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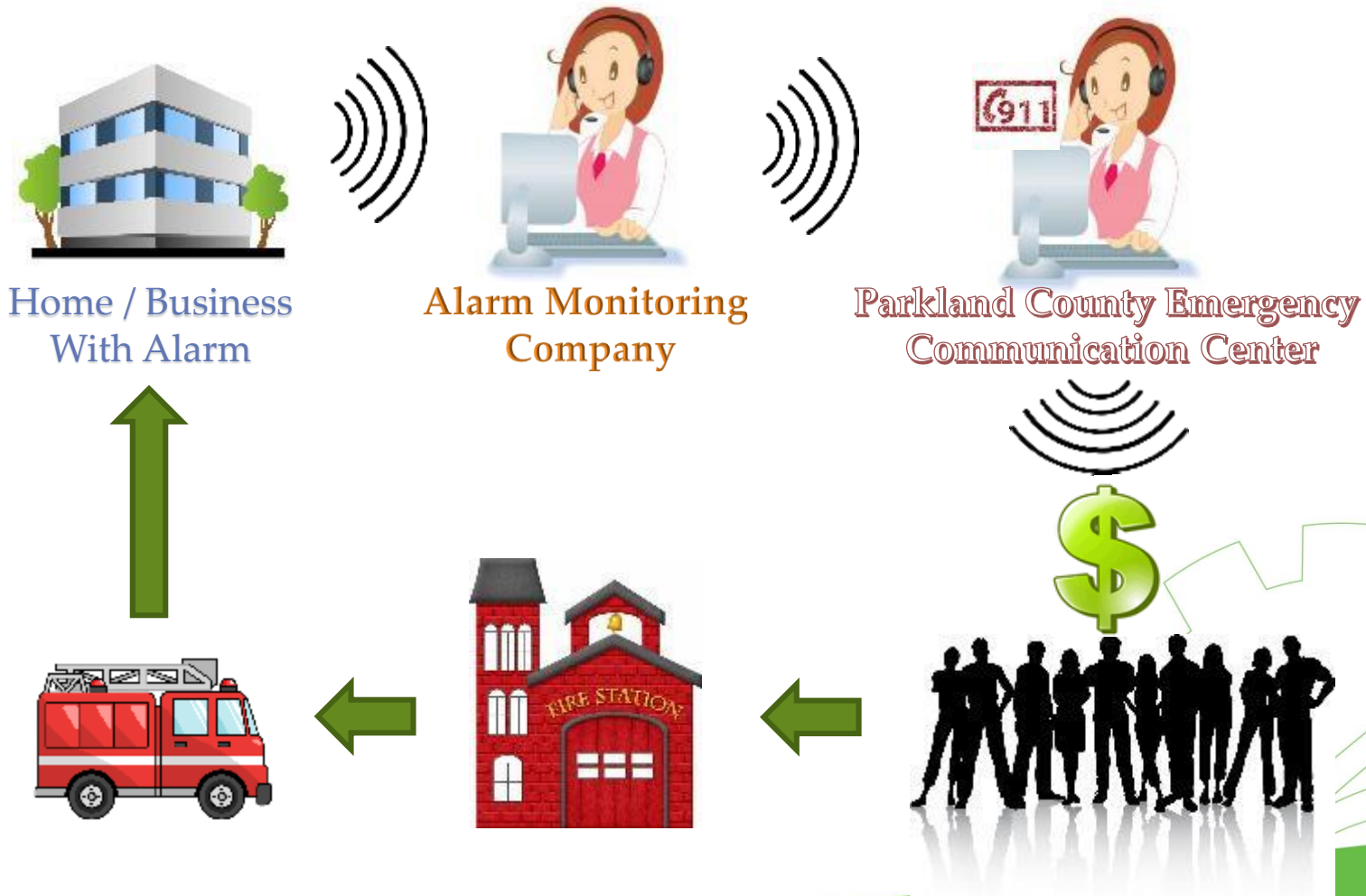
False Alarm Bylaw

