



FIRE WATCH:

Code References: 2015 International Fire Code

**Fire Watch Defined: Section F202**

“A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purposes of identifying and controlling the hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department.”

**Fire Protection Impairments: Section F901.7**

Where a required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and the fire inspector shall be notified immediately and, if required by the fire inspector, the building shall be either evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

**Construction/Demolition Sites: Section F3304.5**

For building demolition or construction, during working hours that is hazardous in nature, qualified personnel shall be provided to serve as an on-site fire watch. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with not less than one approved means for notification of the 9-1-1 fire emergency and their sole duty shall be to perform constant patrols and watch for the occurrence of fire.

**Hot Work: Section F3504.2.1, F3504.2.2 & F3504.2.3**

A fire watch shall be provided during hot work activities and shall continue for not less than 30 minutes after conclusion of the work.

The fire watch shall include the entire hot work area. Hot work conducted in areas with vertical or horizontal fire exposures that are not observable by a single individual shall have additional personnel assigned to fire watches to ensure that exposed areas are monitored.

Individuals designated to fire watch duty shall have minimum 2-A:20-BC rating fire-extinguishing equipment readily available and shall be trained in the use of such equipment, be responsible for extinguishing spot fires and communicating an alarm.

**Additional Requirements:**

1. Each affected floor shall be patrolled once per hour during the fire watch period and patrols documented on the fire watch checklist. In the event the entire system is taken off line, all floors and areas of the building must be patrolled hourly.
2. When the system is restored, complete the fire watch checklist, ensuring all system functions are restored.
3. The fire watch checklist and patrol log must be maintained, available for inspection and a copy forwarded to the Fire Inspector.
4. **Duties:**
  - a) Fire watch personnel sole duty shall be to perform constant patrols and watch for the occurrence of fire.
  - b) Keep diligent watch for fires, obstructions to means of egress and other hazards.
  - c) Take prompt measures for remediation of hazards and extinguishment of fires that occur.
  - d) Take prompt measures to assist in the evacuation of the public from the structures.
5. **Fire watch personnel shall be trained in:**
  - The use of fire extinguisher.
  - Building evacuation procedures.
  - Maintaining an occupant load count & account for all occupants in the event of an evacuation.
  - Options of notifying 9-1-1 emergency office.
  - Ability to handle and direct crowd.

Property Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(print & sign)

Fire Watch Personnel \_\_\_\_\_  
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