

Of the approximately 32,000 fire alarm activations received by the LAFD, approximately 15,000 or 47% are *False Fire Alarms*.

Implementing a fee and fine program may allow for:

- ♦ LAFD to free up limited emergency resources that can then respond to other incidents
- ♦ LAFD to offset expenses of deploying unnecessary resources
- ♦ reduction of overall number of fire alarm calls
- ♦ keeping our streets safer

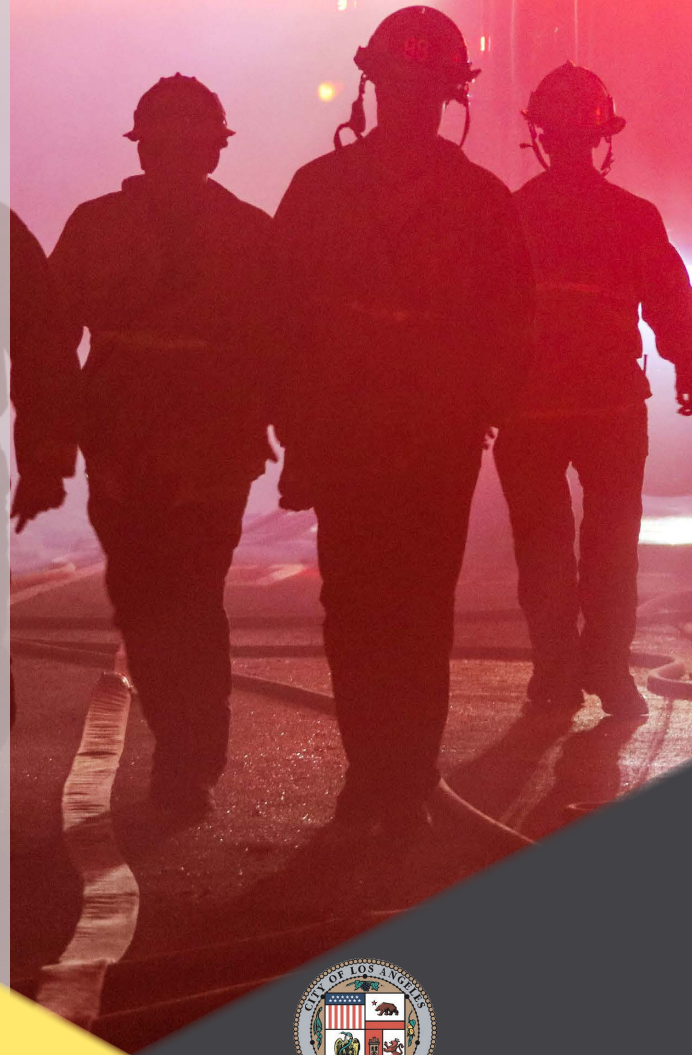


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FALSE FIRE ALARMS



*A quick guide to
understanding the
Los Angeles City Fire Department's
fee and penalty program
for non emergency calls.*



FALSE FIRE ALARM:

A False Fire Alarm is a fire alarm activation resulting in a response by the LAFD where there was no fire or other life safety emergency at the time of the activation. This is including an Intentional False Fire Alarm.

COMMON CAUSES INCLUDE...

- ✦ Incorrect Position of Smoke Detector
- ✦ Inadequate Testing or Maintenance
- ✦ Accidental Damage
- ✦ Cooking Exhaust
- ✦ Aerosol Sprays
- ✦ Steam
- ✦ Build Up of Dust and Debris



♦ FAQs ♦

✦ Who is the Fire Alarm System User?

The Fire Alarm System User is "The owner on record of property or premises with a Fire Alarm System."

✦ What do I do if I receive a False Fire Alarm bill?

You must pay indicated fee by the due date. (See chart below for guidance) You may be able to attend Fire Alarm School or appeal the charge based on your circumstances.

Incident	Fee
First	\$361
Second	\$411 (\$361 + \$50)
Third	\$461 (\$361 + \$100)
Fourth	\$511 (\$361 + \$150)

✦ Does the Ordinance allow a "free" False Alarm?

No, however the first False Alarm fee per 365 days may be waived after successful completion of an Online Fire Alarm School.

✦ Do I have the opportunity to appeal?

Yes, you may appeal, in writing, to the Board of Fire Commission within 60 days of your billing date. It must be determined that the activation of the alarm system was caused by acts of nature such as earthquake, tornado, hurricane, utility outage, etc.

✦ What are some examples of activations that are NOT grounds for a fee waiver?

Examples include faulty equipment, disputes with the alarm company, accidental activation, and operator error.

✦ Does the City offer Fire Alarm School?

Yes, by successfully completing the online program within 60 days of the billing date, you may have one false alarm fee waived per 365 days.

Check out www.lafd.org for more info and to stay up to date on the common causes of avoidable alarms.

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