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Fire Watch Duties

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 shutdown until the *fire protection system* has been returned to service.

Where utilized, fire watches 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.

403.12.1.1 Duty times. Fire watch personnel shall remain on duty while places requiring a fire watch are open to the public, or when an activity requiring a fire watch is being conducted.

403.12.1.2 Duties. On-duty fire watch personnel shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Keep diligent watch for fires, obstructions to means of egress and other hazards.
2. Take prompt measures for remediation of hazards and extinguishment of fires that occur.
3. Take prompt measures to assist in the evacuation of the public from the structures.

For occupied buildings, a fire watch shall be conducted every **30** minutes. For unoccupied buildings, a fire watch shall be conducted every **60** minutes. Documentation of the fire watch shall be maintained on site and provided to the Fire Marshal or his designee upon request. Once the system is repaired, the Fire Marshal or his designee shall be notified of the repairs and that the system is operational.

I have read the above duties and understand the function and purpose of a fire watch. I am responsible for notifying the fire department in the event of an emergency whether it be fire or medical. If I do not make notification, I may be charged with failure to summons emergency services.