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CAA Announces Scholarship Winners

Ten outstanding young students have been selected as recipients of the 2021 CAA Youth Scholarship awards.

Emily Borgman received the statewide award and the Sacramento Area Alarm Association award and a total of \$5,000 to support her academic pursuits.

Sacramento Area Alarm Association

Emily Borgman

Chico High School
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The following regional chapter representatives each received \$1,000 from the CAA:

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Several regional chapters are beginning to hold physical meetings, and soon the new year will bring

ISC West in Las Vegas. Time will tell, and I urge you to stay safe and stay strong.

Michael Salk

President

California Alarm Association



By Michael Salk

beginning in mid-September. We know from the actions government has taken in the past year that this may change at any time.

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By Don Gilbert, Mike Robson, and Trent Smith

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"Our worldwide growth is a testament to our engineering team's innovation and the strong partnerships we have developed with the security industry", stated Camect's co-founder, Arup Mukherjee. "We are excited to have Ron join the team to continue to help support our partners and fuel our global growth. "For more information, please visit Camect.com

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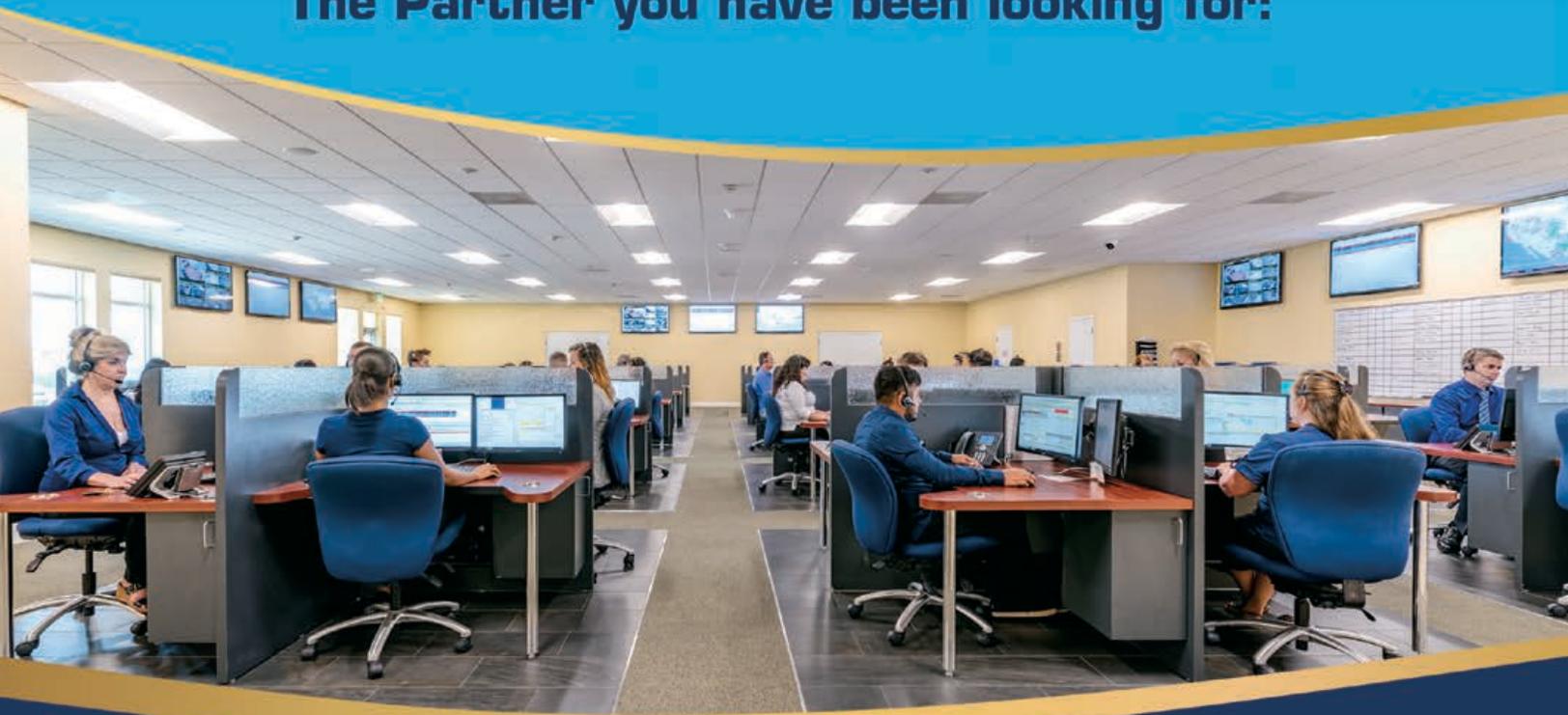


