Fire Watch Guidelines

When required by the fire chief or state fire marshal’s office for building demolition and/or when there are situations that compromise the safety of the community, the fire chief or state fire marshal may require on-site personnel designated solely for fire watch purposes. The level of coverage shall be based upon the following guidelines; however, circumstances may warrant modifications at the discretion of the fire chief or state fire marshal:

**LEVELS OF COVERAGE**

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<td>CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF AFFECTED AREA FOR SIGNS OF SMOKE OR FIRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ASSISTING WITH EVACUATION</td>
<td>ONE OR MORE APPROVED REPRESENTATIVES OR EMPLOYEES OF THE BUILDING OWNER; SECURITY GUARDS; OR QUALIFIED FIRE PERSONNEL – THESE INDIVIDUALS MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE EXITING SYSTEMS, FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, AND EVACUATION PLANS RELATIVE TO THE EFFECTED AREA.</td>
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**Assembly Occupancies**

Loss of a required fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system prohibiting the use of the effected structure for large events - Level II or III

Special circumstances such as occupant load increase, nature of performance, EXHIBITION, DISPLAY, CONTEST OR ACTIVITY - LEVEL III
**Business/Office Occupancies**
Loss of a required fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system – Level I as determined by the Fire Chief or State Fire Marshal - NOTE: All building occupants must be notified that the system/systems are out of service.

**Educational Occupancies**
Loss of a required fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system – Level II while the building is occupied
NOTE: All staff must be notified of the failure.

**Industrial Occupancies**
Loss of any required fire alarm, fire sprinkler, and/or special system – Discretion of the Fire Chief or State Fire Marshal based upon the nature of hazard

**Hazardous Occupancies**
Loss of any required fire alarm, fire sprinkler, or special system – Level III depending on the nature of hazard as determined by the Fire Chief or State Fire Marshal

**Institution/Healthcare Occupancies**
Loss of any required fire alarm, fire sprinkler, and/or special system – Level I or higher at the discretion of the Fire Chief or State Fire Marshal based upon the nature of hazard.

**Mercantile/Retail Sales Occupancies**
Loss of required fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system – Level I

**Residential/Hotel/Dormitory Occupancies**
Loss of any required fire alarm, fire sprinkler, and/or special system – Level I or higher at the discretion of the Fire Chief or State Fire Marshal based upon the nature of hazard

**Storage Occupancies**
Loss of required fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system – Stocked but no occupants: Level I; during operations – Level II; Hazardous Materials Permit required – Level III

Note - For all fire watch activities that involve fire personnel and/or equipment, fees may be assessed as set forth by local or state authority.