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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) Minot apartment complex fire damage estimated at \$12 million.

A fire that broke out at the Chateau Apartments December 5 in Minot that was under-construction caused about \$12 million in damages.

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/279617/>

(North Dakota) Floodwall Fargo approves new 2nd Street alignment along Red River.

The City Commission of Fargo approved a plan to shift Second Street in the city in order to build a \$53 million permanent flood wall along the Red River. The road realignment will also allow for a fully enclosed lift station to be built, along with other flood control measures.

<http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/420675/>

(North Dakota) Spill, fire reported at well sites. North Dakota Department of Health officials are monitoring an estimated 650-barrel spill of saltwater and 20-barrel spill of crude oil from a Texas-based BTA Oil Producers LLC well site in Bismarck December 8, that reached a small tributary of the Little Missouri River. State agencies were also notified of a Landtech Enterprises, LLC-owned saltwater well disposal fire in McKenzie County and are investigating.

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/spill-fire-reported-at-well-sites/article_909868c0-6126-11e3-85b5-001a4bcf887a.html

(North Dakota) Remnants of flood: It's been 2 1/2 years since the devastating Souris River flood, but many people are still struggling, according to a Minot State University communications class.

<http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/590574/Remnants-of-flood.html?nav=5010>

(North Dakota) School Security Story Disputes: The Video Says It All. Fargo

School disputes recent media story about school security.

<http://www.valleynewslive.com/story/24235757/school-security-story-disputes-the-video-says-it-all?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=9640696>

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REGIONAL

(Montana) Two injured when plane veers off runway: Two people were injured December 9 after a twin-engine aircraft with five people onboard made a hard landing off the runway at the Glacier Park International Airport in Montana, prompting the closure of the runway and the airport for about 1 hour.

http://www.dailyinterlake.com/news/local_montana/article_8e0c4908-60fb-11e3-9c6c-0019bb2963f4.html

(Minnesota) Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant uprate license approved by NRC. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission December 9 announced its approval of a license amendment to increase the maximum output of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in Minnesota from 600 megawatts to 671 megawatts. <http://monticellotimes.com/2013/12/10/onticello-nuclear-generating-plant-uprate-license-approved-nrc/>

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(Illinois; Washington; Oregon) Heavy oil field freight train traffic forces some Amtrak cancellations through Fargo. Freight train congestion combined with winter weather prompted Amtrak to cancel eastbound and westbound Empire Builder route trips, between Chicago to Seattle and Portland, from December 13 through the weekend of December 14, which will disrupt service for hundreds of customers. <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/420850/>

NATIONAL

(National) Chinese immigrants busted in \$2M credit fraud scheme.

Federal authorities arrested 23 Chinese nationals living in New York City December 10 for allegedly running a \$2 million payment card fraud scheme that used computer intrusions and underweb marketplaces to obtain more than 1,000 account numbers. The suspects then allegedly recruited “shoppers” to make fraudulent purchases in several States.

<http://nypost.com/2013/12/10/chinese-immigrants-busted-in-2m-credit-fraud-scheme/>

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INTERNATIONAL

(International) FDA investigating surgical robots used at three Maine hospitals: Intuitive Surgical Inc., the maker of the \$1.5 million da Vinci robotic surgery system, issued a recall November 11 alerting customers of potential issues with the medical device affecting up to 1,386 of the instrument arms worldwide. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is investigating the surgical robot used by three Maine hospitals following reports that the units may stall during procedures. <http://bangordailynews.com/2013/12/05/health/fda-investigating-surgical-robots-used-at-three-maine-hospitals/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) Cybercriminals trick unsuspecting U.S. users into delivering goods to Russia. Researchers at Trend Micro monitored a cybercrime ring that recruits and uses individuals as mules in the U.S. to launder stolen money by sending them items bought with stolen payment card information and then having the mules ship the items on to Russia or Ukraine. Some items sent in this way are subject to export restrictions. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Trick-Unsuspecting-US-Users-into-Delivering-Goods-to-Russia-408711.shtml>

(International) Weak security in most mobile banking apps. A report from Praetorian analyzed 275 Apple iOS and Android mobile banking apps and found that 80 percent contained configuration and design weaknesses that could compromise security. <http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability/weak-security-in-most-mobile-banking-app/240164731>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) Toro recalls TimeMaster and TurfMaster lawn mowers due to injury hazard: Toro Co., announced a recall of around 36,100 TimeMaster 30" and TurfMaster 30" lawn mowers in the U.S. and Canada due to an issue that can cause the mowers' blades to break, posing an injury hazard.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Toro-Recalls-TimeMaster-and-TurfMaster-Lawn-Mowers/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

