



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 20 June 2007

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Highlights

- Computerworld reports a security breach at Los Alamos National Laboratory in January may have exposed classified data on nuclear weapons when several officials at the company that manages security used unprotected e-mail networks to share highly classified information. (See item [3](#))
- The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, held a security drill on Monday, June 18, to gauge the school's readiness in case of a terrorist attack or an incident such as the Virginia Tech shootings. (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 19, Platts Energy Bulletin* — **Nigeria sets new rules for establishing oil refineries.** Nigeria has rolled out new guidelines for investors planning to establish oil refineries in the country, in a move by Africa's top oil producer to boost local supplies of petroleum products, Tony Chukwueke, head of the Department of Petroleum Resources, said Tuesday, June 19. Investors interested in setting up refineries with at least 10,000 b/d capacity will now have to deposit \$1 million with the government, while those with refineries that will produce up to 100,000 b/d will pay \$10 million, he said. The new rules are intended to help the government

meet its target of processing 50 percent of the country's crude oil production by 2010, and ensure it engages only investors with the funds and the technical expertise to operate refineries.
Source: http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8112272.xml?sub=Oil&p=Oil/New_s

2. *June 18, Savannah Morning News (GA)* — **Burglars ransack Georgia Power for copper.** A Georgia Power facility is the latest Savannah business to be targeted by copper thieves. Police say the burglars took "an enormous amount" of bare, solid and insulated copper from the Kilowatt Drive plant in Savannah, GA, Saturday, June 16. Workers arrived at the facility off Ogeechee Road and found five holes cut in the fence, according to a Savannah–Chatham Metropolitan Police report. Large, heavy pallets containing coils of copper tubing were stolen, as was copper taken from cables and company vehicles. Investigators think more than one suspect was involved because of the weight of the stolen items. Burglars smashed the windows of a Georgia Power vehicle and stole a laptop computer, according to the report. Workers told police they were last at the facility around 2:45 a.m. EDT Saturday and did not see any damage. The company is supposed to be monitored by security guards 24 hours a day, police said. Georgia Power has experienced numerous break–ins across the state this year, including several in Chatham County.

Source: <http://new.savannahnow.com/node/307286>

3. *June 18, Computerworld* — **Breach at Los Alamos labs may have exposed classified data on nukes.** Several officials at the company that manages security at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) used unprotected e–mail networks earlier this year to share highly classified information related to the characteristics of materials used in nuclear weapons. The incident occurred on January 19 and was considered so serious that a U.S. Department of Energy official was notified of it in the midst of a White House event. Now, Rep. John Dingell (D–MI), chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, wants to know why a subcommittee investigating an October 2006 security breach at LANL was not told about the January compromise. Dingell last week wrote a letter to U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman expressing concern over the failure of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to notify the subcommittee of the breach. In his letter, Dingell noted that NNSA officials learned of the Impact Measurement Index–1 (IMI–1) security incident from an official at a California university on January 19. According to DOE severity ratings, an IMI–1 security incident is the most serious type and is defined as "actions, inactions, or events that pose the most serious threats to national security interests and/or critical DOE assets."

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=government&articleId=9025199&taxonomyId=13&intsrc=kc_top

4. *June 18, Associated Press* — **Lawsuits around the country allege that 'hot fuel' is costing motorists.** It is not just increased demand that sends U.S. summertime gasoline prices soaring. It is also the increased temperature. As the temperature rises, liquid gasoline expands and the amount of energy in each gallon drops. Since gas is priced at a 60 degree standard and gas pumps do not adjust for any temperature changes, motorists often get less bang for their buck in warmer weather. Consumer watchdog groups warn that the temperature hike could end up costing U.S. consumers between three and nine cents a gallon at the pump. During the energy crisis in the 1970s, Hawaii decided to set a base fuel temperature of 80 degrees, meaning that consumers there get more bang for their buck because retailers now dispense 234 cubic inches

