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CALIFORNIA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE TERM "VERIFIED ALARM" AND PRIORITIZING VERIFIED ALARM RESPONSES

WHEREAS, historically over 98% of alarms calls are False Alarms and;

WHEREAS, false alarms represent a burden placed on state and local law enforcement resources due to responding to false alarm calls and;

WHEREAS, correctly installed and operated electronic security systems is an effective measure to deter crime, and prevent the loss of property by enhancing enforcement responses to crimes in progress; 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, increase the probability of arrests during the commission of crimes and will enhance the safety of law enforcement officers responding to crimes in progress; and

WHEREAS, properly used and operated electronic security systems are essential tools and resources used by local law enforcement and an effective 21st century crime prevention strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Police Chiefs 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.

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