



CODING CORNER: SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS

Whether your agency is installing a single alarm in a residence or doing an installation campaign for a targeted area within your jurisdiction, you should absolutely document it in NFIRS!

These events must include a Basic module, and completing an Apparatus/Personnel module is also highly encouraged.

Incident Type: 553 – Public Service

Action Taken: 60 – Systems and services, other

Note: Depending on the reporting software you use, you may also create a plus-one code on your Action Taken for alarm installations so that this specific data is easier to track at the local level. Example: 601, instead of just 60. For more information about plus-one codes, please see USFA's guidance [here](#).

For a single alarm installation

- Complete the Basic module as you would for any other call
- Narrative/Remarks section of the Basic Module: Add a note that the call was for an alarm installation

For an Installation Campaign

- The entire event is one incident
- Each installation address should be documented within the "Person/Entity Involved" section of the Basic module
- Use 'Direction' as your Location Type
- Alarm Date/Time should be when you left the station to service the area
- Arrival Date/Time should be when you arrived at the service area
- Last Unit Cleared should be when you left the service area
- Narrative/Remarks section: document the type of alarm installed and how many total were installed during the whole event

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the NFIRS administrator by email at NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov or by phone at 360-596-3924.