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SOP 1-44

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1-44 FALSE ALARM REDUCTION UNIT (FARU)

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

Related SOP(s)

X-XX Policy Title

—Form(s)

PD X Form Title

Other Resource(s)

Alarm Database
Albuquerque Alarm System Ordinance (9-3-1 - 9-3-99 R.O.A. 1994).

- Rescinded Special Order(s)

SO X Subject

1-44X-XX-1 Purpose

The purpose of the False Alarm Reduction Unit policy is to develop and manage a successful and comprehensive program that reduces the number of false alarms to which sworn personnel must respond to each year.

1-44-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to <u>administer the</u> provisions of the Albuquerque Alarm System Ordinance (9-3-1 - 9-3-99 R.O.A. 1994).

N/A 1-44-3 Definitions (if applicable)

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1-44-4 Rules and Responsibilities or Procedures

A. Registration

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- 1. FARU will receive a monthly report from all alarm installation and monitoring companies of all new alarm customers.
 - 2. Once the report is received, FARU shall will enter the information into the alarm database.
- 3. FARU shall send out a registration form and invoice to the resident or business.
 - Once the registration form is returned, any changes are updated to the account in the database.
- 5. Renewal of permits shawill be completed annually.
 - a. Notices shall be sent to the responsible party within thirty (30) days of the renew date.
 - b. FARU shallwill update the permits in the database as renewals are received.

B. False Alarm Calls

- 1. False alarm calls are reviewed on a daily basis.
- 2. FARU shall determine if a fine should be implemented based on the history of the
- 3. Each false alarm is incorporated into the database.

C. Notifications

- 1. FARU shall will send out notices by mail or email to the responsible party for every false alarm activation.
- 2. FARU shallwill notify the alarm company if not in compliance with city ordinance.
- 3. Late notices (for fees or fines) shall will be mailed or emailed out to responsible parties on a monthly basis.

D. Collections of Fines and Fees

- 1. FARU may receive payments of monies owed.
- 2. FARU <u>shall</u>will reconcile payments received through the financial management software system.
- 3. Ensure that monies received shallwill be properly credited to the correct account.
- 4. Payments that are over one-hundred and twenty (120) days or more in arrears may be sent to collections.

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E. Appeal Processes

- 1. FARU shallwill review appeals of false alarm notifications.
 - a. This may include complaints by responsible parties about an alarm notification.
- 2. FARU has thirty (30) days from the appeal to review the concerns.
- 3. FARU supervisor may accept or deny the appeal.
 - a. If the appeal is denied, the FARU supervisor <u>shall</u>will send written notice of the denial and a statement of the right to appeal to a Hearing Officer.
- 4. FARU <u>shall</u>will update the appellant's account of the findings of the appeal process.
- F. The supervisor of FARU shall ensure that the FARU is up to date on all custom software and maintenance of the automated system.
- G.A. FARU shall be available to answer questions or concerns from the public, alarm companies, and Department employees.