



Biddeford Fire Department  
Incident Report

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Incident #: 20-4181-IN Exp. 0

Call #: 20-38502

Location: 10 CLIFFORD ST  
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BIDDEFORD, ME 04005

Census Tract: 179-  
District: Biddeford 09  
Station: BIDDEFORD CENTRAL

Officer In Charge: ANTON, PETER on 10/19/2020  
Report By: ANTON, PETER on 10/19/2020  
Approved By: ANTON, PETER on 10/19/2020

Basic Incident Information

Incident Type: False alarm or false call, other - BFD RESIDENTIAL  
ALARM MALFUNCTION

Property Use: Multifamily dwelling  
Actions Taken: Investigate

Owner: 10 CLIFFORD ST  
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BIDDEFORD, ME 04005

Resources Used Summary

Alarm: 10/19/2020 @ 1904 Arrived: 10/19/2020 @ 1909  
Cleared: 10/19/2020 @ 1919

Shift: D Alarms: 0 Aid: None

	<u>Apparatus</u>		<u>Personnel</u>
Suppression:	0	Suppression:	0
EMS:	0	EMS:	0
Other:	1	Other:	1

Casualties Summary

	<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Injuries</u>
Fire Service:	0	Fire Service:	0
Civilian:	0	Civilian:	0

#	People and Entities Involved	Type	Sex	Age	Home #	Work #
1	***UNKNOWN*** ***UNKNOWN***	Witness				207-219-2361

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#	Apparatus	Type	Dates/Times	Per Use	Actions Taken
1	Biddeford Service 4 BIDSV4	Support apparatus, o	Disp 10/19/2020 @ 1907 Arr 10/19/2020 @ 1909 Clr 10/19/2020 @ 1919 InQt 10/19/2020 @ 1919 InSv 10/19/2020 @ 1919	1 Other	- Investigate

#	ID	Personnel	Start	End	Dty Station App
1	13000	Cooper, Justin	10/19/2020 @ 1907	10/19/2020 @ 1908	ST CEN BIDE24

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NARRATIVE FOR CAPTAIN PETER ANTON

Ref: 20-4181-IN

Entered: 10/19/2020 @ 2111      Entry ID: 01150  
Modified: 10/19/2020 @ 2111      Modified ID: 01150

Recieved a call from dispatch for an alarm sounding at above address. Responded with Captain Cooper in Service 4. We had responded to this address 15 minutes prior. Capt Cooper arrived on scene and investigated. Capt Cooper located bad detector in 3rd story bedroom. He removed the detector. Apartment had 4 other detectors and was well protected. We will attempt to contact landlord in the morning to notify him of the bad detector. Cleared the scene and returned to Central.

NARRATIVE FOR CAPTAIN JUSTIN COOPER

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Entered: 10/20/2020 @ 1441      Entry ID: 13000  
Modified: 10/20/2020 @ 1441      Modified ID: 13000

Captain Anton requested that I respond back with Service 4 as the occupants had just called back reporting the alarm again.

Upon arrival the alarm was no longer sounding. While talking to the occupants the alarm sounded once again. I quickly went up to their apartment and identified that the detector in the second bedroom on the right was the one that was activated causing the alarm.

I went to remove the detector and several cock roaches came out of the actual detector. There was a tamper pin in the detector so that it could not be removed easily by any occupants. I removed this and the detector and the remaining alarms went back to normal.

The detectors are all brand new and are labelled that they were installed this month. There was a male who was acting as a translator for the occupant as she does not speak english. He showed me another brand new detector that was bagged up on top of the fridge that the landlord had already removed from the living room area for activating for no apparent cause. I asked the translator if the occupants had contact number and information for the landlord and they stated they did not. I advised him that I would have the Fire Department contact the landlord for follow up and replacement of the detector.

I advised Captain Anton of the detector and that I thought possibly the number of bugs going in/out of the detectors may be causing the activation. Another bug crawled out of the detector while it was in our office. I immediately removed this detector to our outside dumpster.