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Tampering With Fire Alarms

Are your smoke detectors working in your barracks or individual rooms?

Some of the reasons for these failures are equipment malfunction such as the fire alarm panel, smoke detector devices and or heat detector failures. The biggest cause of these failures is the deliberate tampering of the devices.

Reasons for removal of the smoke detectors can be varied, but most of the time it is for the convenience of smoking, cooking in the room or burning candles.

What makes it even worse is the fact these older fire alarms are in what is known as a loop system. Removing a device (detector) will render the loop inoperative to the end of the run. Taking one detector out of the loop could be leaving those affected without protection as required by DA policy and the NFPA codes.

Anyone tampering with any viable alarm system will be subject to punishment to the fullest possible extent. If a smoke detector is causing problems get with your unit R & U person so the problem can be corrected. If problem still exist submit a service order for repair.

For more information pertaining to the building fire alarm system and their devices please contact the Fire Prevention Branch at 442-5911.