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## ALARMS

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### Police Department

**Chief of Police: Mitch McCann**

3901 Alamo Street  
Simi Valley, CA 93063  
(805) 583-6950

### Administrative Division - Fiscal Services Unit

#### Alarm System Information

The City of Simi Valley does not require a permit for an alarm system.



The Police Department Fiscal Unit monitors all alarm calls received through the Dispatch Center. In July 2005, the City of Simi Valley amended Alarm Ordinance No. 1073 in an effort to help address the 98% of false alarm calls.

Two or more Officers are sent to each alarm call depending on the circumstances. Each response to a false alarm takes time and resources away from calls where Police services are actually needed. For detailed information regarding the City of Simi Valley Alarm Ordinance refer to the [Municipal Code, Title 5, Chapter 30](#).

#### False Alarm Fees

Each false alarm in excess of two in a calendar year will be subject to a civil fine. The fine is \$150 for the third alarm, \$250 for the fourth alarm, and \$500 each for the fifth and any consecutive alarms.

#### Verified Response Status

Any alarm system monitored by an alarm company that has in excess of two false alarms in a calendar year shall automatically be placed on verified response. **In the event an alarm system is on verified response status and the alarm company cannot verify the alarm, the Police Department may broadcast the alarm call and Police Officers may respond, subject to workload, to any such calls that occur between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The Police Department will respond to all alarm calls between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

**A verified alarm is when an alarm company attempts to verify criminal activity.** If not immediately verified as criminal activity, two attempts shall be made to verify validity prior to calling the Police Department.

Alarms and locations not subject to verified response include robbery, intruder, duress, panic or emergency activation (i.e., fire); requests for emergency assistance from local mobile sources; audible alarm systems not monitored by an alarm company; vehicle alarms; and pawnshops, secondhand dealers, gun shops or any location that handles firearms.

If you have any questions regarding the City of Simi Valley Alarm Ordinance or billing, please call (805) 583-6286.