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TO: Association Members

FROM: Kristi Harris, President

RE: AESBL Licensing Changes

There seems to be a misunderstanding lately as to the differences between the Alabama Alarm Association and The Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure (AESBL). The AESBL is a state licensing agency that regulates security companies for consumer protection in the State of Alabama whereas the Alabama Alarm Association is a non-profit association that consists of the security companies that wish to work together to benefit our industry in the state. Interaction between the two exists in two ways: the association makes the recommendations for the two AESBL board members that represent the industry and it provides some of the required training and CEU's that are mandated in the law.

Many of you may remember that two years ago the Alabama Alarm Association made a request for licensed companies to be present and voice your opinions over an educational change to the rules of the AESBL. The Licensing Board voted in that November 2008 meeting to change the education requirements despite opposition from attendees and the association. The biggest change to the requirements assumes that all companies that engage in installation of burglar alarms also install electronic access control. Immediately after that vote the association began working on legislation that would create classifications for licensed companies, which would require the board to propose new rules. We were unsuccessful in getting this legislation passed last year however, **2010 legislation passed today!**

Here are a few key items that everyone should be aware of:

AESBL Rules:

- The current rules require all Burglar Alarm Qualified Agents and Installer/Technicians to demonstrate that they have taken the NTS Electronic Access Control class or the ALOA 2 day Comprehensive Access Control class when renewing for 2011.
- CCTV Qualified Agents and Installer/Technicians to demonstrate that they have taken the NTS Video System Technology course or board approved training in order to renew for 2012.
- Effective January 2012 all sales people are required to complete 4 CEU hours on an annual basis.



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Alarm Association 2010 Legislation:

- The Alabama Alarm Association decided to pursue a scaled down version of the legislation this year because of the immediate need to have changes to the educational requirements. Our members felt the change put an undue burden on them if they had to take a course when they did not perform the work.
- The changes to the law that were passed today expand the definitions in effort to provide clarification on who falls under these requirements. Each type of work is broken into a classification so that licensed companies should not have to take courses when they do not perform such work.
- Here is a complete breakdown of the changes in the 2010 legislation
 - Definitions added for Central Station, CCTV, and Electronic Access Control System.
 - Establishes classifications for licensing: Locksmith, Burglar Alarm, Electronic Access Control, CCTV, & Central Station. Licensees shall be licensed under appropriate classification in order to perform work in each respective classification.
- The licensing board should now work to promulgate rules in accordance with the changes. These new rules will establish the extent of the education requirements in each classification. We anticipate the AESBL board to propose rules at an upcoming meeting and establish the education for each classification.
- We anticipate once again in the 2011 legislative session to pursue removing certain exemptions. Please join with us so that we can get legislation passed to benefit our members, our industry and the consumers in the State of Alabama.

You may view the entire version of SB102 at
<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/ACASLogin.asp>