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FIRE WATCH Information

In the event that any of the following fire protection systems are off-line, a FIRE WATCH is to be implemented IMMEDIATELY – Fire Alarm System, Sprinkler System, Standpipe System, Fire Pump, Emergency Power System, Specialized Fire Suppression System, other specialized building systems.

Persons assigned to Fire Watch are **only** responsible for patrol of all unprotected areas of the building and **constantly** to check for signs of fire or smoke conditions. All patrols are to be recorded on this Fire Watch Log Sheet immediately following each round. Records of Fire Watch shall be retained on site for 2 years after they are recorded and shall be made available upon request to the Chief Fire Official.

2015 International Fire Code

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 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.

Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided with 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.

901.7.1 Impairment Coordinator

The building owner shall assign an impairment coordinator to comply with the requirements of this section. In the absence of a specific designee, the owner shall be considered the impairment coordinator.

901.7.2 Tag Required

A tag shall be used to indicate that a system, or portion thereof, has been removed from service.

901.7.3 Placement of Tag

The tag shall be posted at each fire department connection, system control valve, fire alarm control unit, fire alarm annunciator and fire command center, indicating which system, or part thereof, has been removed from service. The fire code official shall specify where the tag is to be placed.

901.7.4 Preplanned Impairment Programs

Preplanned impairments shall be authorized by the impairment coordinator. Before authorization is given, a designated individual shall be responsible for verifying that all of the following procedures have been implemented:

1. The extent and expected duration of the impairment have been determined.
2. The areas or buildings involved have been inspected and the increased risks determined.
3. Recommendations have been submitted to management or the building owner or manager.
4. The fire department has been notified.
5. The insurance carrier, the alarm company, the building owner or manager and other authorities having jurisdiction have been notified.
6. The supervisors in the areas to be affected have been notified.
7. A tag impairment system has been implemented.
8. Necessary tools and materials have been assembled on the impairment site.

901.7.5 Emergency Impairments

Where unplanned impairments occur, appropriate emergency action shall be taken to minimize potential injury and damage. The impairment coordinator shall implement the steps outlined in Section 901.7.4.

901.7.6 Restoring Systems to Service

When impaired equipment is restored to normal working order, the impairment coordinator shall verify that all of the following procedures have been implemented:

1. Necessary inspections and tests have been conducted to verify that affected systems are operational.
2. Supervisors have been advised that protection is restored.
3. The fire department has been advised that protection is restored.
4. The building owner or manager, insurance carrier, alarm company and other involved parties have been advised that protection is restored.
5. The impairment tag has been removed.