

FALSE ALARMS

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this guideline is to encourage facility owners of the necessity of maintaining fire alarm systems and to recover response costs incurred by false alarms.

B. Scope:

This guideline applies to the PFD district only as determined by state law.

C. An in-district facility or residence that causes false automatic fire alarms due to system malfunctions and/or lack of employee/resident training will be invoiced for services rendered using the following criteria:

1. Two (2) False alarms in a twelve (12) month period
2. The third false alarm is to be invoiced for \$300
3. Each successive false alarm will be invoiced at \$150 each

D. A false alarm is defined as a system hardware failure or an activation that can be prevented by reasonable engineering or modification to the system.

E. It is imperative that PFD members investigate and document each false alarm.

F. The PFD will determine if this guideline is enacted on an individual basis dependent on available data and circumstances.