



SUBJECT ALARM RESPONSE PROCEDURE

POLICY Response to alarms, whether they be robbery, burglary, or trouble alarms, vary in each circumstance. Priority assigned to the response to the alarm is to be made on an individual basis with consideration given to the type of alarm, location of the alarm, and/or the availability of units. When applicable, the response will be as timely as possible. The final decision concerning the priority of the response will rest with the sergeant or watch commander in charge.

PURPOSE To establish uniform methods of response to alarms. The department's primary concern regarding the response to, and the handling of, alarms shall be the safety of all persons involved.

CODE REFERENCE

CASE LAW

DEFINITIONS

PROCEDURE

- A. Open Business Robbery/Alarm Response
 - 1. All responding patrol deputies will respond in a timely fashion when dispatched while adhering to safe driving practices.
 - 2. While en route to the alarm, deputies will communicate with other responding units [redacted]
 - 3. [redacted]
 - 4. Once the deputies are in position, a general assessment of the situation can be made.

5. [Redacted]

6. [Redacted]

7. [Redacted]

8. [Redacted]

9. [Redacted] Dispositions concerning the alarm over the radio shall be limited to:

- a. Confirmation that a crime has been committed; with necessary BOLO information
- b. Unknown reason for activation
- c. Premises secure

B. Closed Business Alarm Procedure

1. The responding deputies will first adhere to the procedures (1 through 4) as outlined above under Open Business Robbery/Alarm Procedure.

2. [Redacted]

3. [Redacted]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

Dispositions concerning the alarm over the radio shall be limited to:

- a. Confirmation that a crime has been committed;
- b. Unknown reason for activation;
- c. Premises secure.

6. [REDACTED]

C. "Panic" Alarm Procedure, Private Residence or Business

- 1. A Code-3 response can be authorized by the Watch Commander or the Dispatcher.
- 2. Deputies will adhere to the procedures (1 to 8) as outlined under "Open Business Robbery/Alarm Procedures."
- 3. "Panic" or robbery alarms are considered high priority.

D. Audible Alarm Response Without "Responsible Party" Information and/or Availability (Residence and Business)

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

a. The deputy on the affected beat will respond, [REDACTED]

b. [REDACTED]