

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010 MEETING NOTES

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Following were the topics of discussion to present to Private Alarm Task Force members.

1. Require education and training for alarm installers by completing a National Level 1 Certified Alarm Installer course.
2. Appoint a designee to represent the Alarm Business in all matters, and require the designee to personally file a new license application every 2 years with updated contact and company information.
3. Include "on-site" guards at commercial alarm sites to be considered as Private First Responders to verify alarm activation at the alarm site.
4. Address the definition and meaning of "Non-Verified" Burglar Alarm. Non-Verified burglar alarms occur when alarm businesses call the police department on the emergency phone lines with a variety of alarms that have not been verified by a Private First Responder. This definition would include "Panic" alarms on residences, "Medical Alert" alarms, "Welfare Check" alarms, and anything else that is not a Verified Burglar Alarm.
5. Update ordinance to reflect changing technology that includes guidelines regarding Video Verified Burglar Alarms. The current ordinance does not address Video Verified alarms or "Multiple Trip" alarms.
6. The MPD Standard Operating Procedure allows for police response to Video Verified alarms and Multiple Trip Burglar Alarms. Making the ordinance and SOP consistent with each other in these 2 areas would allow for more effective enforcement when violations occur in these areas.
7. Update forfeiture amounts to reflect the current fees imposed by the court system.
8. Address out-of-state citation service issues by imposing monetary punitive measures that would hold alarm businesses accountable for violations wherever they may be located.
9. Require citizens to obtain an alarm permit prior to installing a burglar alarm.