Outline

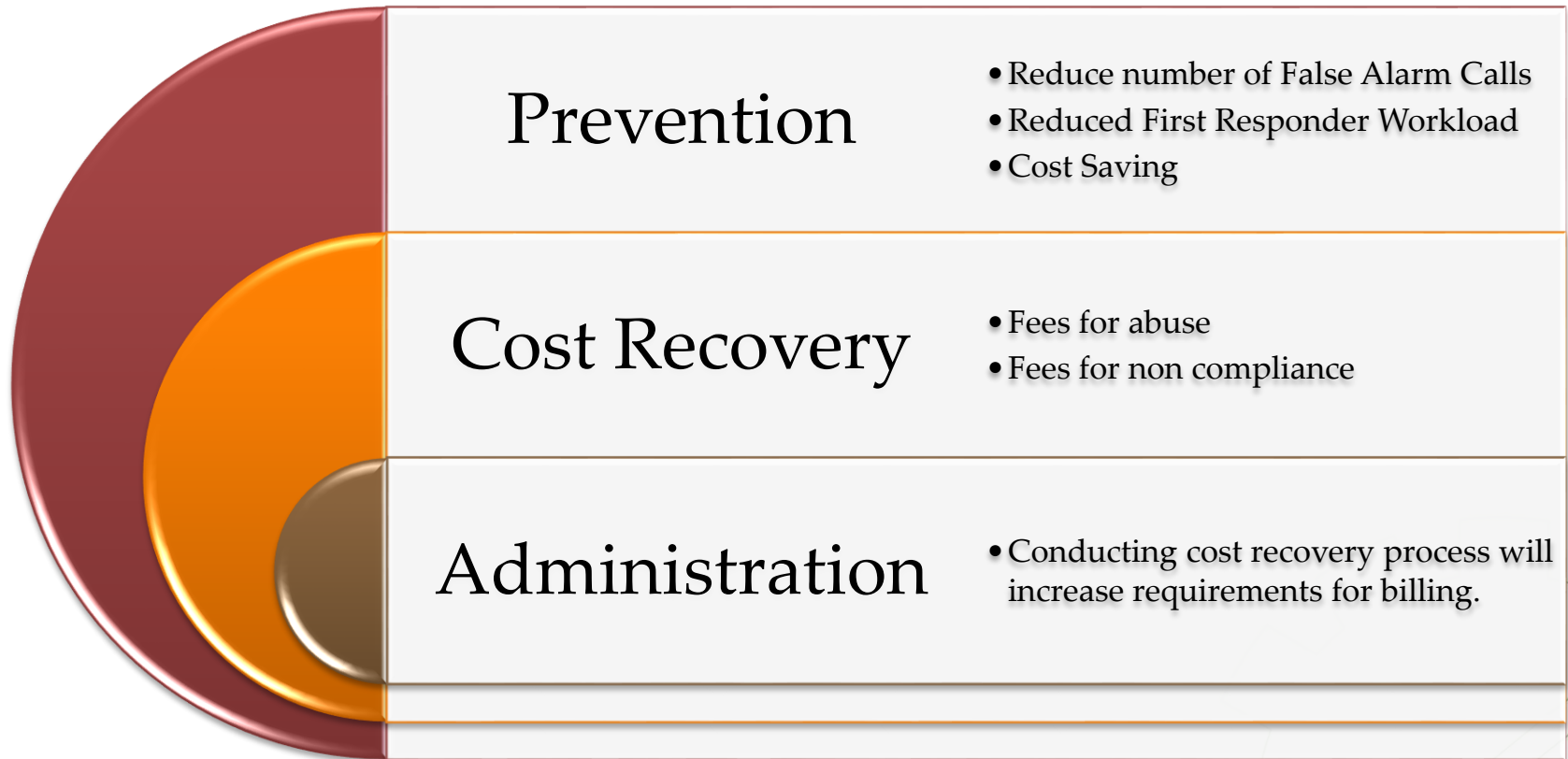
This presentation will cover:

- Anatomy of a Alarm
- Intent and Impact
- Definitions
- False Alarm Data
- Cost Estimation and 2015/16 Breakdown
- Capital Region Approach/Fee and Charges
- Next Step and Proposed Fees and Charges

