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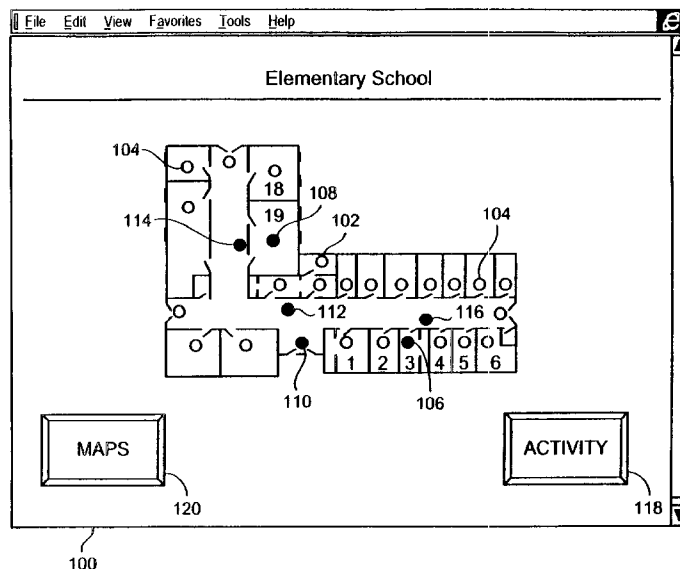
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention is directed to providing systems and methods for remotely monitoring sites to provide real time information which can readily permit distinguishing false alarms, and which can identify and track the precise location of an alarm. In embodiments, monitoring capabilities such as intrusion/fire detection and tracking capabilities, can be implemented through the use of multistate indicators (110, 112, 114, 116) in a novel interface (100) which permits information to be transmitted using standard network protocols (210, 212, 214, 216) from a remote site (204) to a monitoring station (202) in real-time. In embodiments, communications can be handed from the centrally located host monitoring station (202) to a mobile monitoring station (208) (for example, a laptop computer in a responding vehicle, such as a police or fire vehicle).

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