

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION DEFINING THE TERM “VERIFIED ALARM” AND SUPPORTING PRIORITIZATION OF VERIFIED ALARM RESPONSES.

WHEREAS, alarm calls are historically over 98% false; and

WHEREAS, false alarm calls represent a burden on law enforcement resources, create complacency that may result in officer injury or death, and are a waste of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, a correctly installed and properly operated electronic security system is an effective way to deter crime and protect property by efficiently summoning law enforcement officers during the commission of the crime which allows responding officers to arrest suspects in the process of committing crimes; and

WHEREAS, an effective way to stop crime and protect property is to arrest suspects in the process of committing crimes; and

WHEREAS, many crimes are committed by serial offenders and arresting the offender in the act is an effective method of stopping the current offense, clearing previous offenses committed by the offender, and preventing future offenses committed by the offender; and

WHEREAS, accurate identification of criminal offenses that are in progress will reduce false alarms, increase arrests, and reduce property loss; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of number of suspects, suspect description, suspect location, weapons, presence of victims, and other pertinent information will enhance the safety of responding law enforcement officers;

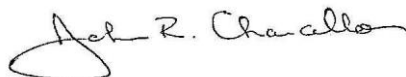
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Police Chiefs Association:

Section 1. That, a Verified Alarm shall be defined as an electronic security system event in which a trained central station operator using a standardized protocol has determined the presence of humans and the high probability that a criminal offense is in progress.

Section 2. That, a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to respond to Verified Alarms has the autonomy and authority to increase the priority of Verified Alarm calls to increase the arrest of offenders and reduce property loss.

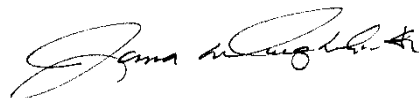
PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2015.

APPROVED:



Chief John Chancellor

ATTEST:



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