of gas per gallon rather than 231. The federal government is considering a similar change as well. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is to vote in July on whether to allow temperature regulation by retailers. The upcoming decision is worrying fuel distributors, who say the new equipment could force some independent dealers out of business. NATSO, a trade group representing truck stop owners, estimates that each retrofitted pump could cost between \$1,500 to \$3,800.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/06/19/america/NA-FIN-US-Hot-Fuel.php>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. *June 19, Winston-Salem Journal (NC)* — **Police say chemicals caused blast.** Winston-Salem, NC, police told residents of the Savannah Place complex on Peace Haven Road that chemicals caused an explosion in an apartment Sunday night, June 17, that injured two people, a resident said. Police evacuated the 12-unit apartment building where the blast occurred and later evacuated two other buildings nearby, displacing residents until Monday morning. Marcus Dobson lives across the hall from the apartment where the explosion occurred and went over after it happened. He said that police told him that at least two chemicals were present in the apartment, and there were enough to have done more damage. Dobson said he was told that one of the chemicals was ammonium sulfate, a synthetic fertilizer. Lt. Brad Yandell, a police spokesperson, declined to elaborate on what police found in the apartment. He described the cause of the explosion only as a “device,” and said that residents should not be worried that the apartment poses a danger. The city’s bomb unit was called in as a precaution, he said.

Source: http://www.journalnow.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WSJ%2FMGArticle%2FWSJ_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351695244&path=%21localnews&s=1037645509099

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *June 18, Federal Computer Week* — **Tiny robots could help urban ops.** The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is looking for industry participation in a new program to develop tiny, autonomous ground robots that can act as mobile radio relay nodes during urban operations, according to a June 5 agency announcement. The program, dubbed LANdroid, envisions a fleet of robots that soldiers can deploy in a city as they move through houses and streets. The idea, DARPA says, is to have these drones form a network capable of relaying radio traffic in a setting often considered challenging for communications equipment. According to a notional image of a LANdroid included in a DARPA pamphlet, each robot will be about the size of a deck of cards. They must be rugged, lightweight and able to operate for seven to 14 days, the agency said. DARPA officials will provide information about the program during a July 6 industry day, according to the statement. Demand for technologies to improve the military’s ability to fight in urban settings has increased in recent years because many of the operations in Iraq take place in Baghdad or other major cities.
DARPA solicitation on LANdroid program:

http://fs2.fbo.gov/EPSTData/ODA/Synopses/4965/BAA07-46/1_baa07_46_landroids_description.pdf

DARPA pamphlet: <http://fs1.fbo.gov/EPSTData/ODA/Synopses/4965/BAA07-46/BAA07-46LANdroidsPIP.pdf>

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article103023-06-18-07-Web>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *June 19, Computerworld* — **Can 'cyberinsurance' protect you from data breach catastrophe?** Data breaches combined with state disclosure laws could trigger crushing expenses. A cyberinsurance policy could cover such losses, but they may be expensive, complex and somewhat difficult to acquire — and it may even be more difficult to determine if they are truly worthwhile. Cyberinsurance policies emerged about a decade ago with the realization that conventional insurance covered physical damage, but not lost data. Responding to the latest headlines, today's policies focus on the losses associated with a data breach. Defense against the resulting lawsuits and government regulatory action is typically covered. But while coverage has evolved, prices have remained high, even though there are now about 20 different carriers in the market. "A bank will pay more than a pizza shop, but coverage generally runs from \$7,500 to \$12,000 per million dollars of coverage," said Nick Economidis of the National Union Fire Insurance Co. Policies covering network risks could be expected to cost \$10,000 to \$20,000 per \$1 million in coverage, said Kevin Kalinich of the AON Corp. The addition of professional services "errors and omissions" coverage will double the cost.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9023078&intsrc=hm_list

8. *June 19, Sophos* — **Seventy months in jail for convicted AOL phisher.** Jeffrey Goodin faces nearly six years in jail for his phishing offences. SophosLabs welcomed the news that a man has been sentenced to 70 months in prison after phishing credit card information from Internet users. Jeffrey Brett Goodin, 47, of Azusa, CA, has been sent to jail for nearly six years after using several different compromised Earthlink e-mail accounts to send thousands of unsolicited e-mails posing as AOL's billing department. The phishing e-mails directed recipients to bogus payment Websites. Goodin was also convicted on a number of other counts including wire fraud, possession of unauthorized credit cards, misuse of the AOL trademark, and attempted witness harassment.
Source: <http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2007/06/phis her-jail.html>

