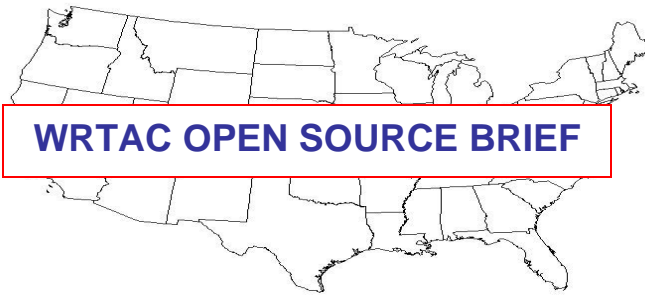


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Certain Northwest DC Customers Advised Not to Use Water

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) is advising customers in a specific area of Northwest not to use water until further notice because of a higher-than-normal chlorine concentration. The boundaries of the area in question are indicated below:

- **West Boundary: MacArthur Boulevard, NW**
- **North Boundary: Western Avenue and Eastern Avenue, NW**
- **East Boundary: Amtrak railroad**
- **South Boundary (east side of Rock Creek): Upshur Street, NW**
- **South Boundary (west side of Rock Creek): Calvert Street to Observatory Circle to W Street**

Customers who used water with excess chlorine may have noticed taste and odor problems. While unlikely, the chlorine may also cause a reaction in individuals with sensitive skin. Anyone who observes such a reaction should contact a physician. Water-quality crews are monitoring the system across the entire affected area and will advise the public when the water supply has returned to normal. Our staff is also assessing the causes of the problem. Customers with questions can call the DC WASA 24-hour Command Center at (202) 612-3400.

<http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/local/some-nw-dc-residents-advised-not-to-use-water-042010>

DC Police Look for Armed Robber

(NCR BOLO)

DC police are still trying to track down the person who robbed a Game Stop in Northeast. Police say the suspect entered the store in the 1500 block of Maryland Avenue NE, took a silver handgun out of a black backpack and demanded money. Store employees gave him money and then he fled the store. **The suspect is described as a medium complexioned black male, approximately 5'10" in height, with a "bush-style" haircut. He was wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans. He should be considered armed and dangerous.** Anyone who knows anything about the armed robbery or suspect's identity or sees him should take no action, but should immediately call police at 202-727-9099 or 1-888-919-2746. You can get up to a \$5000 reward if you give information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the robbery.

<http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0410/725743.html>

Toyota to Recall 600,000 Sienna Minivans

(Public Safety)

Toyota is recalling 600,000 Sienna minivans sold in the United States to address **potential rusting spare tire cables that could break and create a road hazard** in the latest safety problem to strike the beleaguered automaker. Toyota said its latest recall covered the 1998-2010 model year Siennas with two-wheel-drive that have been sold or registered in 20 cold-climate states and the District of Columbia. Toyota said **rust from road salt could cause the carrier cable that holds the spare tire to rust and break, allowing the tire to tumble into the road.** The problem could threaten the safety of other drivers. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had received six complaints of spare tires falling off Siennas. The company said it was working on a fix for the problem. In the meantime, customers will receive a notice telling them to bring their vehicle to a dealership for an inspection. The recall involves Siennas in the District of Columbia and the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin and West Virginia.



<http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0410/726610.html>

NSA on the Flash-Media Hunt

(Resource)

The National Security Agency has developed a software tool that detects thumb drives or other flash media connected to a network, and **any federal agency can get a copy free.** The NSA provided a brief tantalizing description of its USBDetect 3.0 Computer Network Defense Tool in the unclassified part of its fiscal 2011 budget request. The software, the NSA said, provides “network administrators and system security officials with an automated capability to detect the introduction of USB storage devices into their networks. This tool closes potential security vulnerabilities; a definite success story in the pursuit of the [Defense Department] and NSA protect information technology system strategic goals.”



http://whatsbrewin.nextgov.com/2010/04/nsa_on_the_flash-media_hunt.php

FBI Warns about Online Census Scams

(Public Awareness)

