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#### (54) An alarm controller

(57) A controller (1) for a smoke, heat, and carbon monoxide alarm system automatically assigns one of a plurality of commands to a common user action button (10) press, according to circumstances. It assigns a test command if all of the alarm devices are in standby, a locate command if any of the alarm devices are alarming,

and a hush command if its last command was a locate command. The processor activates output indicators to provide alarm condition information to a user, and there is a dedicated indicator (21-23) for each sensed condition. The processor controls the indicators (24-27) to inform the user of the command which would be assigned to a next button (10) press.

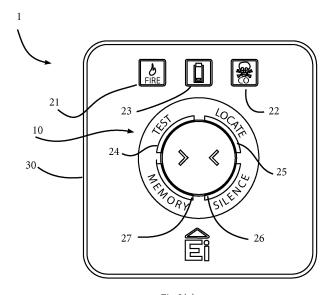


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