9. *June 18, VNUNet* — **Small firms warned of data protection scam.** The Information Commissioner's Office has warned UK businesses not to be misled by bogus agencies that send notices demanding money to register under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). The warning comes after Leeds Crown Court sentenced three men to prison on June 8 for their involvement in bogus data protection agencies. Bogus letters were sent to thousands of businesses demanding registration fees to register under the DPA in a mail scam which could have netted millions. Neil Clark, prosecuting for the Crown, explained to the court that the scammers had already banked tens of thousands of dollars, and that thousands of printed bogus forms were ready to be posted to unsuspecting companies. Judge Roger Ibbotson said that the scammers

were involved in a substantial and systematic operation which specifically targeted the owners of small businesses and relied on their wish to act lawfully and not commit any breach of the regulations.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2192291/ico-warns-sme-against-dpa-scam>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

10. *June 19, Gannett State Bureau (NJ)* — Potential New York 'congestion fee' concerns

Corzine. Governor Jon S. Corzine fears New Jersey lacks the rail and bus capacity to handle all the commuters if New York City levies a "congestion fee" on motorists who drive into parts of Manhattan. "I'd like to find out what its real impact is going to be on New Jersey," Corzine said of a measure being pushed by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg that's pending in the New York Legislature in Albany. Corzine said, "We don't have the capacity to handle dramatic surges in additional riders on our mass transit system, which is what congestion pricing is going to." Corzine said he supports mass transit and a new commuter rail tunnel being planned to connect New Jersey and New York. "We'd like to be cooperative," he said, adding he worries about saturation for NJ Transit, the state's rail and bus system. The New Jersey rail system into New York City runs lines from the western suburbs, out into Hunterdon, Morris and Sussex counties, to the seashore as far south as Bay Head, and along Amtrak's Northeast Corridor from Trenton.

Source: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070619/NEWS01/706190369/1006>

11. *June 19, Associated Press* — Southwest details international flights. Southwest Airlines Co. is planning to sell seats on ATA Airlines flights from the East Coast to the Caribbean by 2009 and later to Europe, Southwest's CEO told a business group in Baltimore. Southwest has been upgrading its computerized reservations system for international service on ATA by 2009 for some time. But Chief Executive Gary Kelly's comments Monday, June 18, appeared to be the most detailed look at the airline's plans for connecting to foreign destinations. Southwest and ATA already operate a partnership in which each can sell seats for connecting flights on the other carrier, a common airline industry practice called code-sharing. The agreement has already allowed Southwest to offer service to new U.S. destinations, including Hawaii, on ATA jets.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070619/tx_southwest_international_flights.html?v=1

12. *June 19, Government Accountability Office* — GAO-07-997T: Border Patrol: Costs and Challenges Related to Training New Agents (Testimony). In May 2006, the President called for comprehensive immigration reform that included strengthening control of the country's borders by, among other things, adding 6,000 new agents to the U.S. Border Patrol by the end of December 2008. This unprecedented 48 percent increase over two years raises concerns about the ability of the Border Patrol's basic training program to train these new agents. This testimony is based on a recent report for the ranking member of this subcommittee on the content, quality, and cost of the Border Patrol's basic training program for new agents and addresses (1) the extent to which the Border Patrol's basic training program exhibits the attributes of an effective training program and the changes to the program since September 11,

2001; (2) the cost to train a new agent and how this compares to the costs of other similar law enforcement basic training programs; and (3) any plans the Border Patrol has developed or considered to improve the efficiency of its basic training program. To address these issues, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reviewed relevant documents; observed classroom training and exercises at the Border Patrol Academy in Artesia, New Mexico; assessed the methodologies of training cost estimates; and interviewed Border Patrol officials.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07997thigh.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-997T>