The Internet Crime Complaint Center warned Americans to be careful about potential Web and other scams related to the 2010 census. **The center, a joint venture between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center, warned that census takers will NOT contact U.S. residents seeking census information via e-mail or seek donations. It also notes that census takers will not ask for personally identifiable information such as Social Security Number and bank account number.** It advised computer users to not respond to e-mail or other solicitations. “Criminals often capitalize on legitimate campaigns to spread computer viruses through e-mails, text messages, ‘pop-ups,’ fraudulent Web sites, or infected legitimate Web sites,” according to an alert from the center. It added that viruses can be embedded in e-mail attachments, links, or even pictures and that anti-virus software may not detect all viruses especially those that are newly created. The center said U.S. residents should be wary of similar tactics being used on social networking sites as well. The alert also warned users to watch out for e-mail and other scams offering potential jobs with the Census Bureau. “The Census Bureau has a hiring process, which includes taking a test in person, not online,” the center added.



http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100412_5056.php?oref=topnews

Attempting to Obtain Credit Card Information by Trick or Deception (Criminal TTP)

The Oklahoma Information Fusion Center (OIFC) has recently become aware of efforts to defraud Oklahoma residents by attempting to obtain their credit card information. Recently an Oklahoma City resident received a call from an individual identifying themselves as a representative of their utility company. The caller said that the customer failed to sign their payment check and therefore their payment was delinquent. The customer was told that to avoid interruption of service they should give the caller a credit card number to pay the bill. Oklahoma utility company officials have confirmed that this scam surfaced in the fall of 2009. This type of attempted fraud has been identified in other states. The public should be aware of such attempts and should never give their credit card information to anyone over the phone.

<http://kgynradio.net/news/news/gpd-warns-of-credit-card-deception/>

DHS Program Develops Mass Evacuation Simulation for Stadiums

Sports venues are supposed to be prepared for emergencies — such as a bombing or a lone shooter — that could require a quick evacuation of more than 70,000 fans. The Department of Homeland Security's science and technology directorate partnered with the University of Southern Mississippi and several other organizations to create a computer program called SportEvac that uses human avatars to simulate the behaviors of panicking crowds in sports stadiums. The program can be customized to fit the specifications of individual stadiums.

It uses algorithms to predict the behaviors of large groups, and it factors in variables such as irrational, drunken fans and wheelchair-bound spectators. Managers can determine how long an evacuation would take, how many people would crowd each exit and where signs could be placed to improve efficiency.



In March, developers began testing the software by applying its models to actual stadiums. They're also looking into options for commercializing the software, which they hope to get into the hands of as many stadium managers as possible. DHS spent \$1.3 million on the project.

<http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/archive/2010/May/Pages/MassEvacuationSimulationforStadiums.aspx>

Global Incident Map Weekend Summary

AFGHANISTAN - 9 Terrorists Including 3 Suicide Bombers Arrested In Kabul
AFGHANISTAN - Bicycle Bomb Kills 1 - Wounds 14 In North Afghan Province
AFGHANISTAN - Donkey Bomb Hits Kandahar In South Afghanistan - At least Injured
AFGHANISTAN - Roadside Bomb Kills 2 Afghan Police
AFGHANISTAN - Two Foreign Soldiers Killed In IED Attack In Southern Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - Updated - Blast At Army Base Near Kabul Airport Kills Two
ALGERIA - Algerian Held By Al Qaeda Freed
AZERBAIJAN - False bomb Alert At Baku State University
BANGLADESH - Militants Still Obtaining Bangladeshi Passports
CALIFORNIA - Bomb Squad Destroys Suspicious Package At McBean McDonalds
CANADA - Bomb Fears Shut Rene Levesque
CANADA - India Warned About Growing Khalistani Pockets In Canada
DELAWARE - Police Evacuating Parts Of New Castle City
FRANCE - 2 ETA Arms And Explosives Caches Found In Montcresson
GREECE - Bomb Explodes In Athens - No Injuries
GREECE - Explosives Found At Suspected Greek Militant Hideout
ILLINOIS - Bomb Squad Responds After Police Find Explosives In Chicago Apartment
INDIA - 10 Maoist Cadre Arrested - Arms And Ammunition Seized
INDIA - After Blasts - Another Bomb Defused Outside Stadium Was Set To Explode At End Of Match
INDIA - Alert Jawans Foil Maoist Attack In Gaya
INDIA - Four Injured In Crude Bomb Explosion In Uttar Pradesh
INDIA - Hoax Bomb Call At Mumbai Court
INDIA - India Police Say Bomb Caused Explosion In Stadium
INDIA - IPL Bomb Blast Sparks Security Fears For World Cup
INDIA - Iron Ore Supply Disrupted As Maoists Damage Rail Tracks
INDIA - Maoists Fire On Dantewada Massacre Probe Team
INDIA - Precautions In Eden For IPL Match
INDIA - Security Alert In Hyderabad After Bomb Blasts In Bangalore
INDIA - Suspected Babbar Khalsa International Terrorist Held
INDIA - Terror Threat For IPL Semi-Finals
INDIA - Terrorists May Be Planning Attacks On Hotels And Markets In India - US Warns Its Nationals
INDIA - Two Rockets Fired Into Punjab From Pakistan
INDIA - 3 More Crude Bombs Found And Defused Near Chinnaswamy Stadium
INDIA - Twin Bomb Blasts Near Chinnaswamy Stadium - Minutes Before IPL Match - 8 Injured
IRAQ - Al-Qaeda Using New Tactic In War
IRAQ - Al-Qaida Leader Captured In Western Iraq
IRAQ - Iraqi Forces Kill Al-Qaeda Leaders
IRELAND - Petrol Bomb Thrown At Longford home
LEBANON - 4 Grenades Found In Batroun - 1 Explodes
LEBANON - Land Mine Wounds Man In Southern Village Of Khiam
LITHUANIA - Woman Linked To Moscow Twin Blasts Detained
MADAGASCAR - Coup Attempt Foiled In Madagascar
MYANMAR - Newspaper Blames Rangoon Bombs On Exiled Groups
MYANMAR - Series Of Bomb Blasts Hit Hydropower Plant Project In Kachin State
NEW ZEALAND - Bomb Scare In City Centre
NIGERIA - Gunmen In Nigeria Kidnap Two Germans
OREGON - Suspicious Packages Lead To Canby Evacuations