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Details also on page 26 in this issue of THE MIRROR.

Chiefs of Police Endorse Model Alarm Ordinance

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recently passed a resolution that endorses the Model Alarm Ordinance as a tool for promoting “best practices” to achieve a reduction in alarm dispatches and recommends the ordinance to its 31,000 members in 165 countries.

The ordinance, already in use in approximately 1,000 jurisdictions, was developed and tested in a cooperative effort between the Security Industry Alarm Coalition (SIAC), the IACP, and the National Sheriffs’ Association.

The IACP resolution notes that the organization “recognizes the need for and value of enforcement tools and alarm management processes recommended in this Model Ordinance to achieve the desired reduction in alarm dispatches experienced by police agencies.”



“When fully implemented and enforced, the Model Ordinance results in an approximate 60% reduction or more in alarm dispatches,” said Stan Martin, SIAC Executive Director. “The ordinance focuses on the very small percentage of systems that cause problems for law enforcement and takes into account that 85% of alarm systems generate no dispatches in any given year.”

The Model Ordinance incorporates best practices that have proven to reduce calls for services, including:

- ECC – Enhanced Call Confirmation (previously called Enhanced Call Verification or ECV) – Two calls to different numbers to determine the cause of

the alarm and whether a dispatch is required. Video, audio, and other means of confirmation are also included in the referenced ANSI CS-V01 standard in the Model Ordinance.

- Requiring Alarm Permits w/fees – Registration for security systems is critical for the effective management of alarm programs.
- Limiting Free Responses/fines – Setting reasonable fines for alarm dispatches can be a significant deterrent to the occasional offender. Allowing a maximum of two free responses before incurring fines is advisable. Utilizing one free response will yield even higher dispatch reductions.
- Ceasing Response to Chronic Abusers – The industry supports stopping response to the chronic abusers while including a reasonable appeal and restoration process.
- Accepting Cancellations – Allowing calls to be canceled if originating party verifies response is not needed.

“SIAC recognizes and supports the importance of a strong relationship between law enforcement and the private sector,” said Martin. “As the industry’s voice on electronic security issues, SIAC is committed to continuing its decades-long collaboration with leading law enforcement organizations such as the IACP to support our shared mission to protect lives and property.”

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ern California, nearly 900 commercial and residential customers. "We are grateful that while the pandemic has been hard on everyone, we have been able to continue to provide the same level of customer service while expanding our reach," said Boyd. Boyd has been a long-time friend of Salehi since his top performer days at Westec. Boyd & Associates has made a string of smaller acquisitions in the last decade, ramping up the speed of purchases in the past two to three years. With locations in both Ventura and Orange Counties, Boyd & Associates can service customers throughout Southern California.



