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I am making this submission on my own behalf.

**3. Are you an DPFEM internal employee, external employee, retained or volunteer firefighter?**

I am a retained firefighter.

**Do you have any suggestions or recommendations on particular areas that TFS should target through the development of policy and guidelines that will support the decision-making process to effectively reduce false alarms?**

I'd review the placement of smoke alarms. While 'hallway' might be deemed sensible in dwellings with 200 m2 of space, having them in hallways of significantly smaller dwellings, say 90 m2, asks for false call outs. Wired in alarms being worse, since you can't disable them when they're going off without smoke present. A neighbours was going off from (presumed mould). It wasn't a fire call, though police dispatched them anyway.

**What advice and support do you require from frontline staff to take action to reduce the occurrence of repeat false alarms?**

Relocate alarms with diligence toward dwelling size and location of kitchen/bathroom/(dryer vent)

**What type of resources would you find useful to assist in reducing the incidence of false alarms? And, what type of information do you require?**

A more dwelling oriented placement procedure over a bog standard, hallways, bedrooms etc.

**What considerations do you believe should be incorporated into a methodology for the setting of fees and charges relating to premises with monitored alarms?**

For alarms due to cooking practices, fees to the tenant (not corporation) would presumably make people think twice about cooking in their dorm rooms.

**How might TFS be able to provide an improved service to premises owners in the payment of fees and charges related to alarm premises?**

Invest in a square/other portable payment option.

**Have you any other ideas on how TFS may be able to provide a more efficient and effective service in relation to alarmed premises?**

I could think of things.