(North Carolina; Minnesota) Guardsman accused of stealing military IDs for militia. A Minnesota National Guardsman was charged in connection with stealing personal information, including Social Security numbers and security clearance levels, of about 400 members of a former Army unit in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, intended for use to create fake IDs for a militia. An FBI investigation uncovered the Guardsman's theft of confidential information. <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/guardsman-accused-of-stealing-military-ids-for-militia>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Arizona) Armed suspect surrenders, ends hospital standoff. The emergency room at Phoenix Baptist Hospital in Arizona was evacuated December 9 after a man armed with a knife barricaded himself in an emergency room bathroom before surrendering to police after 4 hours.

<http://www.kpho.com/story/24169274/phoenix-pd-man-with-gun-holes-up-in-phoenix-hospital>

(National) FCC adopts rules to make 911 calling more reliable. The Federal Communications Commission adopted rules December 12 including, auditing 9-1-1 circuits for physical diversity, maintaining central office backup power, and maintaining reliable and resilient network monitoring systems in order to ensure

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9-1-1 calls throughout the U.S. are delivered during disasters.

<http://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-rules-make-911-calling-more-reliable>

ENERGY

(North Dakota) Applying Creativity to a Byproduct of Oil Drilling in North

Dakota: Oil companies and other industries are intensifying their efforts to stem the flaring, like building more pipelines and gas processing plants, planning new fertilizer factories that use natural gas as a feedstock and converting rigs and other equipment to use natural gas as a fuel.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/18/business/energy-environment/applying-creativity-to-a-byproduct-of-oil-drilling-in-north-dakota.html?hpw&rref=business&r=0>

(Kentucky) Kentucky Power to convert unit at Big Sandy Power Plant from coal-

fired to natural gas. In order to be in compliance with federal environmental standards, Kentucky Power, an operating unit of American Electric Power, will convert Unit 1 at its Big Sandy Power Plant from a coal-fired facility to a natural gas unit by mid-2016.

<http://www.pennenergy.com/articles/pe/2013/12/kentucky-power-to-convert-unit-at-big-sandy-power-plant-from-coal-fired-to-natural-gas.html>

(International) TransCanada begins injecting oil into Keystone pipeline.

TransCanada began injecting crude oil December 7 into its Gulf Coast Project pipeline that spans from the City of Cushing in Oklahoma to the Gulf Coast.

Officials stated that testing of the pipeline is ongoing with no definitive date for the start of commercial service. <http://newsok.com/transcanada-begins-injecting-oil-into-keystone-pipeline/article/3912900>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) FDA takes steps to phase out antibiotics in meat. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that it will ask pharmaceutical companies to voluntarily stop using some antibiotics to promote growth in animals in an effort to phase out the use of some antibiotics in animals processed for meat that have been linked to antibiotic-resistant diseases in humans.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/fda-targets-antibiotics-meat-21175883>

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GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Virginia) Navy SEAL charged with selling ammunition: Authorities arrested and charged a U.S. Navy SEAL December 4 with taking ammunition, grenades, and guns during field exercises and selling them for personal profit after U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents purchased several items from him during an undercover operation. <http://hamptonroads.com/2013/12/navy-seal-charged-selling-ammunition>.

(International) Russian diplomats accused of \$1.5M Medicaid fraud: Federal prosecutors announced December 5 that 25 current and former Russian diplomats and 24 of their spouses were charged with allegedly lying about their incomes in order to defraud the U.S. Medicaid program of about \$1.5 million since 2004. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/12/05/medicaid-fraud-russia-diplomats/3878619/>

(Michigan) SW Mich. College closes for day due to threats. Lake Michigan College in Berrien County was shut down and students and employees were sent home December 6 after a fired maintenance worker made threats. Authorities found the threats not to be credible after investigating. <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/SW-Mich-college-closes-due-to-security-issue-5041711.php>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Fiendish CryptoLocker ransomware survives hackers' takedown. Members affiliated with hacker group Malware Must Die attempted to disable command and control servers associated with the CryptoLocker ransomware, suspending 138 targeted domains but failing to eliminate the operation. http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/12/06/cryptolocker_takedown_fizzles/

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POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nothing Significant to Report

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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