

ANTHONY WAYNE BUILDING

Supplement to Emergency Action Plan Information

Fire Alarm System Information - Issued January 2018

Residential Owners, Commercial Owners, and Tenants:

A resident says that she cannot hear the hallway alarm in the far areas of her condominium.

The following is information on how the fire alarm system works.

Detectors in a residential or commercial unit

The smoke detectors in all residential units and the general areas of the commercial units are the same as those in any residence or small business. If they are activated due to smoking or cooking, they will sound with a beep in the individual unit but not sound in the hallways or elsewhere in the building. Their activation, however, does send a supervisory signal to the panel in the building lobby which will beep until someone addresses it. The fire department is not called by the individual smoke detectors in units.

The individual units are also set off if the main alarm in the hallway or elsewhere in the building is set off. They will beep but do not have a voice message. (However, please note that during tests of the main alarm, the individual interior alarm units have in the past been turned off so as not to unnecessarily disturb occupants. You will be notified of tests and thus able to ignore the hallway sounds if you hear them at test times.)

Note 1: Our fire alarm system vendor has been testing individual units annually for general operation and smoke detection, and will in 2018 add testing for sounds. Your alarm was tested in 2017 unless you refused entrance to Gerry to coordinate the testing.

Note 2: If an owner feels the sounds in his/her unit are not working and wants them tested outside the annual testing, the fire alarm vendor will come to test them, at the owner's expense. Please contact Management to set this up. As noted above, previously the vendor tested with only smoke annually, but during those tests the individual units' sound alarms were turned off. So, just because you did not hear a sound during the previous annual smoke tests does not mean that the sounds are not working.

Hallway units and building alarm

The hallway units have a louder sound and strobe lighting. They also deliver an evacuation message and call the fire department and Management. To activate the building alarm: (1) smoke or fire from an individual unit must reach into or start in a hallway or other common commercial or mechanical area, (2) the fire must set off the sprinklers in any unit or on any floor, OR (3) someone must pull the alarm in the hallway. So, if a resident or commercial occupant has an uncontrolled fire, but the hallway alarm hasn't gone off, he or she should proceed to the hallway pull alarm to trip the building alarm and call the fire department.

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