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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The municipal hard wired fire alarm system in Claremont is becoming increasingly more difficult and expensive to maintain and will result in dramatic increases in our annual fees to you the end users.
- Since much of the system is quite old and is subject to many weather and age related failures, it makes little economic sense to rebuild large portions of the existing system, therefore the city will be purchasing and installing a wireless municipal fire alarm system.
- Current fire codes require that you maintain your municipal connection directly to the Fire Department and Claremont Emergency Dispatch and we will maintain that connection continually throughout the entire transition.
- In 2013 the City of Claremont will be installing a wireless system that will be able to replace the current hard wired system and will allow us to continue to offer fire alarm monitoring at or near our current fee schedule of \$200.00 annually.
- There will be a one-time initial set up cost to you, the end user to change to this new system, but the savings in monitoring fees will compensate for this expense in the coming years.
- If your facility uses a phone dialer and private monitoring agency in addition to the municipal fire alarm box, you will also see an additional savings as with the wireless system; code allows you to eliminate the secondary auto dialer system.
- This transition will take place gradually over the next few years as will the necessary increases in fees for those facilities that choose to remain on the old wired system longer.

Should you have any questions about these upgrades or wish to receive more information, please contact the fire chief or ~~Captain Cullen Downing~~ at 542-7012.

Captain Bryan Burr (revised 9-4-13)