Anatomy of a False Alarm



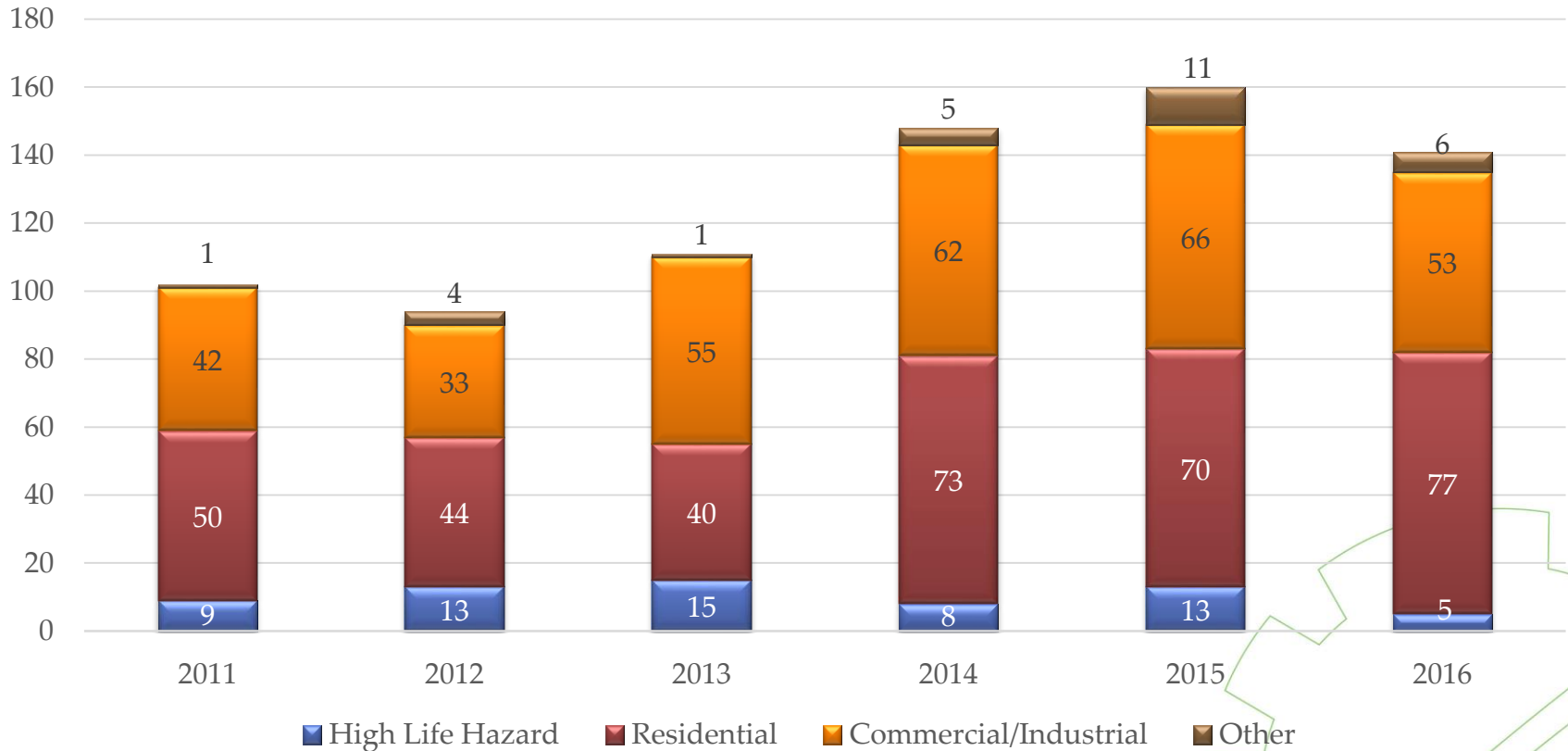
Intent and Impact



Definitions

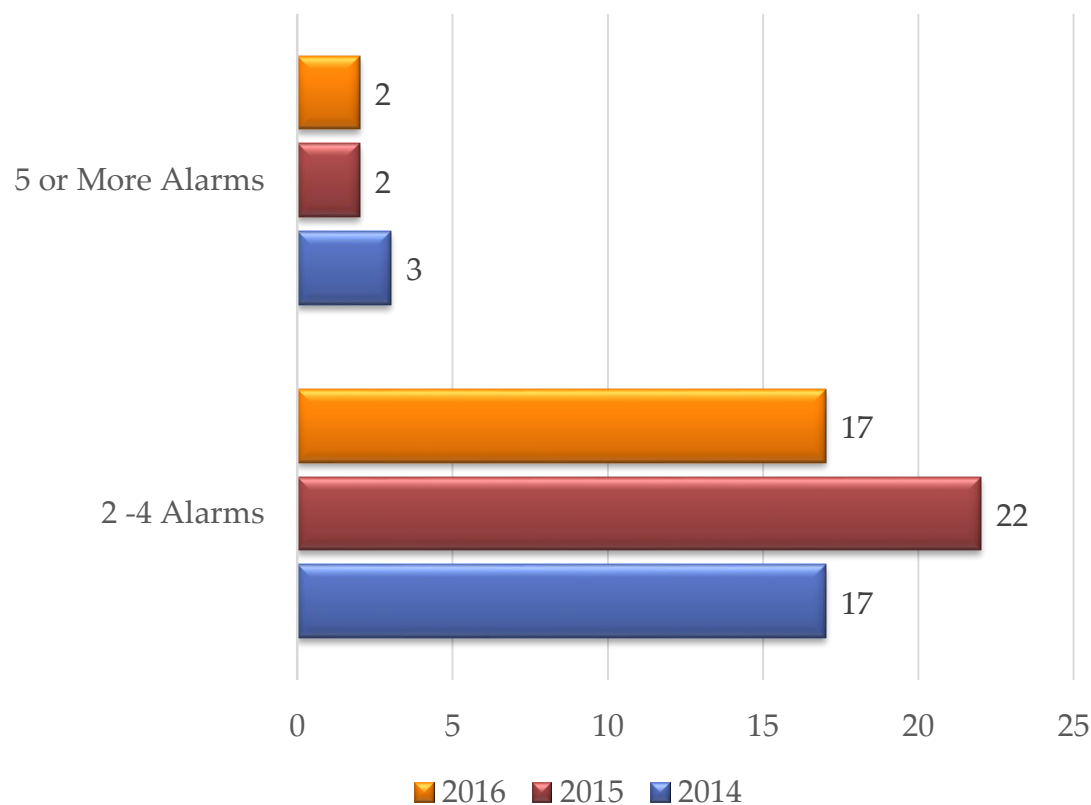
- **“False Alarm” means:**
 - An alarm from a fire safety monitoring device that is not caused by heat, smoke or fire, and/or
 - A request for fire services where no actual vulnerability to public safety, property and/or environment exists.
- **“Nuisance Alarm” means:**
 - More than one false alarm on a parcel of land within a calendar year.
 - Where a false alarm is received from an alarm panel, that is required to be annually certified by the Alberta Fire Code and whereas the certification is expired for more than 90 days
- **“Respond” or “Responding” means:**
 - An action taken to assemble and/or deploy first responders