- 13. *June 19, NavyTimes* — Coast Guard pushes to replace patrol fleet.** The Coast Guard is moving swiftly to purchase a new class of patrol boats to replace its aging 110-foot ships and eight 123-footers that have been hobbled in an ill-fated renovation effort. The service plans to issue a request for proposal Friday, June 22, for up to 58 new patrol boats. According to the pre-solicitation notice released earlier this month, the Coast Guard seeks an existing class that can be adapted quickly for Coast Guard operations. The proposed vessel is to be a proven design of between 120 and 160 feet in length that can travel at speeds up to 28 knots, the notice states. The announcement marks a departure from earlier plans to buy only 12 off-the-shelf vessels as replacements for the 123s and five borrowed U.S. Navy coastal patrol boats. Design work on the composite hull ship, the FRC-A, ran aground in February 2006 when the effort was suspended out of concerns for the vessels' excessive weight and performance requirements. In March 2007, the Coast Guard canceled the \$600 million FRC contract, choosing instead to manage the acquisition itself.

Source: http://www.navytimes.com/news/2007/06/coastguard_patrol_boats_070619w/

- 14. *June 12, Transportation Security Administration* — TSA launches employee security surges at Houston airports.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has announced another in a series of operations to flexibly and nimbly augment employee security measures at our nation's airports. Launched June 7, the operation took place at George Bush Intercontinental and William P. Hobby airports, both in Houston. Over 100 local transportation security officers, aviation security inspectors, federal air marshals and other personnel were deployed to execute those efforts. This initiative is one more measure that adds to TSA's strong, layered approach to aviation security," said TSA Administrator Kip Hawley. In Houston, security officers and behavior detection officers conducted random screening of approximately 5,200 employees and passengers at boarding gates, and completed identification checks of over 6,300 employees. They also performed random inspections on nearly 200 aircraft and 700 vehicles. As a result of this effort, security officers discovered five employees with expired airport security badges and two who did not have credentials. The expired badges were confiscated and the employees in violation were escorted off airport property. TSA will conduct additional employee security measures in the coming months on an unannounced basis.

Source: http://www.tsa.gov/press/releases/2007/press_release_06122007.shtm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

15. *June 19, Agricultural Research Service* — **Threat to grapevines and gardens now easier to pinpoint.** It used to be that tracking the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa*—one of the most serious threats to the California wine industry—was as challenging as teasing out the fine, commingling aromas of a complex Bordeaux. Now, scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have developed a method for quickly confirming whether an insect or plant harbors the destructive, disease-causing bacterium. *X. fastidiosa* is best known for causing Pierce's disease in grapes, having ravaged California vineyards throughout the 1990s. But this microbe, transmitted by various piercing insects, also attacks almonds, peaches and plums, as well as landscape trees as economically important as elms, oaks and sycamores. Qi Huang, an ARS plant pathologist, developed the new method for quickly finding out if an insect carries *X. fastidiosa*. She's reduced the business of extracting and analyzing bacterial DNA from inside an insect to two simple steps, which can be completed in under a day. Little is generally known about the particular *X. fastidiosa* strains impacting landscape trees and how they differ from strains plaguing vineyards and other crops. The new method should help fill in gaps in knowledge about transmission of different isolates of the *Xylella* bacterium.

Source: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2007/070619.htm>

16. *June 19, Iowa Ag Connection* — **Hog carcasses discovered in Iowa.** For the second time in less than four months Iowa environmental officials are investigating the origins of hog carcasses discovered near an Iowa water resource. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources reports that more than 30 decomposed hogs were identified in the Raccoon River near Sac City. The news comes on the heels of eight to 12 dead hogs weighing as much as 250 pounds discovered earlier this spring along a 40-mile stretch in Tama County. That investigation is ongoing. According to the Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) environmental specialist Tom Roos said that at least 50 dead hogs were reportedly found three-fourths of a mile away from Haage Park in Sac City Sunday, June 17. DNR officials investigating the area Monday ultimately identified the remains of 31 hogs. "Overnight the river rose around a foot, so some of the carcasses may have sunk or washed away," Roos said. He estimated the hogs were dumped late last week due to the advanced state of decomposition. River levels were estimated at two to five feet. Those investigating the situation said the carcasses did not include tags or tattoos.