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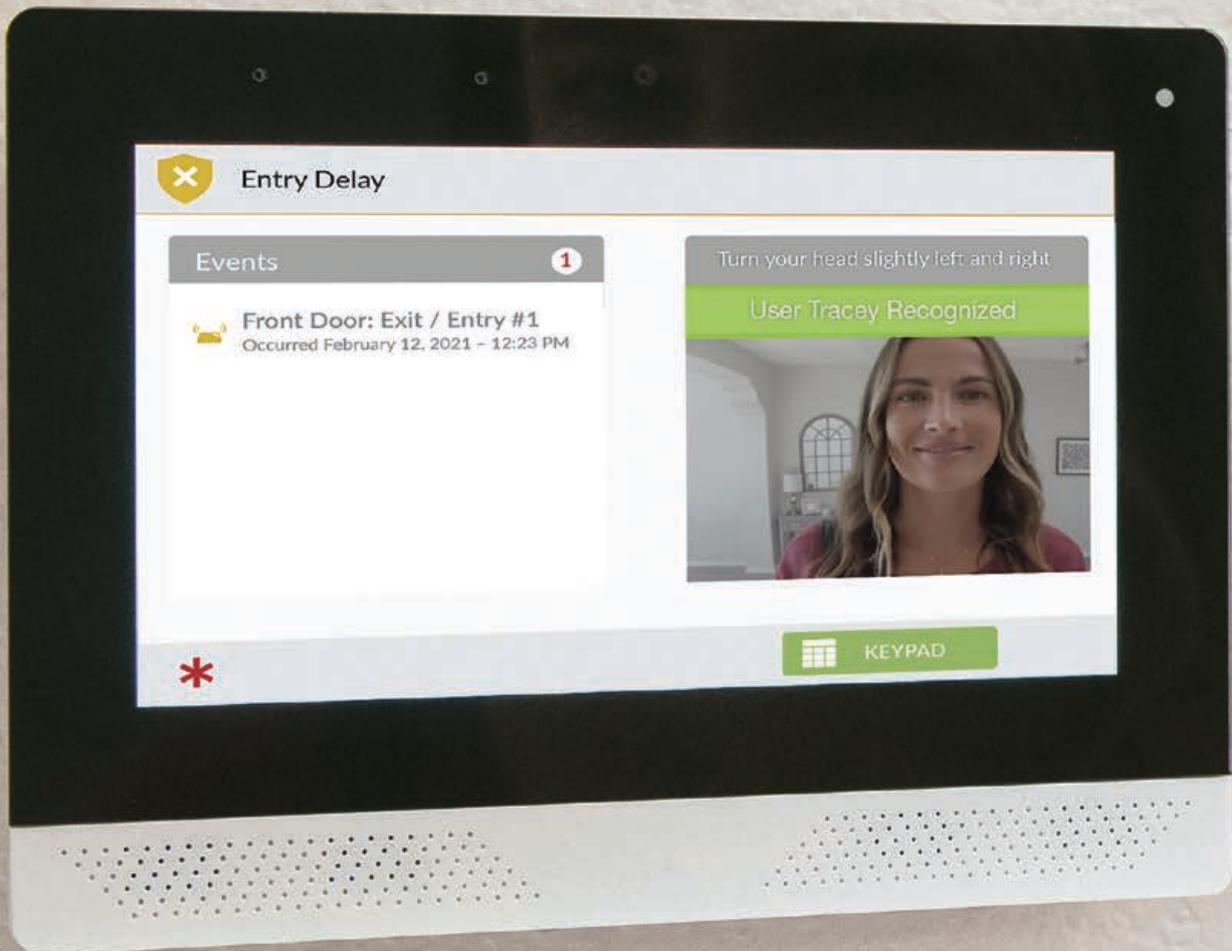
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The City of Irvine requires all alarm users to register their systems with a no fee permit. Alarm users may obtain an alarm permit application at the Irvine Police department website at www.irvinepd.org. The City also offers quarterly Alarm Awareness Classes to help defray the cost of false alarm fines.

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The San Diego Police Department Permits Division reminds all alarm companies that they are required to have a valid alarm permit for the premise being installed, prior to the installation of an intrusion or fire system. The alarm company is responsible for obtaining or verifying the existence of an existing alarm permit for the premise. For information, please contact SDPD Permits Division – Frank Dragula 619-531-2364 Fdragula@pd.sandiego.gov

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IRS Notices, Liens, and Levies

By Mitch Reitman

The IRS collection division is recovering from pre-pandemic lockdowns and began sending out letters from the Automated Collection System function in June. They also restarted the income tax levy program in July. In addition, responsible officers continue to work on non-filer cases and are sending out notices and billing notices; however, their focus is primarily on egregious cases, such as high-income non-filers.

