

WHAT IS A FALSE ALARM?

An alarm is considered to be a "False Alarm" when the Police Service is dispatched to a location where, after a thorough investigation of the alarm site, there is no evidence of an offence or attempted offence.

An alarm is considered false when it is activated unnecessarily, improperly or for a purpose other than that for which it was installed, including:

- ❖ Mechanical failure
- ❖ Unauthorized testing
- ❖ Atmospheric conditions (i.e. weather)
- ❖ Excessive vibrations
- ❖ Power failure
- ❖ User error



WHY ARE FALSE ALARMS AN ISSUE?

- ❖ Reacting to false alarms costs the taxpayers thousands of dollars in police time and equipment.
- ❖ A false alarm may delay response time to a real emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ The registration of security alarm systems is an integral part of the strategy to reduce the number of false alarms in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.
- ❖ False alarms make you reluctant to arm your system, exposing your home or business to undetected theft or damage.
- ❖ False alarms can cost you fines.



REGISTRATION

- ❖ All alarm systems **MUST** be registered. A separate registration is required for each alarm site.
- ❖ \$50.00 registration fee for a three (3) year period for residential and business monitored and non-monitored alarm systems.
- ❖ Senior Citizens 65 years of age and over registration fee is free.
- ❖ Schools and Churches are exempt from the registration fee.
- ❖ Registration includes one (1) non-chargeable false alarm during each twelve-month period.



FALSE ALARM FEES

❖ Fees for false alarms in a 1 year period are as follows:

1 ST False Alarm	\$0.00
2 ND False Alarm	\$25.00
3 RD False Alarm	\$50.00
4 TH False Alarm	\$100.00
Subsequent Alarms (after 4 TH)	\$100.00 each

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT REGISTER?

❖ An alarm user whose alarm system causes a request for police response to a false alarm that is not registered will be subject to a \$200.00 fee in addition to any other administrative fees.



**AVOID A
\$200⁰⁰ FALSE
ALARM
FEE!!!**

*If you have any questions
about The Security Alarm
By-law please contact*

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*Visit our website for a copy
of The Alarm Registration
Application*

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