Source: <http://www.iowaagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=552&yr=2007>

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Food Sector

17. *June 19, Associated Press* — **U.S. beef mistakenly exported to South Korea.** Another shipment of prohibited U.S. beef was mistakenly exported to South Korea, an official said Tuesday, June 19, less than two weeks after Seoul lifted a brief ban on American beef imposed because of two similar cases. Seoul reopened its market to American beef last year following a three-year ban due to mad cow fears. Only boneless meat from cattle under 30 months old are accepted. Beef meant for the U.S. domestic market, which may contain certain kinds of bone or

spinal cord material, cannot be exported to South Korea. Four boxes of beef, weighing about 287 pounds, were mistakenly sent to South Korea as samples on June 2, although they were meant for domestic consumption, said Kim Do-soon, an official with South Korea's Agriculture and Forestry Ministry.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D8PRRUHO4.htm>

18. *June 18, Agricultural Research Service* — Prebiotic helps good bacteria take on bad ones.

Beneficial bacteria that promote intestinal health in humans and livestock could get a boost of their own, thanks to a new method for turning certain sugars from corn and other crops into complex carbohydrates called oligosaccharides. According to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) chemist Greg Cote, the oligosaccharides have commercial potential as "prebiotics." These are food or feed additives that nourish populations of Lactobacillus, Bifidobacterium and other "probiotic" bacteria that live inside their hosts' colons. Besides unlocking minerals, vitamins and other nutrients from the oligosaccharides, probiotic bacteria can also make the colon less hospitable to pathogens, such as Salmonella and Escherichia coli, that can cause illness in humans. When fed to chicks or piglets, for example, the prebiotics could bolster the growth and activity of probiotic bacteria so they would outcompete Salmonella for space and nutrients—a potential boon later on, when the animals mature and are slaughtered for their meat.

Source: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2007/070618.htm>

19. *June 16, All Headline News* — New research warns against vacuum-packed foods. A study has cautioned consumers against vacuum-packed foods like cheeses and lunchmeat, as they can be a friendly home for bugs and bacteria that cause food poisoning. Research shows that such vacuum-packed foods do not have oxygen in them to help keep them fresh and boost their shelf life. The condition can harbor Listeria monocytogenes, a bacterium responsible for a kind of food poisoning that kills 25 percent of the people it infects. Food microbiologist Tine Licht told LiveScience, "Avoiding vacuum packaging would lead to other problems with bacterial growth, so I'm not advocating that. But our work does help devise models predicting risk of food-borne disease."

Study: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2180-7-55.pdf>

Source: <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7007663428>

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Water Sector

20. *June 18, Indianapolis Star* — Long drought would amplify Indianapolis water woes. Water outages, low tap pressure, usage restrictions, and fines could be in store for the region unless the skies open up and revive browning lawns and relieve the stress on water utilities. Last week, the Indianapolis Department of Waterworks and Veolia Water, the private contractor that operates the system, asked its one million customers to stop watering lawns through Tuesday, June 19, when rain is predicted. Roger Swafford, a spokesperson for another big utility in the region, Indiana American Water Co., said that on average, Hoosiers use about 100 gallons of water a day per person. Jo Lynn Garing, spokesperson for Indianapolis Waterworks, said putting too much stress on the water system is more than a matter of losing pressure. Indianapolis has the capacity to produce 207 million gallons of water a day before it begins to

be taxed; demand reached a record high of 228 million gallons Wednesday, June 14. That kind of demand could lead to "system failure, which would lead to a water main break," Garing said. "From there, water could become contaminated, forcing us to issue a boil water advisory." Water outages, she said, are not out of the question.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070618/LOCAL18/706180392>

21. *June 18, Associated Press* — **United Water to buy AOS Operating.** United Water Inc., which supplies water and wastewater services to seven million people in 20 states, said Monday it will buy AOS Operating Co., a provider of those services for municipalities in six other states. United Water also announced that it has recently completed its \$28 million acquisition of Aquarion Water Co., which served 50,000 people in Westchester, NY. AOS, part of the Kelda Group of Bradford, England, has 82 water and wastewater services contracts, serving more than 650,000 people in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island.

