



# Polk City Fire Department

## Standard Operating Guidelines

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### #202 – Alarm and Assignment Types

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#### Purpose:

The purpose of this SOG is to define the types of alarms and assignments that may be received.

#### Definition:

1. **Still Alarm/Assignment** – Any non-structural fire that does not threaten a structure, such as vehicles, grass, brush, dumpsters, power lines, outdoor smoke or odors.
2. **Residential Alarm** – The report of an audible fire alarm, fire alarm activation or smoke detector activation at a private residence called in by an alarm company, homeowner, bystander, or officer with no information or report of visible smoke or fire. This will be used for single-family dwellings, town homes, duplexes, garages, or barn type buildings.
3. **Residential Assignment** – Used for the report of smoke, fire, suspicious odors or lightning strikes at a private residence. This will include single-family dwellings, town homes, duplexes, garages, or barn type buildings.
4. **Commercial Alarm** – The report of an audible fire alarm, fire alarm activation, pull station activation, smoke detector activation, or water flow alarm at a commercial structure called in by an alarm company, employee, bystander, or officer with no information or report of visible smoke or fire. Multi-family is defined as three or more occupancies. This includes structures such as businesses, apartments, schools, churches, large housing complexes, motels, factories, warehouses, malls, or any other commercial type structure.
5. **Commercial Assignment** - Used for the report of smoke, fire, suspicious odors or lightning strikes at a commercial structure. This includes structures such as businesses, apartments, schools, churches, large housing complexes, motels, factories, warehouses, malls, or any other commercial type structure.
6. **Hazardous Materials Alarm/Assignment** – An alarm involving a hazardous materials spill, release, or condition that poses a risk to the health, safety, property, or the environment.
7. **Rescue Alarm/Assignment** – Personal injury accident or person trapped due to any cause.
8. **Medical Assignment** – Medical calls that present the possibility that a person may require transport to the hospital.
9. **Carbon Monoxide** - An alarm involving the report of carbon monoxide inside of a structure.



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10. **Mutual Aid** – Requests for assistance from another emergency agency. This could be for fire, rescue, or Ambulance.
  
11. **Alert 2** – Aircraft with moderate to major difficulty.
  - a. Alpha response – 1-9 occupants
  - b. Bravo response – 10-50 occupants
  - c. Charlie response – 51 + occupants
  
12. **Alert 3** – Aircraft that has crashed or probability of crash is high.
  - a. Alpha response – 1-9 occupants
  - b. Bravo response – 10-50 occupants
  - c. Charlie response – 51 + occupants