

	<b>LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY</b>	Number: <b>G.O. 7.12</b>
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<b>CHAPTER:</b> Patrol		Related Policy: G.O. 1.07 ( Search and Seizure), G.O. 7.16 (Guidelines for Avoiding Liability), G.O. 7.08 (Incident Response), G.O. 7.09 (Preliminary Investigations), Communications Procedures Manual
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Alarm Response Policy		Related Laws:

**POLICY:** The Lane County Sheriff's Office will respond to reported robbery, duress, or panic alarms reasonably believed to have been activated by a person requesting emergency assistance.

**RULE:** None

**PROCEDURE:**

I. General

- A. Alarms resulting from mechanical or electronic devices (such as entry, glass breakage, or motion-detection) will not be accepted as a call-for-service unless a person, physically present, provides threshold information that a crime is in progress.
- B. Panic, Duress and Holdup alarms that are reasonably believed to have been physically activated by a person requesting emergency assistance are assigned Priority 2 in call classification.
- C. All other types of alarms are assigned Priority 3 in call classification

II. Alarm Response

- A. Deputies will respond to alarms assigned Priority 2 in call classification.
- B. Deputies will respond to mechanical alarms (entry, glass breakage, motion-detection), if a person is physically present and reporting a crime or suspicious circumstances beyond the alarm activation.
- C. Deputies will respond to alarms maintained by the Sheriff (e.g., SWAT, Evidence, etc.).

- D. Deputies will respond to medical alarms if requested by Fire/EMS personnel.
- E. Audible alarms will not be received as calls-for-service unless a person is physically present and reporting a suspicious condition or a crime beyond the alarm activation.
- F. Outside police agency requests for assistance to Officers at the scene of an alarm will be honored.
- G. False alarms may result in service fee assessment against the firm (person) relaying the alarm. The assessment will be as established by the Lane County Fee Committee.
- H. Response to alarms in contract jurisdictions will be based on existing agreements during covered times. Outside covered times those jurisdictions will revert to the standard coverage.