Source: <http://www.chron.com disp/story.mpl/ap/fn/4899272.html>

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Public Health Sector

22. *June 18, Reuters* — **U.S. hospitals try to pick up the ER pace.** A Kansas City, MO, hospital offers cinema passes and a Detroit, MI, hospital system gives away major league baseball tickets to patients who wait half an hour for emergency room (ER) service. With competition for healthcare dollars tight and complaints about care on the rise, hospitals from California to Virginia are trying to cut wait times. They pitch "quality care at a moment's notice" and "door to doc" treatment in minutes. More than 113 million emergency room visits were reported in 2003 nationwide, up from 90.3 million in 1993, according to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. As visits climb, so do wait times. In a 2006 report, the Institute said backlogs cause ambulances to be turned away from emergency departments once a minute on average and patients wait sometimes hours or even days for a bed.

Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/articleinvesting.aspx?type=bon dsNews&storyID=2007-06-18T181529Z_01_N18386558_RTRIDST_0_HEA LTHCARE-HOSPITALS-FEATURE.XML

23. *June 18, United Press International* — **New bird flu virus information developed.** U.S. and Taiwanese scientists have developed a "hot pocket" identification technology that might lead to better avian flu drugs. The researchers, responding to heightened concern about a possible bird flu epidemic, identified what they said are critical new insights into the architecture of a key enzyme in the H5N1 avian influenza virus that enables the virus to spread. Researchers at the University of California–San Diego focused on a chain of amino acids that forms a cavity in the neuraminidase enzyme facilitating H5N1 virus spread. Anti-flu drugs called neuraminidase inhibitors work by entering and binding to the "hot pocket," nearly like a hand fitting into a glove. Researchers report the "hot pocket" can have internal shapes substantially different than previously believed. That new structural understanding might be valuable in efforts to design new and more effective anti-flu drugs, since medications capable of fitting more snugly into the cavity could yield a class of neuraminidase inhibitors that are more effective against H5N1-like flu viruses, the scientists said.

Source: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/upi/index.php?feed=Science&article=UPI-1-20070618-15355500-bc-us-birdflu.xml>

24. *June 18, Canadian Medical Association Journal* — Effect of widespread restrictions on the use of hospital services during an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

Restrictions on the nonurgent use of hospital services were imposed in March 2003 to control an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in Toronto, Canada. Researchers performed a retrospective population-based study of the Greater Toronto Area and unaffected comparison regions (Ottawa and London, Ontario.) before, during and after the SARS outbreak. During the early and late SARS restriction periods, the rate of overall and medical admissions decreased by 10–12 percent in Toronto; there was no change in the comparison regions. The rate of elective surgery in Toronto fell by 22 percent and 15 percent during the early and late restriction periods respectively and by eight percent in the comparison regions. The admission rates for urgent surgery remained unchanged in all regions; those for some acute serious medical conditions decreased by 15–21 percent. The rates of urgent and semi-urgent procedures declined little or increased. High-acuity visits to emergency departments fell by 37 percent in Toronto, and interhospital patient transfers fell by 44 percent in the Toronto area.

Source: <http://www.cmaj.ca/pressrelease/pg1827.pdf>

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Government Sector

25. *June 18, Richmond Times-Dispatch (VA)* — Naval Academy holds emergency drill. The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, held a security drill Monday, June 18, to gauge the school's readiness in case of a terrorist attack or an incident such as the Virginia Tech shootings. The academy described the drill in a statement as "a training exercise in response to a simulated gunman on the Naval Academy complex." The academy has been working on a camera monitoring system, which will include 35 remote controlled cameras for key campus locations and waterside approaches. Officials estimated it would be finished this summer. The service academy also is working on an emergency operations center to improve coordination and disaster response. A system of fences, gates and barriers to protect midshipmen also is in the works. The academy has been focusing on beefing up security at Bancroft Hall, the huge dorm that houses the entire student body, which is made up of more than 4,000 midshipmen. Some midshipmen are being specially trained in anti-terrorism protection. The academy, which is located next to the Severn River, also is focusing on its waterborne security, incorporating flood protection as part of that.

