



NEWS RELEASE



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

BURGLAR ALARM REGISTRATION

Beginning April 4, 2011, residents and businesses in the Township that have burglar alarm systems will be required to once again register their burglar alarm systems, even if they have previously registered their systems with the Township of Ocean Police Department. Under an ordinance recently passed by the Township Council, all systems must be registered, and false alarm activations for individual residences and businesses will be more accurately tracked and monitored. Currently the Township of Ocean Police Department has approximately 2,500 registered alarm sites within the Township, and they respond to roughly 2,200 alarm activations per year with 95% being classified as being "false alarm activations." This effort is targeted at reducing the large number of false alarms received annually by the police department, thereby allowing these resources to be used for other public safety purposes. Under the recently passed Township ordinance, alarm registration fees were established as well as penalties for repetitive false alarm activations that we anticipate will serve to substantially reduce the number of false alarms that officers are required to investigate. Residence and business owners will also be required to renew their alarm registrations annually.

To administer the program the Township has contracted with ATB Services based on their experience and expertise in operating false alarm reduction programs across the country. ATB will be sending initial registration invoices to those properties that have already been identified as having burglar alarm systems. If residents and businesses that have a working burglar alarm system do not receive an invoice by the end of April, they should register online at www.atbservices.com/oceantwp by completing the User Registration Form. Inquiries and questions can be directed to ATB by calling 1-877-356-7879 between 9a.m. and 7p.m. Monday through Friday.