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Support for ANSI/TMA-AVS-01 2023 Alarm Validation Scoring Standard

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) supports efforts of the life safety, alarm, and electronic security industries, represented by the Security Industry Alarm Coalition (SIAC) and Partnership for Priority Verified Alarm Response (PPVAR); and

WHEREAS, NSA recognizes the importance of strong relationships between law enforcement and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, NSA recognizes the importance of accurate timely communicated information to maximize deputy safety and efficiency in the deployment of law enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, NSA acknowledges that correctly installed, operated and monitored electronic security systems are effective resources which help to deter crime, assist in apprehensions, reduce property loss and potentially save lives; and

WHEREAS, NSA recognizes the need to focus on the credibility of alarms received by law enforcement/first responder call centers from alarm companies and private entities through the establishment of defined threat levels as contained in AVS-01 – which will allow for agencies to deploy limited resources efficiently and communicate situational information to responding deputies for greater officer/community safety – as duly vetted and recommended by the Outreach Committee; and

WHEREAS, NSA recognizes the need for and value of communicated threat levels as defined in AVS-01 to achieve the desired expectation of greater alarm recipient and deputy safety as well as the ability to better manage resources as experienced by law enforcement agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NSA encourages the use of this ANSI/TMA-AVS-01 2023 Alarm Validation Scoring Standard at all PSAP/ECC operations by law enforcement agencies to further enhance safety and alarm call awareness for the responding deputies.