

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Code 1 response; unless an exception from below is met.
- If additional information indicates an actual fire the Company Officer shall immediately upgrade to Code 3 and request a full Structure Fire alarm assignment.
- Consider Force Entry Protocol.
- CHECK FOR A KNOX BOX.
- Consider the use of Courtesy Locks to secure the facility.

PROTOCOLS:

1. **Respond Code 1. Company officers are authorized to upgrade to Code 3 if additional information is available, such as:**
 - Water flowing at the location of the Fire Alarm, or a water flow alarm is sounding.
 - Except after a freeze / thaw event.
 - Reports of smoke, flames or signs of fire at the location.
 - Escalating number of alarms sounding
 - Both burglar **and** fire / smoke detectors sounding (but consider law too).
2. Determine from dispatch the type of alarm and area covered.
3. Complete Arrival Report.
4. If responding to a business after hours, contact responsible party through ECSO.
5. Complete a 360° and broadcast a Follow-Up Radio Report.
6. **If you have found no issue after a 360° follow-up and reasonable visual inspection of the interior (looking in the windows etc.) then the company can clear if no entry is made and a Responsible Party (RP) is enroute.**
7. If entry is made and no incident is located, wait for up to **20 minutes** for the responsible party to arrive prior to departure. You **MUST** secure the building prior to clearing the scene. Make a comment in the CAD detailing your actions. **After securing the building make your engine available in CAD.**
8. If destructive entry was required, notify your BC (see Force Entry Protocol).
9. If the responsible party has an ETA of more than 20 minutes **and** the building cannot be secured contact your BC for instructions.