Source: <http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-06-18-0180.html>

26. *June 18, The Mercury (PA)* — Owen J. Roberts schools invest in added security. In South Coventry, PA, the Owen J. Roberts School Board heard plans recently to install closed circuit cameras at all district elementary schools this summer. The district will spend about \$30,000 at each of the four elementary buildings for a total of \$120,000 on the new security systems. Chief of Security Lawrence Mauger said district officials hope to have the systems largely in place by the time school opens in the fall. According to Mauger, cameras will be installed at all interior and exterior entrance and exit points. In addition, some doors will also be equipped with card

readers that will allow school personnel to open locked doors with an ID card. The card readers will record the names of people who open doors, as well as the times they enter and exit the building. Some doors will be hooked up to an alarm system that will signal if a door is left ajar or opened at the wrong time. The elementary schools will be the first buildings in the district to have such security systems. Currently the high school has a small number of cameras to demonstrate their effectiveness.

Source: http://www.pottstownmercury.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18488201&BRD=1674&PAG=461&dept_id=18041&rft=6

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *June 18, Government Computer News* — Getting first responders on the same wavelength.

A lack of interoperable radio systems contributed to confusion and mismanagement after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City, the attack on the World Trade Center, and the Gulf Coast's devastation during the 2005 hurricane season. The federal government is pushing cross-agency standards for law enforcement and first-responder radio communications on two tracks: the Integrated Wireless Network (IWN) and Project 25. IWN — an ambitious, multibillion-dollar, 15-year program — is set to build a nationwide interoperable voice and data radio network intended primarily for federal law enforcement agencies. The technology standard that will drive future development of IWN and the rest of the voice and data radio infrastructure is the Internet Protocol. In the meantime, thousands of state and local agencies will continue to communicate via a mélange of radio equipment, much of which dates back decades and relies on incompatible proprietary standards. The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Project 25 is working to improve performance of the existing law enforcement radio infrastructure to help state and local agencies weave together their radio communications. The project promotes the use of gateway technology to link radio networks that use different frequencies and standards.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/print/26_14/44488-1.html

28. *June 17, Business First of Buffalo (NY)* — SBA says it can handle a Katrina-like disaster.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) spent the first day of hurricane season putting the final touches on a comprehensive disaster response plan and delivering it to Congress. Three weeks earlier, more than 30 SBA employees gathered to work through a hypothetical disaster larger than Hurricane Katrina. The point of the exercise was to make sure the agency's revamped disaster-loan processes could handle a major catastrophe, even one that forced the agency to evacuate its own Washington, DC, headquarters. The agency has 1,800 full-time employees working in its disaster loan division and 900 reservists who would report to work in 48 hours if needed. The SBA also identified employees in other agency departments who could help on disaster loans. In addition, the agency has contracts with a handful of private-sector companies that can help process and close loans. The computer system that handles disaster loans has four times the processing capacity it had prior to Katrina, and more capacity can be added easily, said SBA Administrator Steven Preston.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19283607/>

29.

June 15, Government Technology — **Boston Police Department launches crime–tip text messaging.** With more mobile users relying on text messages to communicate every day, the Boston, MA, Police Department is launching a text–message based tip line. The new Crime Stoppers tip line enables Boston residents to anonymously provide information about crimes that may help police make their communities safer. "The City of Boston is excited to introduce this new and innovative approach to the Boston Police Department's Crime Stoppers program," said Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis. "We are confident that the anonymity of the text function coupled with the sophisticated outreach program will inspire individuals to provide police with helpful, investigative tips." The information received will be channeled to a police department interface. The system masks all personal identifiable information before sending any text–messaged information to the Police Department. Through the interface, the Boston Police Department can immediately exchange messages with the tipster to obtain information about the crime and the details necessary to respond rapidly.

