



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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### Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

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**Subject :** Potential “Fire Department” Billing Scam- Beware!!!!

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Humboldt Bay Fire has learned that various communities throughout Northern California have experienced a billing scam by a company representing themselves as the community’s fire department billing service. The company is “RMZ Fire Safety” and has been distributing false invoices for inspections to businesses. The invoice indicates “Annual State Required Fire Safety Equipment Inspection” and bills for the amount of \$413.11. So far this scam has been reported in Napa, Sonoma, and Redding. None have been reported in Humboldt County.

Humboldt Bay Fire and the City of Eureka do not bill for inspections of commercial businesses, nor do they use billing services. The only billing associated with Humboldt Bay Fire is related to false alarms and mandated multi-unit apartment complex inspections. Any invoice received on anything other than City of Eureka letterhead should be questioned. If in doubt, please contact the Humboldt Bay Fire Department at (707) 441-4000.

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