



Enforcement of False Alarm Law Reaches Next Phase

REPEATED FALSE ALARMS RESULT IN NO RESPONSE OR DISCONNECTION FOLLOWING WARNING

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The Dayton Police Department has begun full enforcement of the False Alarm Ordinance approved last year to reduce time and resources spent responding to excessive false alarms. The Department had initially delayed enforcement of the Ordinance to ensure alarm owners were aware of the changes and understood the penalties involved.

According to the law, approved in May of 2010, repeated false security alarms or the failure to pay fines resulting from false alarms may result in alarm disconnection or discontinuation of response service.

Warnings were mailed to 62 to repeat violators on December 10, 2010. Warning recipients have 30 days to respond to appeal or pay fines.

As of January 10, 2011, the last day for those notified of pending disconnection, no appeals had been made by those receiving disconnect notices, and therefore the Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center will be instructed to deny service to the repeat violator locations. (Police response resulting from causes other than burglar alarms will continue, however.)

Following are the terms of Dayton's False Alarm Ordinance:

- All alarm owners are required to register current information with the City of Dayton and pay a \$10 registration fee. To register, call the Dayton Police Department at 333-1237. [On-line registration](#) is also available.
- Beginning with the third false alarm within a 12-month period, fines are imposed, starting at \$50.00. These fines increase \$50.00 for each occurrence to a maximum of \$250.00 for the seventh alarm and any false alarm thereafter until the disconnection process is completed.
- Alarm service can be discontinued for the following reasons: seven false alarms in a rolling 12-month period; failure to register an alarm within 90 days of installation; or failure to pay fines when two or more fines are outstanding.
- A \$25 late fee will be added to any unpaid false alarm fines.

“Enforcement of the False Alarm Ordinance supports a safer community through better use of Police resources,” Chief Biehl said. “We will continue to monitor the occurrence of false alarms and respond according to City law.”



During the five-year period beginning in 2006, a yearly average of 96 percent of all security alarms reported in Dayton were false. In 2010, the total number of false alarms was 7,028. Each alarm is responded to by police officers, for a total estimated 2010 cost (including the cost of false alarm administration) of approximately \$205,000. The City collected nearly \$104,000 in false alarm fines, for a loss of approximately \$101,000.

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