary Vista La Mesa Academy in La ...**  
6.6.13 - 10News - Officers went to Vista La Mesa Academy shortly before 2:30 a.m. in response to a burglary alarm, according to La Mesa police. Once there, they ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Burglary Damage Doesn't Stop Little Caesars**  
6.8.13 - Natomas Buzz - "We're serving pizza." A call came in at about 3:30 a.m. Friday, June 7 from the store's alarm company that multiple sensors had all been tripped, Singh said. [More Info](#)
- **CA: 'Foothills Bandit' Tries to Strike Again, Fails in Third Local Bank ...**  
6.7.13 - Patch.com - "The teller activated the silent alarm and went and got the branch manager and the suspect left." The man claimed that there was a bomb outside the building, ... [More Info](#)
- **CA: Hungry burglary suspects caught cooking at John Muir High School**  
6.8.13 - San Gabriel Valley Tribune - Pasadena - Officers checking out an alarm that was activated at John Muir ... Police were notified about the alarm at 10:49 p.m. and headed to the school at ... [More Info](#)
- **CO: Police: Burglars cut, steal 40 marijuana plants from Colorado ...**  
6.8.13 - Colorado Springs Gazette - Just after 4 a.m., officers responded to Green Earth Wellness at 519 N. 30th St. after an alarm was activated in the shop. Police said they saw that the back door ... [More Info](#)
- **CO: Teens caught in burglary attempt**  
6.8.13 - Valley Courier - ... property and have them watch when you're gone. Keep valuable items locked up and out of sight. Alarm systems are a good addition to your home security." ... [More Info](#)
- **CT: "Polite Bandit" Charged in Bank Robberies, Bomb Scares**  
6.5.13 - NBC Connecticut - Police began investigating just before 2:30 p.m., when a hold-up alarm went off at First Niagara Bank. While responding to that ... [More Info](#)
- **CT: Hamden man, 67, charged in bank robberies, bomb claims**  
6.6.13 - Meriden Record-Journal - According to police reports, Hamden police responded to alarms at the First ... The first alarm came from First Niagara at 2:30 p.m., the Webster Bank alarm ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Deputies Arrest Two In Commercial Burglary**  
6.5.13 - WCTV - At 1:02 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglar alarm at the Cigs and Saves store... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Former employee arrested in Spring Hill Lanes burglary**  
6.4.13 - WTSP 10 News - Martins told deputies it was around that time that the alarm to the business was deactivated and never re-activated, and that he suspected 20-year-old Steven ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Sebastian PNC bank robbed at gunpoint Saturday morning**  
6.9.13 - WPTV - Police received the alarm at 9:12 a.m., and when the first officer arrived several minutes later, the robbers were gone, Grimmich said. Officers found a maroon ... [More Info](#)
- **FL: Sonitrol audio alarm foils would-be jewelry thieves**  
6.7.13 - Security Systems News - Hollywood, Fla.—A pair of thieves attempting a heist at Koosh Jewelers here found themselves headed to jail instead after a Sonitrol audio detection alarm system heard them, barred them from entering and alerted authorities, according to a news release. [More Info](#)
- **GA: Accused home invader to plead guilty**  
6.8.13 - Times-Georgian - An officer responded to the home after an alarm was triggered. ... The homeowner arrived at the home after being notified twice by the alarm company that her ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Lawyer tried to rob bank, police say**  
6.4.13 - The Augusta Chronicle - Deputies responded to an alarm at the bank shortly after 2 p.m. when Morris said Pak approached a teller, said he had a gun and demanded cash. Pak didn't ... [More Info](#)
- **GA: Nightclub burglars take Bud Light**  
6.7.13 - Online Athens - The thieves didn't touch any of the electronics inside, according to the report. The owner speculated that the suspect somehow knew his alarm system wasn't ... [More Info](#)
- **IL: Pekin police seek gas station burglar**  
6.4.13 - Peoria Journal Star - The thief fled before police could respond to the alarm sounding shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday ... Police rushed to the business after an entry alarm was triggered. [More Info](#)



