



DID YOU KNOW?

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FALSE ALARMS - UNINTENTIONAL

Think “74” if it was an accident and nothing more. There cannot be malice or malfunction in a 740 series incident.

If the following are true, the incident is a **740 series:**

- ✓ There is **NO FIRE**
- ✓ A **PERSON** accidentally or unintentionally activates the alarm or detector (testing)

~ OR ~

- ✓ The system or detector **FUNCTIONED PROPERLY**, but in response to non-hostile smoke or heat



Example: Sprinkler system activates because an engineer did not disable it prior to testing

Incident Type: 741 – Sprinkler activation (no fire)

Example: 741 – Steam sets off a smoke detector

Incident Type: 744 – Detector activation (no fire)

DAD JOKE

Q: What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?

A: A nervous wreck

Reference: [NFIRS FAQ 1.23](#)

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