

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

(E) FALSE ALARM.

(1) "FALSE ALARM" MEANS A REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT OR FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDLESS OF CAUSE THAT IS NOT IN RESPONSE TO AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY SITUATION OR THREATENED SUGGESTED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

(2) "FALSE ALARM" INCLUDES:

(I) A NEGLIGENTLY OR ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED SIGNAL;

(II) A SIGNAL THAT IS ACTIVATED AS THE RESULT OF FAULTY, MALFUNCTIONING, OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED OR MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT; AND

(III) A SIGNAL THAT IS PURPOSELY ACTIVATED IN A NONEMERGENCY SITUATION.

(3) "FALSE ALARM" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) A SIGNAL ACTIVATED BY UNUSUALLY SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE ALARM USER OR ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR; OR

(II) A SIGNAL ACTIVATED WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER A NEW INSTALLATION OF AN ALARM SYSTEM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 156A(g)(1), (2), and (3).

(F) LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT.

"LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT HAVING EMPLOYEES AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARRESTS.

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The word "unit" is substituted for the former word "agency" for consistency within this article. *See* General Revisor's Note to article.

The former reference to "Baltimore City Police" is deleted as included in the reference to the "police department of a county" since Baltimore City is included in the defined term "county". *See* § 1-101 of this article.

The reference to a "municipal corporation" is substituted for the former reference to an "incorporated municipality" to conform to Md. Constitution, Art. XI-E.

The reference to a "governmental" law enforcement unit is added for clarity. The Criminal Law Article Review Committee brings this addition