

Flower Mound Fire Department FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE



POLICY STATEMENT:

Fire Watch

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972.874.6270

BASIS FOR REQUIREMENTS

- Adopted edition of the 2006 International Fire Code and Amendments
- Rules & Regulations adopted by the State Board of Insurance and the State Fire Marshals' Office.
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recognized standards and practices.

The building owner or property manager shall be responsible for insuring that required fire protection systems and portable appliances be in an operable condition at all times.

FIRE WATCH / STANDBY PERSONNEL

When in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, that a fire watch is essential for the safety of the building's occupants, standby personnel shall be required as provided in the fire code. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with at least one (1) approved means for notification of the fire department such as a cell phone or 2-way radio communication to a phone user. The **only** duty of fire watch personnel shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires.

CONDITIONS REQUIRING FIRE WATCH

State law requires that these fire protection systems and/or appliances be serviced and checked for their operation a minimum of once (1) a year. The service technician will place a **Blue Tag** on the system if it is functional with no outstanding issues. A **yellow** indicates the system is functional, however, a trouble condition exists and follow up maintenance is necessary. A **red tag** indicates that the system is not operating and no fire protection exists. A **red tag**, depending on the out of service duration, may require a fire watch condition. Both a **yellow and red tag** condition must be reported to the Fire Prevention Office.

NOTIFICATION OF OUT OF SERVICE SYSTEMS (IFC section 901.7)

The fire department must be notified when a required fire protection system is out of service or when routine maintenance will take the system off line for a period greater than four (4) clock hours. At the discretion of the fire department the building shall be either 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.