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Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum announces that Ulster County property owners can now obtain alarm system permits from the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office. Permits are required under Local Law No. 13 of 2015 known as the “False Alarm Reduction Act,” which becomes effective January 1, 2016.

Under the law, it is a violation for anyone to cause an alarm system to operate which results in a call to the Ulster County Sheriff, police officers, and other first responders, such as firefighters and emergency services, without a valid permit issued by the Ulster County Sheriff. A separate permit is required for each alarm system. An application fee of \$10 applies.

The law prohibits false alarms. It establishes civil penalties for false alarms by permit holders and stiffer fines for those without a permit. It also gives the Sheriff the authority to revoke a permit under certain circumstances.

Excepted are property owners in municipalities that already have enacted municipal false alarm laws. These include the City of Kingston and the Towns of Saugerties, Woodstock, and Esopus.

The Alarm System Permit application is available at the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office headquarters at 380 Boulevard in Kingston and at Sheriff’s Office substations in Esopus, Wallkill, Wawarsing, Shandaken and the SUNY Ulster campus. It is also available on the Ulster County Sheriff’s website www.ulstercountyny.gov/sheriff/ and Facebook page [and the Ulster County website www.ulstercountyny.gov.]

Local Law No. 13 (the “False Alarm Reduction Act”) can be viewed on the Ulster County website at www.ulstercountyny.gov/legislature/local-laws and the Ulster County Sheriff’s website.

The law has been enacted by the Ulster County Legislature to reduce the drain caused by false alarms on the resources of the Ulster County Sheriff, police departments and other first responders. It curtails both the resulting waste of taxpayer money and the diversion of these responders away from people who may actually be in peril and need assistance.

For further information, please contact (845) 340-3590.

