



The National Monitor

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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

- **OR: Security salesmen alarm residents in Umatilla, Stanfield**
5.30.13 - East Oregonian - Security salesmen alarm residents in Umatilla, Stanfield. [More Info](#)
- **TN: Elderly targeted by bogus alarm salesmen**
5.28.13 - Elk Valley Times - Upon invite into the home, they inform the consumer they were given information that the consumer was in need of an alarm protection system. In each instance ...[More Info](#)



Public Safety Updates

- **AB: False alarms plummet**
6.1.13 - St. Albert Gazette - False Alarm – The City of St. Albert took a new approach to false alarms and it ... It looks like the changes council made last year to its false alarm bylaw are ...[More Info](#)
- **CT: Fines for false alarms in New Haven**
5.30.13 - WTNH - "Responding to false alarms is a big issue for the police department, it eats up the equivalent of about eight officers a year. Per year that costs us over \$750,000," ...[More Info](#)
- **MA: Massachusetts city fights to control fire alarm monitoring**
5.29.13 - Security Systems News - Lowell, Mass.- Massachusetts' highest court ruled last year that municipalities can't require businesses to install just one type of fire alarm system when the state building code allows for four. But the city of Lowell contends that decision doesn't apply to it. Why does an industry spokesman predict this is a battle the city won't win?.. [More Info](#)
- **ON: Police board hikes cost of false alarm fees**
5.28.13 - MetroNews Canada - The Ottawa Police Board upped fees charged for false alarm calls from \$130 to \$135. The fee, part of a 2010 bylaw, was intended to curb the number of false ...[More Info](#)
- **TX: Cracking down on false alarms**
5.27.13 - Paris News - The revised city of Paris alarm ordinance is scheduled to go into effect June 1, and Paris Police Chief Bob Hundley said the businesses who have been most ...[More Info](#)




- **TX: Paris police cracking down on false burglar alarms**
5.29.13 - KXII-TV - Paris, TX - With less than a week until the new burglary alarm ordinance takes effect, there are still over 200 residents and businesses that have yet to register ... [More Info](#)

Industry News



- **I-Team: Trouble For School Fire Alarm Systems**
5.29.13 - CBS Local - We assume fire alarms will work when we need them. But the I-Team found the fire alarms at your children's schools are not always working the way they should. [More Info](#)
- **Polaroid poised to enter video surveillance market**
5.28.13 - Security Info Watch - Consumer electronics firm to offer full suite of CCTV products... [More Info](#)
- **Report: Demand to surge for mass notification systems**
5.23.13 - Security Info Watch - North American market expected to grow by more than 30 percent from 2013 to 2017.... [More Info](#)
- **'Undercover Boss' appearance a triumph for ADT**
5.23.13 - Security Info Watch - Reality show reveals dedicated employees... [More Info](#)
- **I-Team: Trouble For School Fire Alarm Systems**
5.29.13 - CBS Local - We assume fire alarms will work when we need them. But the I-Team found the fire alarms at your children's schools are not always working the way they should. [More Info](#)
- **Central Texas: Big Changes Come To Some Callers**
5.29.13 - KWTX - Some examples are life safety systems, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, gates, speed dialers, mobile phone contact lists, call ...[More Info](#)
- **Vivint President Alex Dunn on how Vivint "can be a much bigger company than we currently are."**
5.29.13 - Security Systems News – Tess talks to Alex Dunn, Vivint president, about how Vivint "can be a much bigger company than we currently are." Dunn discusses the Vivint Innovation Center, his new role with the company and how Vivint Solar complements Vivint's home security/home automation services. [More Info](#)
- **CT: Conn. Governor OKs \$5M for School Security**
5.28.13 – Security Sales & Integration - Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced on Friday that \$5 million is being made immediately available to municipalities in the first round of school security funding under the Competitive Grant Program — a component of the Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety Act signed on April 4, 2013. [More Info](#)
- **TX: Texans on alert : Will your home alarm work during a break - in ?**
5.30.13 - KENS 5 TV - Watkins claims on every single break-in, in which he said his flat screen TV was stolen every single time, the ADT alarm system in his home never went off. [More Info](#)
- **UT: As his industry faced scrutiny, Utah lawmaker donated to Swallow**
6.2.13 - Salt Lake Tribune - For instance, one top Swallow donor, Vivint, a home-alarm and house-system-management company that in the past, as APX Alarm, had been subject to various ...[More Info](#)

Legislative Report

Full Text	Brief Description and Current Status
NYAB07524 Text 	Brindisi 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: 05/23/2013 : referred to governmental operations

State Trends



- **CA: California Loosens Security Licensing Requirements**
5.31.13 - CEPro - Once that test is passed, an integrator simply needs to apply for an Alarm ... "Anyone that has worked in the alarm industry for say 10 years and does not have a ...[More Info](#)
- **KS: Kansas House rejects \$857 million tax increase; Democrats call for end to session**
5.28.13 - The Lawrence Journal-World - Topeka - The Kansas House on Tuesday rejected an \$857 million tax increase, throwing the overtime session into further turmoil. [More Info](#)