False Alarm Call by Year



Data does not include Fire District 5 – Entwistle and Area.

Multiple Alarms



Most Alarm at One Location

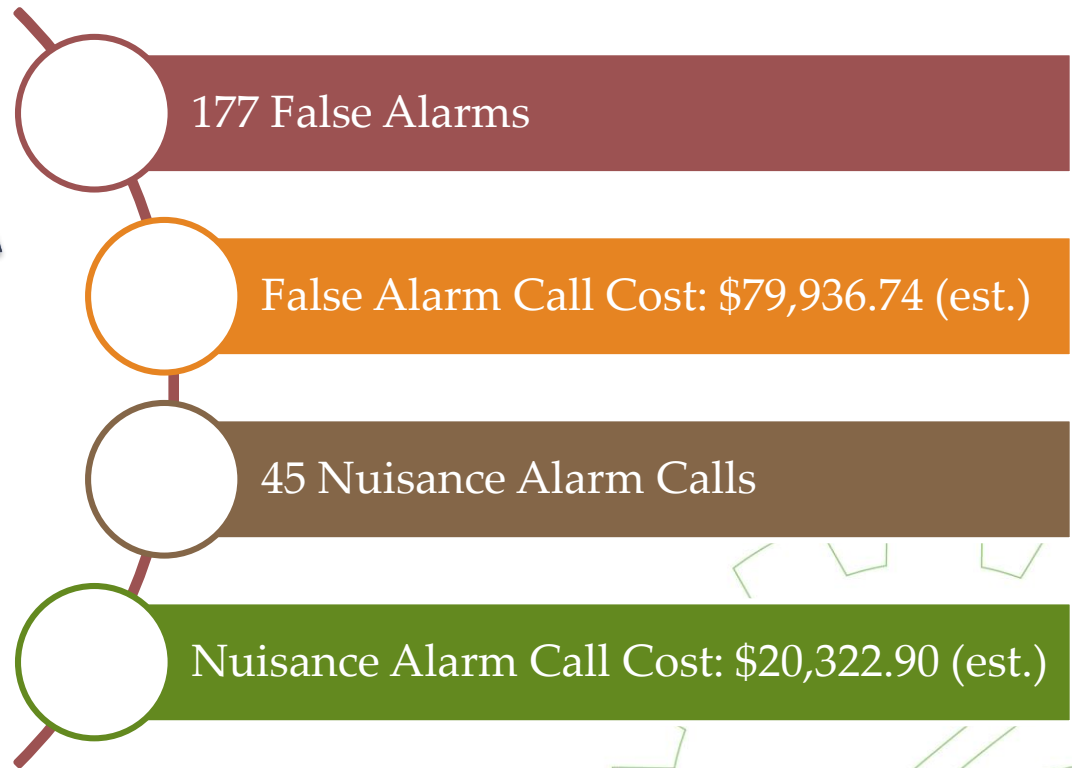
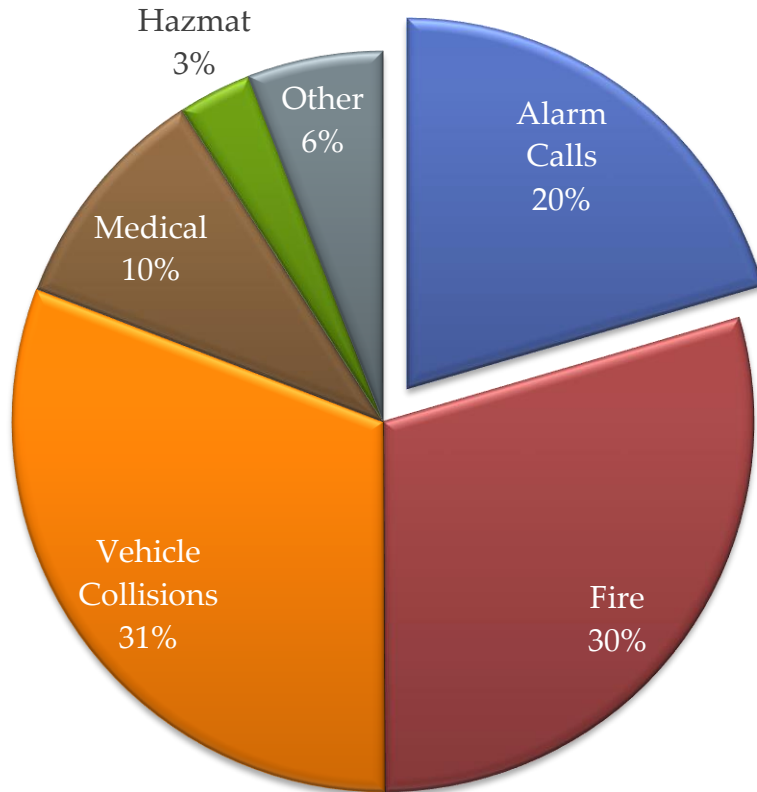
2016	6
2015	8
2014	11

