

# **Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue**

## **Automatic Fire Alarm Activations**

### **PURPOSE**

Automatic fire alarm systems are being installed in more public and private buildings than in years past. Automatic fire alarm systems are connected to alarm monitoring companies. These companies are automatically alerted when alarms are activated and in turn they report these activations to Brunswick County Dispatch Center (Ccom). As a consequence of the availability of this technology, more automatic detector activations are being reported to Ccom by these alarm notification companies.

### **SCOPE**

Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue will respond to every automatic fire alarm, smoke detector and carbon monoxide activation. All personnel should consider the alarm activation to be legitimate and continue to respond until an Officer or Engine Company arrives on scene and can confirm the cause of the activation. No Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue units will be cancelled by anyone except a representative of Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue.

Personnel arriving on scene will investigate the cause of the activation and mitigate any problems or emergencies that caused the activation. Emergency crews will assist the homeowner with resetting the alarm prior to leaving the scene. In the event of an alarm activation cannot be reset the occupant should be put on a fire watch until the system is fixed and put back online.

For all automatic fire alarm, smoke detector and carbon monoxide activations, only the first due engine may respond emergency traffic. All other apparatus will respond nonemergency traffic with the normal flow of traffic. Any additional information such as smoke or fire showing will constitute an upgrade with all responding units.

When arriving on scene all personnel should be equipped with the appropriate personnel protective equipment. Equipment may include but not limited to: Turn out gear, helmet, boots, gloves, SCBA and/or gas monitor.