



NSA Resolution 2016-02

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE TERM "VERIFIED ALARM" AND PRIORITIZING VERIFIED ALARM RESPONSES

WHEREAS, historically over 98% of alarms calls in America are false alarms and;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) recognizes the ever-growing burdens placed on state and local law enforcement resources due to responding to false alarm calls; and

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association ("NSA") also realizes that correctly installed and operated electronic security systems are effective resources which help to deter crime and in protecting the loss of property and in preventing the loss of lives in our nation's local communities; and

WHEREAS, effectively installed, monitored and operated alarm systems are effective tools which can identify criminal offenses in progress, will lead to a reduction in the incidents of false alarms and will enhance the safety of responding law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, properly used and operated electronic security systems are essential tools and resources used by local law enforcement in crime prevention in the 21st century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that America's Departments/Offices of Sheriff as represented by the National Sheriffs' Association:

1. That, a "Verified Alarm" shall be defined as an electronic security system event in which a trained central station operator utilizing a standardized protocol has determined the presence of human(s) and the high probability that a criminal offense is in progress.
2. That, a local law enforcement department, office or agency having the public safety/law enforcement jurisdiction to respond to "Verified Alarms" has the autonomy and authority to increase the priority of "Verified Alarm" calls in order to increase the probability of arresting criminal offenders and in reducing the probability of property loss.

Reviewed by the Resolution Committee and passed by the Membership of the National Sheriffs' Association at the 2016 June Annual Conference of the National Sheriffs' Association