- **MD: New Maryland law to require smoke alarms be equipped with long ...**
5.30.13 - Bay Net - Governor Martin O'Malley has signed into law a measure requiring battery-operated smoke alarms in homes be equipped with batteries which last ten years. [More Info](#)
- **OK: Oklahoma City tornadoes: 7 adults, 2 children dead, drivers trapped ...**
6.1.13 - Examiner.com - ... freeway drivers who were trying to flee the tornadoes after the tornado alarm had sounded in Oklahoma City, reported the Los Angeles Times on June 1, 2013. [More Info](#)
- **OK: Oklahoma officer who helped survivors describes tornado devastation**
5.31.13- The Edmund Sun via PoliceOne - Edmund Police Detective said there was debris everywhere. The road was covered with dirt and mud. People were trying to get into the area to find family members; victims were leaving the area in whatever manner they could — via foot, bicycles. Most cars in the heart of the affected area when the tornado hit were inoperable. [More Info](#)

National News

- **Legislative webcasts: Technology trends and policy issues**
NCSL Legisbrief examines how states are making it easier for citizens to watch and listen to them from the comfort of their computers and mobile devices... [More Info](#)



Business Tips

- **Tomorrow's leaders will be flexible, selfless and ready to collaborate**
5.16.13 - Fast Company - Those are the findings of an exhaustive study that asked 64,000 people in 13 countries to identify qualities they want in those at the top. Here, one of the report's co-authors examines what that means for the future of leadership. [More Info](#)



- **Tips to navigate a leadership crossroads**
5.17.13 - Forbes - Effective leaders shoulder a lot of responsibility. They are responsible to shareholders for financial results. They are responsible to clients for quality and service. And they are responsible to employees for guidance, support and recognition. Managers are presented with a leadership crossroads when asked to balance external expectations with anticipated results. But there's a better way for leaders to deliver results and strengthen relationships than exerting tighter control, conveying disappointment or taking over projects that have failed to meet targets. [More Info](#)
- **Paying Extra for Better Security**
5.27.13 - CIO Insight - When it comes to their personal data, customers prefer trustworthy businesses, and many of them are willing to pay more for secure products and services. [More Info](#)
- **Companies Don't Meet Employee Expectations**
5.28.13 - Baseline - After accepting a job offer, many workers have been caught off-guard when it comes to the actual workload, compensation, office morale and even the personality of their new boss. [More Info](#)
- **Behavioral interviewing improves bottom line – MultiBriefs**
5.30.13 - www.multibriefs.com - Behavioral interviewing improves bottom line. Problem employees hurt your bottom line faster than "The Donald" can say ... [More Info](#)
- **7 Foods That Boost Your Brainpower**
5.20.13 - www.inc.com – Making big decisions for your company? Add these foods to your regular diet to keep your mind sharp. [More Info](#)

Fire News

- **AZ: Fire damages Tucson church**
5.29.13 - KSWT-TV - The Fire Department says a police officer responding to an alarm saw smoke coming from the church and that firefighters then found the building full of heavy ...[More Info](#)



- **IN: Teen climbs out of second story window after fire breaks out**
5.26.13 - Fox 59 - The teen told investigators she was home alone when she heard the smoke alarm go off upstairs. She climbed up the stairs and saw heavy smoke. She then ...[More Info](#)

- **TX: 4 Houston firefighters die while responding to 5-alarm fire, official says**
6.1.13 - KVEO-TV - Houston, Texas - Four Houston Firefighters are dead after a Hotel Wall Collapsed while they were battling a major blaze early ...[More Info](#)

Crime News

- **CA: Crime Blotter: Burglars Break into Homes, Nab Cash, Jewelry**
5.29.13 - Patch.com - The opened window activated a burglar alarm. A witness to the May 18 crime spotted the possible suspects walking down the Monterey victim's driveway...
[More Info](#)
- **GA: Burglary suspect on home video surveillance investigated**
5.29.13 - WALB-TV - The woman walked inside and set off an alarm. They quickly left. Nothing was stolen. Police think the pair may be responsible for other recent crimes. Dougherty ... [More Info](#)



