

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Riverside County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services (OES)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Initiation of Ordinance That Would Regulate Fire False Alarms

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Pursuant to Board Policy A-67, adopt an order initiating an ordinance that would regulate Fire False Alarms; and,
2. Direct County Counsel to prepare and process the ordinance.

BACKGROUND: At the June 13, 2011 Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing meeting, Supervisor Stone directed the Riverside County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, to work with County Counsel in preparing an ordinance to regulate fire false alarms.


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By Peter Lent, Deputy Director, County Fire, OES for
John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY12/13

SOURCE OF FUNDS: None.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
APPROVE	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BY: 
Michael R. Shetler

County Executive Office Signature

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Dept's Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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Departmental Concurrence

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BACKGROUND (continued):

During 2011, the Fire Department responded to 2,110 false alarm calls, an average of 6 per day. These calls range from someone pulling the fire alarm erroneously at a school to not turning off a house alarm in time. Responding to these calls prolongs the time that it can take for the Department to respond to a bona fide emergency and can ultimately jeopardize health, welfare or safety of Riverside County residents.

FISCAL: The Department has researched the issue and prepared a draft ordinance and fee study. Therefore, further County Counsel time to finalize the proposed ordinance will be nominal.