

LITTLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ALARM RECOMMENDATIONS

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RECOMMENDATION

- The Littleton Police believe very strongly in maintaining our service-oriented approach to our citizens
- We also believe that there is a fundamental obligation to continue to respond to all alarms, whether they be hold up, panic, medical or simply intrusion alarms
- We also agree there is a need to modify the manner in which we respond to alarms due to the drain on much-needed resources that could be utilized elsewhere
- The need exists to reduce alarms through voluntary compliance
- We also agree that there must be some balance between the efficiency/effectiveness of a response vs. the need to support the purpose/intent of alarm systems and their ability to deter crime
- After a careful analysis of all of the possible options, we are in agreement that the most favorable option overall is to:
 - Modify our existing alarm ordinance (1984) to meet current needs/trends
 - Adopt a Cost Recovery Model
 - Utilize 3rd Party Administrator
 - Create/implement dept. policy

CONCLUSION

- We have concluded that there is a need to change our response to false alarms
- As a service-to-the-community-oriented police department our goal is to continue that service while recognizing a more efficient/cost-effective way of doing it
- Our goal is to get alarm user/alarm company to work together to reduce false alarms (LPD out of equation)
- Relieving officers from responding to a high volume of false alarms will allow for opportunities to increase our responsiveness to the specific needs of our community
 - These may include concentrating on problem solving efforts toward crime reduction in our neighborhoods, traffic complaints and community-oriented policing activities