

Fire Watch Guidelines



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Only a TFD Inspector can require and set-up Fire Watch as described below.

In the event of a failure of a fire-protection system or an excessive number of accidental activations, the Fire Code Official is authorized to require the building owner or occupant to provide fire watch personnel until the system is repaired.

901.7 Systems out of service. Where a required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and **the fire code official shall be notified immediately** and, where required by the fire code official, the building shall either be evacuated, or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

* **Contractors** must contact the Fire Prevention Division Inspector to initiate Fire Watch by calling: 791-4502 (regular business hours), or 791-4803 (after hours; ask for the TFD On-call Inspector).

TFD Units may initiate a Fire Watch, but only after contacting a Fire Prevention Inspector so they can follow-up to verify that Fire Watch is in place correctly, provide documentation, and follow through until the dangerous condition has been abated; at which time the Inspector can release the Fire Watch.

Where utilized, fire watch(s) shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires. Such individuals shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires.

The duties of the Fire Watch:

- Shall do fire watch only.
- No security work.
- No maintenance work.
- No firefighting, just call 911 and get people out of the building.
- Fire Watch shall keep walking all floors and areas as indicated on the form.
- During break time, fire watch shall have a stand in.

Only the TFD Fire Prevention Division can release the fire watch, once initiated.

When the fire alarm/sprinkler system is back in service, contact the initiating TFD Inspector or the Fire Prevention Division at 791-4502 (regular business hours), or 791-4803 (after hours; ask for the TFD On-call Inspector) who will verify the system corrections are complete and remove the fire watch. Once removed, Fire Dispatch shall be notified at 791-4803 and the system put back in service. Only a TFD Inspector or licensed fire alarm/sprinkler repair person shall make this call.