

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Alarm Registration Program



SHARP
SHERIFF'S ALARM
REGISTRATION PROGRAM



Effective July 1, 2009, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will begin enforcing a new County Alarm Ordinance. The ordinance requires that home and business owners "shall" register their alarm systems with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office or face the possibility of being fined for any false alarms which may occur at that home or business.

Over 90% of the alarm calls investigated by deputy sheriffs are false alarms. The purpose of the ordinance is to reduce the number of false alarms in the Sheriff's jurisdiction and the time it takes for deputy sheriffs to respond to them. Fewer false alarms will contribute to the efficiency of deputy sheriffs on patrol.

The ordinance covers the unincorporated area of Pinellas County and the 12 cities which contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. The contract cities are:

Belleair Bluffs	North Redington Beach
Belleair Shore	Oldsmar
Belleair Beach	Redington Beach
Dunedin	Safety Harbor
Indian Rocks Beach	Seminole
Madeira Beach	South Pasadena

The Sheriff's Alarm Registration Program (SHARP) has been created to assist homeowners and business owners in complying with this new county alarm ordinance.

There is no registration fee to sign up with SHARP.

Alarm subscribers registered with SHARP who experience a false alarm event due to equipment malfunction or other related problems receive two free passes annually on false alarms.

Home or business alarm owners who are not registered with SHARP do not receive any free passes and will be subject to a fine as identified in the schedule below.

Number of Alarms	Fine per Alarm
One through Three	\$175.00
Four	\$200.00
Five	\$250.00
Six	\$400.00
Seven and Above	\$600.00

Registered alarm owners who experience more than two false alarm events in one revolving year will be subject to fines, as identified below.

Number of Alarms	Fine per Alarm
Three	\$75.00
Four	\$100.00
Five	\$150.00
Six	\$300.00
Seven and Above	\$500.00

An appeals process is available to both registered and non-registered subscribers. Fines will be collected by the Sheriff's Office after the alarm subscriber is notified following a violation.

There are many ways to register with SHARP:

- Fill out and mail the attached form to:

SHARP
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 2500
Largo, FL 33779

- Go to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office website at www.pcsoweb.com and click on the SHARP icon to fill out the registration form on-line.
- Click on the Sheriff's Office link on the Pinellas County Government website, www.pinellascounty.org, or the websites for the Sheriff's twelve contract cities.

Pick up a SHARP registration form at the following locations:

- Pinellas County Sheriff's Administration Building
10750 Ulmerton Rd., Largo
- Pinellas Sheriff's North District Office
737 Loudon Avenue, Dunedin
- Pinellas County Courthouse – Information Desk
315 Court Street, Clearwater
- The city halls of the Sheriff's twelve contract cities.

For more information on SHARP or for answers to questions about registration, please call (727) 582-2870 or email sharp@pcsonet.com.