

# **MEOTA & DISTRICT FIRE** **DEPARTMENT FALSE ALARMS**

The volunteer members of the Meota & District Fire Department have, in recent years, responded to an increasing number of alarm system false alarm call-outs. These false alarm call-outs require members to provide an unnecessary response which may remove the member and equipment from being available for a legitimate call-out. The Meota & District Fire Department Bylaw includes a False Alarm Fee of \$500.00 for the first false alarm call-out and each successive response thereafter will be charged for regular costs of a fire call. This includes charges beginning at the moment the call is received, as this is when Department members leave their home, place of work or other location to respond. The Department requests that you consult with your alarm system company to first call yourself and/or others in your household before contacting 911. The Department hopes that these actions will help reduce the number of false alarm call-outs.