

Subject: Alarms and Alarms Sounding

Purpose: To establish a guideline for the response to an alarm/alarm sounding incidents.

Scope: All NPPFD personnel

All incidents dispatched as an alarm sounding shall be regarded as a structural type fire. Personnel shall respond with the apparatus normally associated with a structural fire response. Alarms shall include smoke, heat, rate-of-rise, sprinklers and standpipes flow detection devices.

In the event the Dispatcher is informed, by the proper authority having jurisdiction, that the alarm is false, (i.e. a system malfunction, unintentional or malicious, mischievous) a minimum of one company shall proceed to the scene to confirm the alarm is false.

Personnel arriving at the scene of alarm incident shall check the alarm enunciator panel (where applicable) to ascertain the zone that the alarm originated.

Personnel shall make every effort to ascertain as to the reason of the alarm “trip”. Documentation of same shall be noted in the incident report.

Personnel shall insure that alarm has “reset” and that the structure has an operational alarm system. For incidents where the alarm cannot be “reset”, documentation as to why and what actions were taken shall be completed.

In those circumstances where access to the structure is restricted, the structure shall be checked externally for signs of fire. A reasonable period of time should be allowed for the alarm service to contact the proper authority, which has access. This shall not prevent the use of forcible entry into a structure, should it be deemed necessary by the Incident Commander.

In the event that forcible entry is required, personnel shall demonstrate due consideration to the structure’s occupant/owner. The proper law enforcement agency shall be requested to file reports as to the circumstances of the forcible entry.

By the Order of: _____
Fire Chief

Date: _____