

Santa Barbara City Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures Emergency Operations	Code: E-XIV-4
Alarms Ringing	
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I. ALARM BELLS RINGING

A. The first due Engine will respond Code 3 to initial reports of Alarm Bells Ringing.

1. The first in Company Commander **observes a change in the reported conditions and** calls for the Balance of Assignment based on visual observations or the Size-up.
2. Initial reporting party information or follow-up telephone information provided to the dispatch seems to warrant the dispatch of a File Assignment. Based on new information, the initial assignment may be upgraded at any time.
3. The duty Battalion Chief requests a File Assignment be dispatched.
4. Automatic Aid units (County and Montecito) are not dispatched on initial Alarm Bells Ringing incidents.