



Vestampton Township Emergency Services

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Office of the Fire Marshal

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Westampton, New Jersey 08060

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FIRE WATCH PROCEDURES

Scope

These procedures shall be followed when a Fire Watch is required, by the Westampton Township Emergency Services Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Purpose

To provide uniform direction for the use, application, and documentation of a Fire Watch program where the fire protection system for a target hazard has been compromised.

Procedures

Notification

Upon determination that a **required** fire protection system is rendered inoperable or its continued operation is questionable, the Westampton Township Emergency Services Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be notified immediately. It shall be the responsibility of the Fire Marshal to determine the level of protection required and prescribe such actions necessary to secure public safety and timely restoration of the required fire protection system.

Log

The affected premise, upon being directed to perform a Fire Watch will fill out the Fire Watch Log and make entries on that form at the time intervals required by the ordering Fire Marshal. Upon completion of repairs to the fire protection system and termination of the Fire Watch, a copy of this log shall be faxed or mailed to the Fire Marshal's office. Failure to maintain a log will result in a penalty assessment and possible evacuation of the building.

Duties

The personnel assigned to Fire Watch Duties shall meet the following criteria:

- Shall tour **all** the compromised area(s) of the building at intervals specified in the Fire Watch order
- Shall be physically capable of performing the duties of a Fire Watch
- Have means of summoning the Fire Department if a fire is discovered – cellular telephone, portable radio, etc.
- Shall be familiar with the layout and arrangement of the building being toured
- Shall have any and all keys necessary to properly and effectively check all affected areas of the building, and admit the emergency responders
- Shall be familiar with the Fire Alarm system and how to activate it
- Shall be familiar with the location and use of portable fire extinguishers
- Shall be familiar with the exits from the areas touring
- Shall remain awake and alert for the entire period he is expected to provide such services
- Shall be familiar with the procedures to be followed if a fire is discovered, and the methods of notification of building occupants



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In the Event of Fire

If a fire is discovered, the Fire Watch personnel shall be responsible to:

1. Notify the building occupants immediately
 - This may be accomplished by:
 - = Activation of the fire alarm system (if those components are not compromised)
 - = Voice communication of need to leave building by use of Public Address System
 - = Voice hailing, door to door, or by use of runners
2. Notification of the Fire Department
 - This may be accomplished by:
 - = Telephone call to 9-1-1 reporting the physical address, location, type, and extent of the fire, his/her name, telephone number, and any other pertinent information
 - = Use of portable radio monitored by a constantly attended location that will make a telephone call for him/her
 - = Other approved means
3. Ensure that areas closest to the fire area are evacuated
 - = Check all areas for occupants
 - = Provide assistance to those evacuating
 - = Close windows and doors as you exit
 - = Direct persons as to where they must assemble
 - = Attempt to locate the fire, isolating by closing doors and windows in the vicinity
 - = Note location of occupants either unable or unwilling to evacuate and report same to the Fire Department
4. Meet with the arriving Fire Department members
 - = Advise the status of occupants
 - = Advise location and extent of the fire
 - = Accompany them if requested
 - = Provide access or keys to the area if secured

Frequency of Tours

Tours of all compromised areas of the building shall be conducted at intervals **not** to exceed thirty (30) minutes from completion of the previous tour. Frequency of tours can be increased at the discretion of the Fire Marshal based upon the hazards present and shall be reflected as such on the Fire Watch Log.

Termination of Fire Watch

Upon restoration of the Fire Protection System, and certification that it is now 100% operational by a licensed and permitted contractor, the Fire Watch may be terminated after obtaining approval by contacting the Fire House by phone at (609) 267-2041. The Fire Watch Log shall be completed, including the names of those performing such duties, and the name of the person who authorized the termination of same. A Copy of the entire Fire Watch Log and contractor's work order shall be forwarded to the Westampton Township Emergency Services Bureau of Fire Prevention, Attention: Fire Marshal, 780 Woodlane Rd, Westampton, NJ 08060 or it may be faxed to the same at (609) 267-3305.



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FIRE WATCH NOTIFICATION

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that the fire protection system protecting the property located at _____ has been rendered ineffective and a fire watch must be posted until such time that the fire protection system is fully operational. I further acknowledge receipt of the Fire Watch Procedures and Fire Watch Log that must be maintained throughout the duration of the Fire Watch.

Failure to abide by the terms of the Fire Watch or failure to maintain the Fire Watch until the fire protection system is fully operational will result in building occupants being removed until protection is restored and penalties not to exceed \$5000.00 be assessed.

Building Representative (Print & Sign Name)

Date

Fire Marshal

Badge #



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FIRE WATCH LOG

(Please print or type)

Premise: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Address: _____

Responsible Person: _____ Phone: _____

Ordered By: _____ Received By: _____

Circuit Intervals: _____ **Fire Watch Log**

Time of Check	Area(s) Toured & Checked	Conditions Found	Fire Watch Initials

Fire Watch Procedure

Terminated By: _____ Approved By: _____
(Print Name)

Time Terminated: _____ Notified Fire Marshal: _____ Time: _____

Copy of System Inspection Report Attached? YES NO From: _____

Upon completion of Fire Watch, this log must be forwarded to the Fire Marshal at the above address or fax