



Fire Watch Requirements

PURPOSE:

The purpose of Fire Watch Requirements is to provide direction for building owners, property maintenance and other personnel responsible for the maintenance of buildings and the fire protection systems installed when a system(s) is impaired, beyond normal testing-related and maintenance activities, and/or out of service in accordance with California Fire Code Section 901 and California Code of Regulations National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 25, California Edition Standard for Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems and NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code as adopted.

CODE REQUIREMENTS

California Fire Code Section 901.7 Systems Out of Service states:

Where a required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and 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 shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided not less than 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.

California Code of Regulations: NFPA 25

Section 15.5 (4) Where a required fire protection system is out of service for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period, the impairment coordinator shall arrange for one of the following:

- Evacuation of the building or portion of the building affected by the system out of service.
- An approved fire watch.
- Establishment of a temporary water supply.
- Establishment and implementation of an approved program to eliminate potential ignition sources and limit and amount of fuel available to the fire.

Appendix Section 15.5 (4) (b)

A fire watch should consist of trained personnel who continuously patrol the affected area. Ready access to fire extinguishers and the ability to promptly notify the fire department are important items to consider. During the patrol of the area, the person should not only be looking for fire, but making sure that the other fire protection features of the building such as egress routes and alarm systems are available and functioning properly.

NFPA 72, 10.21 Impairments

System owner or owner's designated representative (designee) shall be notified when a system or part thereof is impaired, which includes out of service events. A record of impairments shall be maintained by the system owner or designee. Any fire alarm system out of service for more than 8 hours shall notify the

authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). The AHJ may require mitigation measures, i.e., fire watch until impairment is corrected. In all cases, the AHJ and owner/designee shall be notified when the impairment period ends.

Public Schools under construction must follow Department of the State Architect's Fire Watch Requirements and notify LPFD. All systems out of service shall notify LPFD by submitting the Fire Watch Notification Form.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

The owner, manager, or person in charge or control of the building/premises shall notify the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department as follows:

A. Notification of Impairment

- a. Calling 925-454-2361 for immediate notification
- b. Submitting via email to info@lpfire.org:
 - i. a map of the impairment area
 - ii. Assigned Fire Watch Notification Form (attached)

B. Notification of System Returned to Service

- a. Call 925-454-2361
- b. Submit copy of completed Fire Watch Log

FIRE WATCH PERSONNEL

The owner, manager, or person in charge or control of the building/premises shall assign as many personnel as are necessary to visually inspect each room and/or space in a facility not less than 30-minute intervals, and shall instruct fire watch personnel as to:

- The procedure for notifying the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in the event of an emergency, is by calling 911,
- The area(s) to be patrolled,
- Training necessary to ensure Fire Watch personnel are capable of
 - Activating a fire alarm/sprinkler system(s) when required or necessary,
 - Identifying egress routes, maintained without obstruction, and functional,
 - Identify other fire protection features are functioning properly,
 - Completing the Fire Watch Log
- Any special instructions required for notifying the building or facility occupants in the event of an emergency.

OCCUPANT NOTIFICATION

The owner, manager, or person in charge or control of the building/premises shall post a sign on the exterior entrances of any building where the system is impaired or out of service.



FIRE WATCH NOTIFICATION FORM

Complete Form and Email to info@lpfire.org

Property Representative:

Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Assigned fire watch personnel shall:

- A. Be thoroughly familiar with the area they are patrolling.
- B. Perform patrol operations according to the instructions provided by Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
- C. Utilize the attached fire watch log to document patrol rounds and any significant findings.
- D. Be assigned to fire watch duties only and have no other responsibility.
- E. Relay any special orders or pertinent information to relief personnel and management.
- F. Maintain fire watch until authorized to terminate fire watch.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

FIRE WATCH FOR: Entire Building Partial: _____ Specific Area(s): _____**PERSON RESPONSIBLE TO OVERSEE FIRE WATCH:**

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL #: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPAIRMENT AND PROJECTED TIME FOR RESOLUTION

Signature_____
Date