- **IL: Police Now Looking For Armed Bank Robbery Suspect**
5.29.13 - thejournal-news.net - After employees at the bank pressed a panic button, an alarm company notified 911 at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded, along with ... [More Info](#)
- **IN: Security ignores 3 alarms as burglars strike Eli Lilly complex**
5.29.13 - WRTV Indianapolis - IMPD detectives wrote in their report that three separate intruder alarms were tripped by the burglars, but private Securitas guards who patrol the lot reset each ... [More Info](#)
- **KY: Police: Bank robbed inside Lexington Walmart**
5.27.13 - 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](#)
- **LA: Eunice man arrested for casino armed robbery**
5.28.13 - The Daily Advertiser - Officers responded to Bayou Gold Casino in Eunice Saturday afternoon in reference to an armed robbery after a silent alarm was sounded. Upon arrival the ... [More Info](#)
- **LA: Shreveport dollar store burglaries caught on tape**
5.29.13 - KSLA-TV - Police confirm officers responded to an alarm at the business at 11:39 p.m. Monday and found that it had been broken into. Officers were called to the Dollar ... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Resident Charged With Assault and Battery**
5.29.13 - Patch.com - At 11:27 a.m., police received a report from Flanders Road of a burglar alarm. At 12:18 p.m., police received a report from... [More Info](#)
- **MA: Rockport Police/Fire: False alarms draw police responses**
5.31.13 - Gloucester Daily Times - Rockport - A residential burglar alarm sounded on Marmion Way just after midnight Thursday morning, but police said it was a false alarm. Another false ...[More Info](#)
- **ME: Transient accused of burglary after setting off alarm at Bangor ...**
5.30.13 - Bangor Daily News - Bangor, Maine - A local transient is facing a burglary charge after he set off an alarm at a Bangor restaurant early Thursday morning, police said [More Info](#)
- **MI: Dearborn Police Briefs: Thieves steal safe, marijuana ...**
6.2.13 - Dearborn Press and Guide - The right middle window on a 2013 Chrysler Town & Country on a driveway was broken. The van's alarm sounded just before 5:30 a.m. May 27. Nothing was ...[More Info](#)
- **NC: Police: Suspect stole \$36K in cell phones**
5.29.13 - Charlotte Observer - Police found a power plug tilled out of its socket after the human resources director told them the security alarm could be bypassed if someone unplugged the ... [More Info](#)
- **NJ: Two Charged in Ellis Avenue Home Burglary**
5.27.13 - Patch.com - Officers responded to an activated burglar alarm at an Ellis Avenue home around 8:13 p.m. and spotted three people running from the house, Boone said. After a ... [More Info](#)
- **NY: Man Arrested In Connection To String Of Commercial Burglaries**
5.29.13 - Rochester YNN - Hampton was originally arrested back in April when police responded to a burglary alarm at a North Goodman Street church. Police say they found Hampton ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Cops: Plymouth Meeting man charged for...**
5.29.13 - The Times Herald - Whitmarsh - Police responded to a back door alarm that had been activated at Greg's Automotive Service, at 4:55 ... [More Info](#)
- **PA: Five charged in burglary, theft spree**
5.29.13 - Go Lackawanna - Marion Pollock was awakened by the house alarm and her dog barking at about 1:50 a.m. Aug. 3, and hid in a closet with a cellphone. She heard two male ... [More Info](#)
- **SC: Police arrest 2 accused of robbing Clemson restaurants - FOX ...**
5.30.13 - WHNS Greenville - Dixon said they men were spooked when the alarm went off, so they did not get away with any cash. The Seneca men were charged with one count of armed ...[More Info](#)
- **TN: Police: Man caught with items stolen in Johnson City restaurant ...**
5.31.13 - Johnson City Press - Police responded to a burglar alarm at El Charolais Restaurant and found that a side door to the business had been forced open. After clearing the building, ... [More Info](#)

- **TX: Fort Worth police guarding the street near scene of officer ...**
5.28.13 - Dallas Morning News - According to the release, just before 1 a.m. two Fort Worth Police Department patrol officers responded to a burglar alarm going off. [More Info](#)
- **TX: Houston woman helps catch wanted sex offender who broke into her ...**
5.31.13 - Fox News - The woman, Damita Wyatt, tried to switch on her home alarm when she heard the ... But it didn't go off because her alarm and phone lines had been cut. [More Info](#)
- **TX: Mayor, legal experts weigh in on Fort Worth grandfather shot in his ...**
5.31.13 - KHOU - A pair of Fort Worth police officers, who have been on the force less than a year, were responding to a burglary alarm in the area. The pair was originally ... [More Info](#)
- **TX: NBPD: Thieves Steal Thousands of Dollars in Clothes From Local ...**
5.31.13 - KGNB 1420 AM - New Braunfels Police say they responded to a burglar alarm just before 1:30am yesterday at the Alibi Boutique. [More Info](#)
- **TX: Police Shoot & Kill Grandfather While Responding To Burglary Call**
5.29.13 - CBS Local - Those close to the family say the victim lived nearby and heard his neighbor's burglar alarm. Neighbor Jerry Wayne Waller then apparently went outside to see ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Technology helps catch burglary suspects**
5.30.13 - WAVY-TV - So their first move was to get an alarm system that came with cameras. Two months ... That's because the alarm goes off and the suspect scampers out. "If you'll ... [More Info](#)
- **VA: Three suspects charged for break-in**
5.29.13 - WAVY-TV - Suffolk Police responded to a call for an alarm at the Pruden Center Friday morning and heard noises inside the building when they arrived. They searched the ... [More Info](#)
- **WI: Arrests made in Forest County pharmacy robbery**
6.1.13 - Fox11online.com - Forest County Sheriff's deputies responded to a burglar alarm at the Laona Pharmacy in Laona just before 1 a.m. Tuesday. Officers discovered the building had ... [More Info](#)

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