

CHECK YOUR ALARM SYSTEM!

Did you know the city of Pembroke Pines had approximately 19,000 false alarms to businesses and residents occur last year? We need your help to prevent these false alarms. Alarm companies often provide service to your system if a failure occurs. They offer annual service checkups for the system they installed. You may also be paying for a service contract. The contract should include service for all entry/exit doors that are wired, the motion detectors, audio devices, heat sensors, glass break sensors and smoke detectors. The other important part of a good alarm system is the “uninterrupted power supply or battery backup”.

Imagine the power has gone off at your business. The battery in the system is old and does not hold a charge for more than thirty minutes. Most monitoring centers would see that the system has shut down and this may not be recognized as a system failure. Factor in that the monitoring center is receiving numerous alarm activations and your failed system could go unnoticed for days. The same thing could be true for your home or while tour away for vacation or a short weekend trip. This area of Florida, as well as others, are generally known for having thunderstorms that can and do create power outages. If your battery backup is not working, you could return to an empty house provided by an unknown burglar.

You have paid and/or are paying for an alarm system for the protection of your family and/or business. Getting what you have paid for makes good sense. Be sure that part of the servicing of your alarm includes checking the back up battery system for the alarm. If you do not have a service contract, you can check the battery yourself. In the alarm system utility box is the backup battery for the alarm. Look on the battery for a date that is stamped on it. If the date has expired, it would be a good idea to purchase a new battery from your alarm company. Do not wait for it to fail first.

If the battery has not expired, be aware that they are generally good through the date stamped on them. However, like other batteries, be prepared to replace it within a month or two before or after the expiration date. Preparing before the battery fails your alarm system is one important way to deter burglary from occurring.

For answers to any questions you may have reference to home security,
please contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department, CAU at 435-6538.