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Alarm Registration Required for City Homes and Businesses

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) reminds home owners and businesses with security systems that their alarms must be registered.

Earlier this year, the Alarm Permit Program was developed to help reduce the number of false alarms received every day from security systems. In Harrisonburg, 99% of alarms are false and are diverting manpower away from those who truly have an emergency. Responding to burglary or robbery alarms are dangerous tasks for law enforcement because they must always assume the alarm is valid and a crime is in progress.

Since the program started in March 2015, 803 commercial alarms and 76 residential alarms have been registered through this system.

Some residents and businesses have recently received a letter notifying them that they have failed to register their alarms. Failure to register alarms will result in a fee. After receiving this notification, residents and businesses will have 20 days to register their system for a one time waiver of the fee.

All residents and businesses are required to register their alarm systems. To begin the registration process, simply visit <http://www.cityalarmpermit.com/fams/citizen/city/harrisonburg> or call toll free 1-877-484-7719. The website also contains free training and a copy of the city's ordinance (5-7-1) on alarm registration.

The local ordinance also addresses penalties or fees that can be implemented for excessive false alarms or failing to register a system.

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