

2016 RESOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE



Support for the Term “Verified Alarm” and Prioritizing Verified Alarm Responses

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WHEREAS, historically over 98% of alarms calls in the United States are False Alarms and;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recognizes the ever growing burdens placed on state and local law enforcement resources due to responding to false alarm calls and;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 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 law enforcement agencies as represented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP):

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.