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False Alarm Update: Tulsa Police Chief Urges Verified Response Policy

Feb 08, 2006, TULSA, Okla. -- The police chief in Tulsa, Okla., is lobbying his city's government to approve a verified response policy for commercial and residential burglar alarms. Under the proposal by Police Chief Dave Been, police would not respond to alarms unless someone on site would physically verify them.

Been told television station KOTV that 98 percent of the alarms his department responds to are false and that the hours lost are equal to 22 officers per day.

"That's 22 more people responding to our priority one through three calls, robberies in progress, homicides, rapes in progress," Been told KOTV.

However, Tulsa's mayor and city council would have to approve such a policy and have yet to consider it.

In other false alarm news ...

HAYWARD, Calif.: The city council in the San Francisco-area city has unanimously approved an enhanced call verification (ECV) policy where alarm companies must make two calls to an alarm owner to attempt to verify an alarm before police respond. Alarm companies that dispatch police without the two-call verification attempt will be fined \$250.

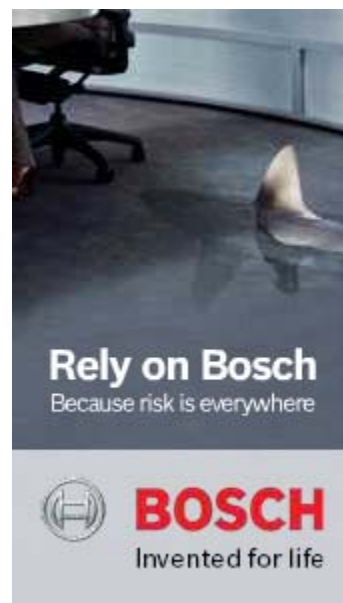
According to the *Daily Review*, the council measure also includes a large raise to false alarm fees and establishing a registration system for alarms.

After a "free" first false alarm in a year, alarm owners will be fined \$50 for a second false alarm, \$150 for a third, \$300 for a fourth, and \$500 for each false alarm after that.

SHREVEPORT, La.: Residents in the bayou city are threatening to vote against a sales tax renewal unless a new alarm policy with higher false alarm fees is dropped. According to the *Shreveport Times*, the residents have been spurred on from a letter by the president of the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA), who is the vice president of an alarm company in the area.

In a letter to his customers, Bayou Security Systems Vice President Scot Colby, also NBFAA president,

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called the ordinance passed by Shreveport' s council last September “unfair and unethical” and advised residents to push the council to reconsider the statute. The ordinance changed the number of “free” false alarms in a year from three to one with fines between \$25 and \$100 for repeated false alarm calls. Four years ago, Shreveport voters approved a quarter-cent sales tax increase to pay the salaries of police and fire personnel. Under Louisiana law, voters must approve a renewal of the tax this year.

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