

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 12-1217

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) false alarm program.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Englander - Buscaino) instructing LAPD to report relative to the false alarm program, including: number of alarm dispatches, number/percentage of false alarms, number of addresses with multiple false alarms, mechanism for informing false alarm bill recipients of availability of Alarm School, opportunity to appeal a false alarm fee, and criteria for granting an appeal.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 7, 2012, Council considered Motion (Englander - Buscaino) relative to LAPD's false alarm program. Motion states that in 2004, Council established a false alarm fee and penalty assessments for multiple false alarms. At that time, LAPD established an Alarm School program to reduce the number of false alarms through alarm operator education and awareness. By participating in the training, one false alarm activation fee is waived per 365 days. It has been recently reported, that residents and businesses receiving false alarm notices are not aware of the program. Motion movers believe that LAPD should properly inform false alarm bill recipients of the availability of Alarm School. Further, LAPD should develop criteria for other circumstances that would warrant consideration of a waiver. Motion directs LAPD to report on the matter. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held August 24, 2012, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the Board of Police Commissioners. The Board representative stated that new software used by LAPD can identify whether an alarm is permitted and determine the number of calls for service that have made for the location. The new system has improved billing, validates addresses, and reduces the number of false alarm to which resources are dispatched. It was further stated that the number of alarm applications has increased. Committee recommended that Council receive and file Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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