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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1254**

The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

PART II

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

CHAPTER VI

MISCELLANEOUS

**False alarms**

**23.**—(1) A person who knowingly gives or causes to be given to a person acting on behalf of the Board a false alarm of—

- (a) fire;
- (b) a road traffic accident; or
- (c) an emergency of another kind,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.

**Interpretation of Part II**

**24.** In this Part—

“emergency” means an event or situation that causes or is likely to cause—

- (a) a person to die, be seriously injured or become seriously ill, or
- (b) serious harm to the environment (including the life and health of plants and animals and the fabric of buildings);

“premises” includes any place and, in particular includes—

- (a) any vehicle, ship or aircraft,
- (b) any installation on land, any offshore installation and any other installation, and
- (c) any tent or movable structure;

“road” has the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the [Road Traffic Regulation \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997 \(NI 2\)](#);

“ship” includes every description of vessel used in navigation.