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

PAKISTAN - 2 Schools Blown Up In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - 25 Dead As Bomb Rips Through Peshawar Bazaar
PAKISTAN - American Suspects Linked To Militants
PAKISTAN - Eight Militants Killed In Orakzai
PAKISTAN - Fazlullah Aide Among 3 Militants Killed In Swat
PAKISTAN - Grenade Attack On PIA Staffers House
PAKISTAN - Islamabad Police Foil Potential Terror Attack
PAKISTAN - Lashkar-I-Jhangvi Claim Responsibility For Quetta Blast
PAKISTAN - Militants Kidnap Doctor In Landikotal
PAKISTAN - NATO Soldier Killed By Bomb In South Afghanistan
PAKISTAN - One Killed - 3 Injured In Mortar Blast
PAKISTAN - Powerful Car Bomb Blast Rocks School In Peshawar - 1 Killed - Injured 11
PAKISTAN - Seven People Die In Suicide Car Bomb Blast In Kohat
PAKISTAN - TTP Claim Responsibility For Kohat Attack
PAKISTAN - Militants Blow Up 2 NATO Oil Tankers On Pak-Afghan Highway
PAKISTAN - Twin Bomb Blasts Kill 41 At Pakistan Refugee Camp In Kohat
RUSSIA - Car Bomb Attack Injures Driver Of Senior Official In Ingushetia
RUSSIA - Two Handmade Bombs Go Off In Labor Migrants House In Moscow
SOMALIA - Al Qaeda Video Aims At Child Recruits
SOMALIA - Landmine Blast Kills 10 People In Somali Capital
SOMALIA - Shelling Kills 20 - Injured 40 In Mogadishu
SOMALIA - Turkish Navy Arrest 13 Pirates
THAILAND - 2 Girls Injured In Bomb Explosion
THAILAND - Bomb Damages Yala Pylon
THAILAND - Man Held For Bomb Attack
TURKEY - 2 Police Officers Killed In Attack In Northern Turkey
UNITED KINGDOM - Man Arrested Over MI5 HQ Bombing
UNITED KINGDOM - Pipe Bomb Thrown At Derry House
UNITED KINGDOM - Police investigating 'suspicious' package in St Ann's
UNITED STATES - Intelligence Estimate Warns Of Terrorist - Nuke Sleeper Cells In The US
VIRGINIA - Post Office Evacuated In Norfolk Due To Suspicious Package
YEMEN - Two Qaeda Suspects Killed In Yemen Fire Exchange

Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports H<http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency H<http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health H<http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

Sign-up for Alerts H<https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at H<http://src.dc.gov>



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