According to an IRS spokesperson "There's still a backlog of paper, and until that's cleared there will be people that efiled and mailed in their check, the check cleared, but they get notices saying they never paid. That's the downside of restarting the program. They have to do it because otherwise people will get complacent when they think there'll be no repercussion for not paying."

"The phone lines are still backlogged due to taxpayers not getting their refunds," he explained. "They have to go through manual processing, mostly for returns that had additional stimulus funds. Because of



time constraints, the IRS didn't have time to fully reconfigure their computers to recalculate the additional credits due for the additional stimulus money.

This year continues to be unique and filled with issues. The IRS has hired over 3,200 employees to cover attrition and to increase staffing. As the IRS is attempting to reduce the backlog, the Austin and Fresno Service Centers have been tapped to help process Forms 941. As of mid-July, approximately 1.8 million forms have not yet been processed. For returns prior to 2021, 11,000 are still in inventory. These figures are for Form 941 returns — they don't include Form 940, or Form 941X amended returns. This problem is a large issue because many companies qualified for the Employee Retention Credit and are waiting for these returns to be processed so that they can receive their tax credit refunds.

If you receive a notice from the IRS that you believe is incorrect, don't have a heart attack, but don't disregard it either. Contact your tax professional or call us so that you can respond properly and timely. You should also call (or have your professional call) and request collections hold on your account. This will keep you from a surprise lien or levy and the accompanying headaches that come with them.

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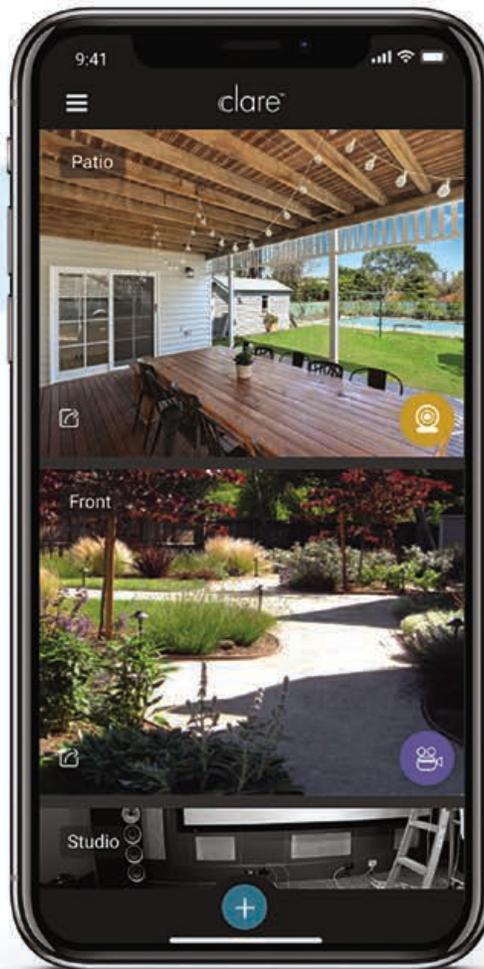
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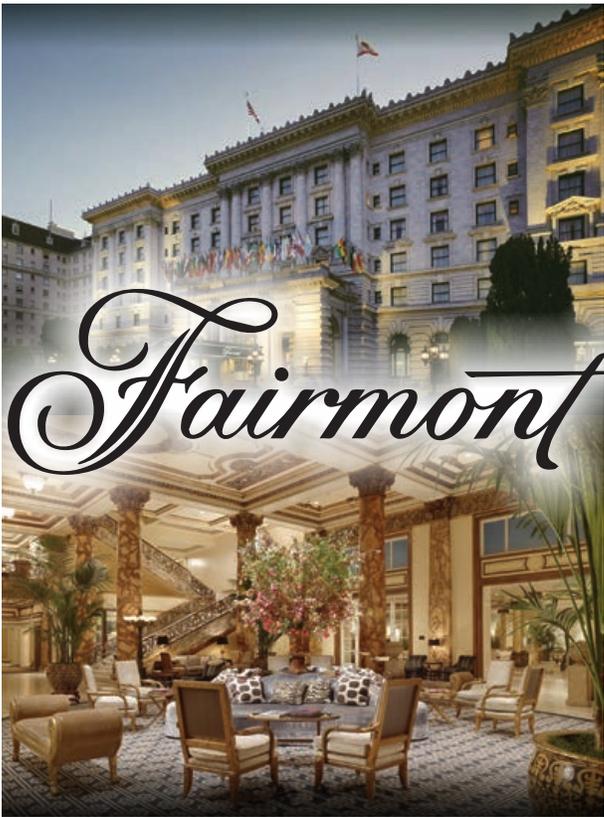
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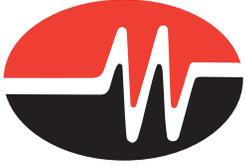
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Michael F. Tino

