



**Community
Risk Reduction
Division**



**Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS
Fire/Life Safety Systems Fire Watch Alternative
Based on NFPA 1 & NFPA 101, 2018 edition**

NFPA 1-3.3.129 and NFPA 101-3.3.108 Fire Watch. The assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying the fire department, the building occupants, or both of an emergency; preventing a fire from occurring; extinguishing small fires; or protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers.

NFPA 1-1.7.17.1 The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall have the authority to require standby fire personnel or an approved fire watch when potentially hazardous conditions or a reduction in a life safety feature exist due to the type of performance, display exhibit, occupancy, contest, or activity; an impairment to a fire protection feature; or the number of persons present.

NFPA 1-1.7.17.3 Such standby fire personnel or fire watch personnel shall be subject to the AHJ's orders at all times and shall be identifiable and remain on duty during the times such places are open to the public, when such activity is being conducted, or as required by the AHJ.

NFPA 1-11.8.5 The AHJ shall be permitted to require the building to be evacuated or an approved fire watch to be provided for all portions left unprotected by the fire protection system shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

NFPA 1-13.1.11 In the event of a failure of a fire protection system or an excessive number of accidental activations, the AHJ shall be permitted to require an approved fire watch until the system is repaired.

NFPA 1-13.7.1.5.3 The AHJ shall be authorized to require standby fire personnel or an approved fire watch in accordance with 1.7.16 at premises in which required fire alarm systems are impaired or classified as chronic nuisance alarm prone systems.

Where required the following shall constitute a Fire Watch as approved by Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS.

The Fire Watch Shall:

- Continually patrol the area, structure or facility and document the patrol a minimum of once every hour.
- Be trained in the use of a fire extinguisher and always have one accessible.
- Be capable of communicating with building occupants and the fire department to notify them about fires or other emergencies.
- Maintain a record of the Fire Watch for inspection by the Authority Having Jurisdiction & notify them when the fire protection system has been repaired and the fire watch has been concluded.

Contact the Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS Community Risk Reduction Division for questions or when the issue requiring a fire watch has been resolved:

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