

BURGLAR ALARM TASK FORCE

Subject Areas and Potential Action Items

- I Verification**
 - Police Commission policy
 - Visual
 - Audio
 - Cross zoning
 - Enhanced telephone verification

- II False Alarm Fees**
 - Amnesty
 - Reduce number of 'free' false alarms
 - Charge local ringers
 - Escalating fee schedule
 - Collection agency
 - No response for first 7 days from time of installation

- III Response/Dispatch**
 - Commission policy
 - Las Vegas model
 - Legislation re no permit/no dispatch
 - Dispatch based on number of false alarms per year

- IV Public Education**
 - LAPD & Alarm Companies to educate public on false alarm impact
 - Program needed to reduce numbers of largest offenders
 - Statement in alarm bills

- V Permits**
 - Increase fee amount
 - Alarm companies collect first permit fee on a voluntary/contractual basis
 - Send permit application with first bill
 - List of alarm clients to city on a contractual basis

- VI Other**
 - LAPD improve data collection & analysis
 - Program needed to address top offenders
 - Ask LAPD to report back on impact of alarm policy changes

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ACTION ITEM**

Subject Area: False Alarm Fees

Recommendation Number:

Issue

Should free false alarms be eliminated?

Background

The current false alarm fee is \$95. It is assessed on the 3rd false alarm for permitted alarms and on the 2nd false alarm for non-permitted alarms on a calendar year basis. The CAO reported that if the free alarms were eliminated, approximately 48,000 additional alarms may be billed for false alarm fees.

Revenue Impact

At the current false alarm fee of \$95, an additional \$4.6M may be billed. The actual amount collected will be determined based on the collection rate.

Action

If the Task Force wishes to proceed with this item, the recommendation would be as follows:

Request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to eliminate free false alarms.

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