

hand, and the informer is willing to remain with the policeman until the facts are ascertained, the latter will then be excused for giving the alarm, should it prove to be false; but he will take care that such informer does not leave his side, until it shall be ascertained that his statement was correct; and should he attempt to do so, the policeman will arrest him on charge of raising a false alarm, and will hand him over to the officers of the Fire Department on their arrival.

c. Unless a fire is distinctly visible from the box at which an alarm is given, the policeman will remain at the box until the arrival of the Fire Department, that he may direct the engines to the proper place.

d. Policemen will always be particularly on their guard to avoid being induced to give an alarm on account of a burning chimney, or the existence of any other fire, which there is good reason to believe may be extinguished by those who may be present, without the aid of the Fire Department. On the other hand, when the services of the latter are believed to be really required, no time should be lost in giving an alarm.

All policemen must make themselves well acquainted with the location of all alarm boxes on or near the confines of their respective beats. Those having keys will be particularly instructed by the Sergeants as to the mode of giving alarms; and as to the duty of one of them attending at each box, every day at 12 o'clock, noon, precisely, to ascertain that the boxes and telegraph wires are in order.

All policemen on night duty, will be particularly careful to call up with the least possible delay all Members of the Fire Department residing on or immediately adjoining their several beats, who may have left their names and residences at the station-houses, with a request to be called when there is an alarm of fire. Policemen must make themselves familiar with the residences of all such persons. They will also on other occasions call persons attached to other city departments, who may in like manner have signified their wishes.

17. Notices will be placed in the station-houses of the hours at which the city lamps are required to be lighted and extinguished, and policemen will carefully note and report all violations of such rules, and all broken or defective lamps.

18. Policemen, when on a tour of service, must not, except when on duty together, walk or talk with each other, or with any other person whom they may meet on any part of their beats, unless it be to receive or communicate information appertaining to their duty or to answer civilly but briefly questions of strangers or citizens really requiring their assistance or direction. They must not under any circumstances, unless in the discharge of their duties, stop at the corners of the streets, or linger on their routes, or enter any house, but are expected constantly to patrol their beats.