

# Fire Prevention Division

**FIRE WATCH**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to document when the Fire Marshal may require establishment of fire watch and the duties of fire watch. Fire Watch is defined as a temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purpose of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department.

## **REGULATION**

1. The Fire Marshal may require establishment of fire watch when temporary measures are required to ensure continuous and situations including, but not limited to the following:
  - Existing or newly installed fire protection systems are not in proper operating condition.
  - Conditions exist that may pose a fire or life safety hazard
2. The Fire Marshal shall determine who shall serve as fire watch (on-site employees, private security or Goodyear Fire Department personnel), the number of fire watch personnel required at any one time, and shall initiate written documentation of fire watch duties such as frequency of patrol.
3. The only responsibility fire watch shall have is to perform constant patrols, watch for smoke or fire, and call 9-1-1. Fire watch shall not be used for any other purpose.
4. Fire watch personnel shall speak English, and be provided with a reliable means to contact 9-1-1. When cellular phones or portable radios are used, charged spare batteries shall be accessible at the site.
5. When required by the Fire Marshal, a Fire Watch Log shall be completed and made available to the Goodyear Fire Department upon request. The Fire Watch Log shall include, but not be limited to the date, time of patrol, name of Fire Watch completing log, area patrolled, and results of patrol.
6. The Fire Marshal shall determine when the fire watch may be concluded. The fire watch shall be established until such time as written documentation concluding the fire watch is issued to the responsible party.
7. The cost for fire watch shall be incurred by the building/property responsible party.