Source: <http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/125387>

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30. *June 19, Associated Press* — Toshiba: Recalled battery sparked fire. A Toshiba Corp. laptop with a recalled Sony battery pack that hadn't been replaced burst into flames last month in Great Britain. It was the third Toshiba laptop blaze suspected of being linked to the defective batteries. Sony Corp. announced the massive recall last year after it was found that the lithium–ion batteries could overheat and catch fire. More than 10 million notebook batteries were affected, including those used by Dell Inc., Lenovo Inc., Apple Inc. and Acer Inc. Given the recent fires, Japanese electronics maker Toshiba said it will step up efforts to reach all customers who may own a laptop with the recalled battery pack.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070619/ap_on_hi_te/battery_reca
ll_toshiba;_ylt=AhaLP2x.R9gHAVkorExyyg8jtBAF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070619/ap_on_hi_te/battery_recall_toshiba;_ylt=AhaLP2x.R9gHAVkorExyyg8jtBAF)

31. *June 19, IDG News Service* — Analysts: Microsoft flaw opened door to scammers.

Microsoft on Tuesday, June 19, fixed a bug in its Windows Live ID registration that let users deceptively register a false e–mail address. The false e–mail address could then be used as an ID for Microsoft's Live Messenger program, which could trick a user into thinking they are chatting with someone who is not whom they appear to be, such as steveballmer@microsoft.nl. Erik Duindam, a Web developer in Leiderdorp, the Netherlands, reported the problem to Microsoft on Monday. Microsoft acknowledged it had fixed the bug but did not have further information on the flaw's impact. It's unclear how long the flaw may have existed or how many accounts with deceptive instant messenger IDs could have been created.

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/06/19/Microsoft-opens-do
or-to-scammers_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/06/19/Microsoft-opens-door-to-scammers_1.html)

32. *June 19, IDG News Service* — HP buys Web app security specialist SPI. Hewlett–Packard (HP) has agreed to buy Web application security specialist SPI Dynamics, just two weeks after IBM announced plans to buy SPI's rival Watchfire. SPI, like Watchfire, develops software for finding vulnerabilities in Web applications, and for auditing their compliance with regulations on corporate governance such as the Sarbanes–Oxley Act.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/06/19/HP-buys-SPI_1.html

33. *June 19, IDG News Service* — **Google security API spots dangerous URLs.** Google has released an API that enables other applications to access its blacklist of URLs of Websites that may have malicious programs. Developers can incorporate the API (application programming interface) into their applications that deal with user-generated links, Google said on its security blog. Hackers often create Websites designed to infect computers with malware and spread links to those sites in forums and through spam, among other methods. The release of the API adds to Google's noteworthy moves of late in the security field.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/pcworld/20070619/tc_pcworld/133069:ylt=Avi6MFlgBuSl2Jdblrxp9LEjtBAF

34. *June 19, CNET News* — **Trillian critical security update released.** Cerulean Studios on Monday, June 18, released a "highly critical" security update for its Trillian multi-protocol chat software. Attackers could exploit vulnerabilities in the character encoding for Trillian 3.1.5.1 — specifically, the word-wrapping handling of UTF-8, the Unicode Transformation Format used for encoding characters in e-mail, instant messages and Webpages, iDefense Labs warned in its security advisory. The vulnerabilities potentially could affect earlier versions of the Trillian software as well, iDefense said. Trillian, which supports Yahoo's Instant Messenger, AOL's AIM, MSN Messenger, and Internet-relay chat and ICQ instant-messaging protocols, could be exploited if users view a malicious message containing an unusually long UTF-8 string.

iDefense Labs security advisory: <http://labs.odefense.com/intelligence/vulnerabilities/display.php?id=545>

Source: http://news.com.com/Trillian+critical+security+update+released/2100-1002_3-6191893.html?tag=nefd.top

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35. *June 19, CBS (CO)* — **Police arrest Colorado man with bomb making materials.** Police in Longmont, CO, have arrested a man accused of storing explosive materials in his home. Early Sunday morning, June 17, officers arrested Ronald Swerlein, 50, as he tried to get back into his house on Sunset Drive. Over the past three days, police, three bomb squads, federal agents, and a military team have been going through Swerlein's home and pulled out dangerous chemicals and materials they say could be used for bomb making. They removed more than 200 chemical compounds. An investigation is now underway to determine why he had all of it. Police said he ordered many of the materials over the Internet.

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