



PREVENTING FALSE FIRE ALARMS

Common Causes:



Cooking Exhaust



Aerosol Sprays



Steam



Dust and Debris
Buildup



Incorrect Position
of Smoke Detector



Hot Work



Inadequate
Testing
or Maintenance

Impact:

- ◆ Complacency in Response to Alarms
- ◆ Disruption of Building Activities and Community



- ◆ Cost of Workforce, Time, and Resources



- ◆ Diversion of Resources from Legitimate Incidents
- ◆ More Apparatus Responding on the City Streets

Prevention Tips:

- ◆ Perform Regular Testing and Maintenance
- ◆ Record, Investigate, and Identify Trends in Order to Avoid False Alarms
- ◆ Educate Staff and Contractors on Your Alarm System
- ◆ Maintain Good Communication with Alarm Receiving Center
- ◆ Check to Ensure Manual Call Points Cannot Be Knocked by Mistake
- ◆ Select the Proper Smoke Detector for the Given Location
- ◆ Closely Monitor Cooking
- ◆ Be Mindful of Children

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False Fire Alarm Policy

currently **47%** of LAFD's
answered calls are
False Fire Alarms

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