

Jollyville Fire Department False Alarm Policy

False fire alarms reduce occupants sense of urgency concerning emergency evacuation during fires and other on-site emergencies. To prevent this issue, Jollyville Fire Department has established the following policies.

To ensure that fire alarms are properly functioning and reduce the problem of excessive false alarms, it is the policy of the Jollyville Fire Department to fine for response to excessive false fire alarm activations. Properties will be fined after five false alarms at the same street address in one calendar year. **The fine for response to excessive false alarms will be \$350 per incident.** The business where the alarm is located will be responsible for paying the fine.

Anytime the department responds to a reported “Fire Alarm” and, upon arrival, finds that it is actually another type of alarm activation (i.e. burglar/security alarm, trouble alert, etc.), the property owner **will be fined \$500 per incident.** There is no minimum per calendar year.

Anytime an alarm system in an occupied residential structure must be taken out of service or placed in to test, a “Fire Watch” is required. This involves a person completing a fire safety walk around the building(s) in question, every half hour, until the system is put back into full service. If a management representative cannot be located to maintain “Fire Watch”, our department will be required to provide this service. **The fees for Fire Watch will be \$350 per hour (minimum two hours) for the duration of the watch.** The business will be responsible for the fees for this service.

Fine payment is due within 30 days of receipt of documentation. If the payment has not been received within that time, the fine amount will double each month until payment is received.

If you have any questions, please contact our department at the above number.