January 18, 1970 - September 13, 2021

Michael F. Tino, 51, of Saint Petersburg Florida, was a graduate of Meadville Area High School in 1988. Michael continued his education at Cabrini University in Radnor Pa. and graduated in 1992. Michael started his career with G.E., working his way to national accounts manager where he achieved President's club award nine times out of thirteen years. Mike then joined Qolsys, (now k/a Johnson Controls) where he was Director of sales for eastern U.S. & Canada. Mike was a true motorcycle enthusiast, who also loved and excelled in skeet shooting, boating and downhill skiing. His wishes were to have his ashes spread in the ocean and over the Rocky Mountains. Michael is survived by his son Giovanni Michael and his companion and friend Kelly Hargrove was beside his side when he passed. Michael's wishes were for any contributions be made to Saint Jude's children hospital and the A.S.P.C.A.



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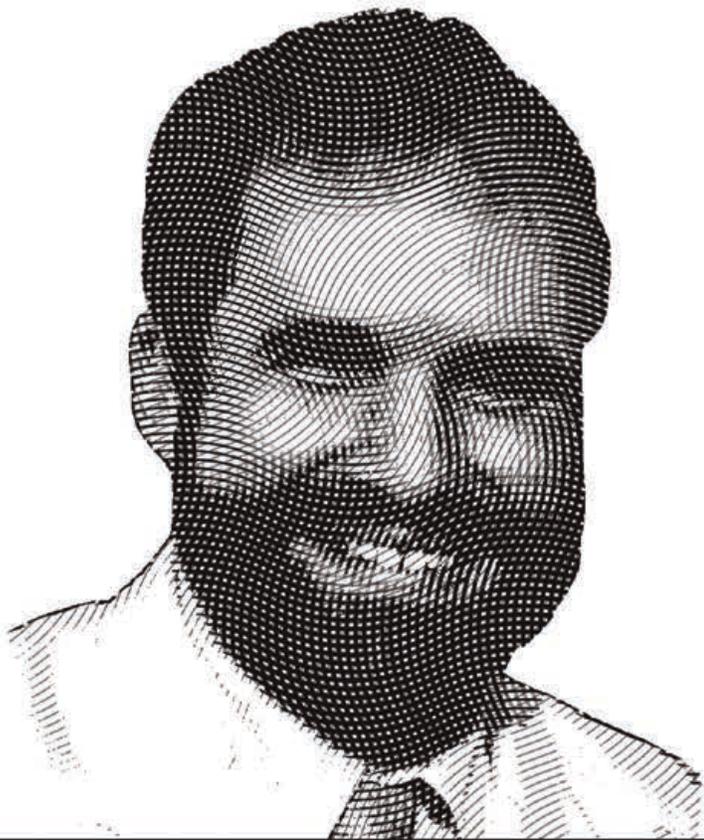
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