



# FALSE ALARMS

## PREVENTION, EDUCATION & RESOURCES

### TAKING ACTION

No matter the size of your agency, responding to false alarms is a consistent and growing issue. While the issue of police response to false alarms is well understood, the problem is continuing to grow at an alarming rate.

False alarms create a drain on our already limited resources, complacency when responding to repeat “offenders”, and undue hazard for our officers and the communities as we quickly respond to the call.

It is our obligation to provide effective and efficient police services to the communities we serve, but responding to false alarms is counterproductive to this responsibility.

### THE ORDINANCE

#### BENEFITS OF ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MODEL ALARM ORDINANCE

1. The ability to gauge the volume of existing alarms in your jurisdiction, including individual contact information.
2. Alarm end-user will be more educated on the intricacies of their system, how it's used, and the scale of police response.
3. The addition of ‘two-call’ verification will reduce the number of responses required for false alarm trips
4. Due to a registration process and possible charges for Police response, end users may be more apt to ensure they follow proper alarm protocols to minimize false alarm activations.
5. Chronic false alarm problems may warrant additional restrictions, such as no longer receiving Police response.
6. Bottom line: An ordinance will see a reduction in the number of false alarm calls received per year.

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