

BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARM REGISTRATION

The Wyckoff Township Committee and the Wyckoff Police Chief Benjamin Fox wish to remind residents and business owners that Township ordinance requires that the occupant of any business or resident in the Township must register any burglar or fire alarm for the premise.

Each year, the Wyckoff Police respond to over 1,000 false alarms, and the ordinance that requires the alarm to be registered is designed to reduce the number of such false alarms. This is done, in part, by better control over faulty or inferior alarm equipment. As a result, the Wyckoff Police Department will be able to serve alarm users more efficiently and effectively.

After registering the alarm with the Police Department, the occupant is assigned a code number that serves as a private communication between the occupant and the police. In addition, the Police Department maintains a listing of emergency contacts for each registered alarm, in the event that access must be gained to the premises due to an emergency.

The ordinance provides for a fine of up to \$200 for failing to register an alarm, and there are also penalties for excessive numbers of false alarms during a calendar year.

Chief Fox advises that if your alarm is not registered, to please contact police headquarters and obtain an alarm registration form. There are no penalties for registering a previously unregistered alarm.

An annual alarm registration fee for "direct dialers" to police headquarters is \$15. Although no alarm registration fee is charged for central station alarms or local house alarms, they are required to be registered with the Police Department. A resident or business owner with a question concerning alarm registration can call Police headquarters at 201-891-2121.