Cost Estimation

**An Alarm Call Costs:
\$451.62
in staff wages**

Average Nine
Firefighters
(2015 Average)

2015



Data does not include Fire District 5 – Entwistle and Area.
Nuisance Alarm Call do not include expired alarm panels

Capital Region Approach

Municipality	Bylaw Provisions	Details
City of Edmonton	Yes	Residential - 1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : \$81.00; 3 rd : \$400.00; 4 th : \$797.00; ongoing Commercial - 1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : \$312.00; 3 rd : \$623.00; 4 th : \$1245.00; ongoing
City of Fort Saskatchewan	Yes	\$500.00 Per Incident
City of Leduc	Yes	1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : \$50.00; 3 rd : \$50.00; 4 th : \$250.00; 5 th : 500.00
City of Spruce Grove	Yes	1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : No Fee; 3 rd : \$50.00; 4 th : \$250.00; 5 th : 500.00
City of St. Alberta	Yes	1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : No Fee; 3 rd : \$304.00; 4 th : \$424.00; 5 th : 605.00
Lamont County	Yes	Can recover cost incurred from incidents under Fire Service Bylaw
Leduc County	Yes	1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : \$400.00; ongoing
Strathcona County	Yes	
Sturgeon County	Yes	Can recover cost incurred from incidents under Fire Service Bylaw
Town of Beaumont	Yes	1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : \$300.00; ongoing
Town of Devon	Yes	1 st : \$100.00; 2 nd : \$250.00; 3 rd : \$500.00; going
Town of Redwater	Yes	1 st : No Fee; 2 nd : \$200.00; 3 rd : \$400.00; going
Town of Stony Plain	No	

Moving Forward

Fire Service
Development and
Legal Review

- Ongoing

First/Second/Third
Reading

- November/December 2016
- Public Education Campaign

Bylaw Passed

- November/December 2016

Fees and Charges
Bylaw Presented at
Budget will have a
new Fire Schedule
with Fees

- November/December 2016

Fees and Charges Bylaw

Proposes Fire Service Schedule, based upon Calendar year

Occupancy Type	First Alarm	Second Alarm	Ongoing
Residential	No Charge	\$100.00	\$450.00
Commercial (Compliant)	No Charge	\$500.00	\$500.00
Commercial (None Compliant)	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00

Payment of Fees

- Any Person who is charged a fee pursuant to this Bylaw must pay the fee within the time specified and in the manner specified on the invoice setting out the fee.
- Any fee that is not paid as specified on the invoice setting out the fee becomes a debt owing to the County by the Person to whom the fee was charged.

