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**From Firerescue1.com:**

**NY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ACCUSED OF FALSE ALARM**  
**2 CHARGED WITH FELONY OF ACTIVATING TONES FOR VOLUNTEER COMPANY, FALSELY**  
**REPORTING ACTIVE HOUSE FIRE WITH PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE**

By Matt Gryta  
The Buffalo News

*BARKER, N.Y. - Two suspended members of the Barker Volunteer Fire Company were arrested Thursday on felony charges for allegedly sending the company out on a false alarm call in the middle of the night.*

*Andrew J. Steel, 26, of Palister Road, and Travis E. McKenna, 23, of Townline Road, were released on their own recognizance after they were arraigned Thursday evening before Somerset Town Justice Donald P. Martineck on the felony charge of second-degree falsely reporting an incident, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office reported.*

*They are accused of activating the tones for the volunteer company and falsely reporting that there was an active house fire with people trapped inside on Quaker Road in Somerset early on the morning of Oct. 14.*

*Both voluntarily reported for arraignment Thursday. Neither could be reached to comment afterward.*

*The two could face state prison terms of up to four years if convicted of sending out false reports.*

**Read complete article at Firerescue1.com: [NY volunteer firefighters accused of false alarm](#)**

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