- **KS: Early Morning Burglary Lands Man in Jail**  
6.8.13 - Four States Homepage - go off at "Easy Money Pawn" on Broadway. The officer then saw Moore on the roof of a neighboring structure ... [More Info](#)
- **LA: Police: Burglar caught in act despite alarm sounding**  
6.5.13 - WDSU New Orleans - Police say they were responding to a burglary alarm sounding at about 5:30 p.m. when they found Alvin Carter Jr., 30, ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: 8 Burglar Alarms Reported Sunday**  
6.3.13 - Patch.com - At 6:11 a.m., police received a report of a burglar alarm, which proved accidental. At 6:19 a.m., police received a report from Otis Street of a ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Police Arrest Alleged Three-Time Shoplifter**  
6.9.13 - Patch.com - At 5:11 a.m., police received a report of a burglar alarm, which proved accidental. At 7:29 a.m., police received a report of ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Dearborn Heights Police Briefs: Pharmacy break-in, strong ...**  
6.7.13 - Dearborn Press and Guide - By the time the police responded to the alarm, the men had pried open the back door, smashed the glass on the pharmacy door and broken into the safe and ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Michigan man charged in M'ville station break-in**  
6.8.13 - nwitimes.com - About 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, a burglary alarm was activated at a Speedway gas station ... Through video surveillance, personnel from the Speedway Alarm Center ... [More Info](#)
- **MI: Police looking for leads in pharmacy break-ins**  
6.5.13 - Clarkston News - At that point, a security alarm activated and the suspect or suspects fled the scene. A silver-colored vehicle was spotted in the area. Nothing was stolen. [More Info](#)
- **MN: Police: Reports Of Stillwater Bank Robbery, Possible Bomb Situation**  
6.8.13 - CBS Local - The Washington County Sheriff's Office said a call from the bank's alarm company came in at 9:29 a.m. on Saturday. WCCO crews are on the scene, so keep ... [More Info](#)
- **NH: K-9 tracker leads to arrest for burglary**  
6.4.13 - Foster's Daily Democrat - Monday at 3:45 a.m., police responded to R&J Auto body for a burglary alarm. Upon arrival officers discovered the business had ... [More Info](#)
- **NH: Rockport Police/Fire: Water break hits Long Beach reported**  
6.5.13 - Gloucester Daily Times - Tuesday morning, just before 9:30, a burglar alarm sounded at a Dock Square business, but police said the owner was at the scene when they arrived and that ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Burglar Grabs \$10K in Phones From Cedar Lane Store**  
6.3.13 - Patch.com - Officers discovered the break-in after responding to an alarm at the store around 5:30 a.m., police said. Investigators were reviewing security camera footage ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Child's screams alert officers to violent domestic incident in ...**  
6.6.13 - NorthJersey.com - Englewood - Two police officers who heard a child screaming as they responded to a burglar alarm on Wednesday dashed up a fire escape and broke up a ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Thieves Steal Valuables from 2 South Orange Homes**  
6.4.13 - TheAlternativePress.com - On May 28, a burglar escaped over the fence of a residence after officers responded to an alarm at 1:15 p.m. Police report that the thief gained ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Four teens charged with overnight vandalism at Kingston High School**  
6.8.13 - Mid-Hudson News - City police responded for an alarm activation at the school and with the assistance of Ulster County Sheriff's deputies caught all four on the school property. [More Info](#)
- **NY: Store owner shoots accused burglar**  
6.9.13 - News-Sun - Hawthorne, acting on a call from the alarm company, had arrived at the store just before a deputy and was armed with a .40 caliber Glock handgun. The metal ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Burglars enter store through roof**  
6.9.13 - WHIO Dayton - Just after 4 a.m. Dayton police were called to a Cricket Wireless store on a burglary alarm. When crews arrived on the scene they did ... [More Info](#)
- **OH: Burglars ransack Kettering restaurant**  
6.4.13 - WHIO Dayton - Kettering police are looking for whoever broke into a safe, cut phone and alarm wires and generally ransacked the place during the break-in at the business, ... [More Info](#)
- **ON: Suspects sought in Kukagami Jacks smash and grab**  
6.5.13 - NorthernLife.ca - The suspect or suspects fled the scene after the alarm was activated. An inventory is being conducted to determine what stock, if any, was stolen. No further ... [More Info](#)
- **TN: Local man arrested for Stoney Creek burglaries**  
6.7.13 - Johnson City Press - In addition to the televisions, Little said the burglar alarm had been destroyed and several other items were stolen. These included several pieces of jewelry, ... [More Info](#)
- **TN: Surveillance Video of ATM Heist Released**  
6.5.13 - WBBJ-TV - Deputies said they believe the man threw something through the front window to see if the alarm would sound. The man ran away from the business and got into ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: Three Break-Ins in One Week at Grand Prairie Church**  
6.6.13 - NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth - Mnkandhla said the church is now looking to install surveillance cameras and an alarm on the property. " We're just trying to move God's agenda," Mnkandhla ... [More Info](#)

- **UT: Police investigating spree of pharmacy burglaries in southern Utah**  
6.5.13 - fox13now.com - Police said around 3:00 a.m., the burglars tripped the store's alarm. But by the time officers arrived, the thieves were gone. "We believe that they operated very ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Police looking for burglary suspects**  
6.7.13 - Progress Index - Officers responded at 10:55 p.m. to a burglary alarm activation. When they arrived, the officers discovered a broken window ...[More Info](#)
- **WI: Officers give "all clear" after alarm sounds at high school**  
6.5.13 – WEAU - Eau Claire, Wis. (WEAU)--Officers responded to Memorial High School Wednesday morning after an intruder alarm went off. The Eau Claire Police ...[More Info](#)
- **WI: Sheriff: Woman scares off burglars by firing shots**  
6.5.13 – WIS - Upon arrival deputies, the female homeowner said she had been awakened by her home alarm system. When the woman went to check it out she observed ... [More Info](#)

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