



# CITY OF KEIZER

## Main C.O.P. Committee Special Meeting

### False Alarm Ordinance

### Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm  
Location: 930 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer OR

Attendance:

Chief H. Marc Adams, Laurie Phillips, Jacque Moir, Lore Christopher, Ken Gierloff, Markey Humberstad, Kevin Baker, Captain Kent Barker, Sgt. Jeff Kuhns, Cathy Meeks

Special Guest Speaker: Capt. Bret Freeman

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Jeff Kuhns with an introduction of guest speaker Capt. Bret Freeman, Lane Co. Sheriff's Department; who will give an overview of the process they went through changing their false alarm procedure, how they implemented it, and the obstacles they overcame to get where they are now.

False Alarm Ordinance:

Capt. Freeman reviewed the letter that was sent out by Lane County Sheriffs office to surrounding alarm companies (ADT, Sonitrol, Protection One, Brinks & a local provider). This was the result of many meetings, risk analysis & financial impact. The obstacles that Lane Co. faced with responding to alarms were the limited resources and distance of area they cover in Lane Co. With 98.7% of all alarms being false nationally and taking an average of 2 ½ hrs of an officers time, they begin to look at the figures. It was not just a matter of dollars though, these calls also put the officer and the public at risk, as they respond code 3.

They first met with alarm companies to discuss options, with one being a licensing fee, similar to what the City of Keizer has put into effect. Looking into this further though did not prove effective over an extended time. In meeting with alarm companies and elected officials, Lane Co. decided to go with a verified response solution, similar to the one used by Salt Lake City.

Discussion continued on the options that are available, which ranged from working together with neighboring cities, making it a regional solution, to having the alarm companies provide their own response teams with the Police Dept. being back up and response in the event it is a confirmed alarm. The discussion also included time frames, which Lane Co. had a 90 day process from the time the letter was sent out to alarm companies to the time it went into effect. The meeting ended with a consensus that the Keizer Police Department would develop a 'draft' for the Main COP to review in December and develop policy and procedures, which would then go to a Council Work session in January.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

Next Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002 @ 7:00pm

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