TOWN of MORRISVILLE



FIRE WATCH **REQUIREMENTS**

When a life safety system in your building has been impaired, a fire watch is required.

WHAT IS A FIRE WATCH?

A fire watch is the assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying the fire department and/or building occupants of an emergency, preventing a fire from occurring, extinguishing small fires, or protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers.



REQUIREMENTS OF THE NC STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Fire Alarm and/or Sprinkler System Shutdown

NCSFC Section 901.7. 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 either be 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.

Morrisville Fire Department Fire Prevention Office 100 Morrisville Carpenter Rd Morrisville, NC 27560

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Fire Watch Duties

The Town of Morrisville Fire Marshal or designee may require a building owner to provide a fire watch if a fire protection system fails, if there are an excessive number of accidental activations or nuisance alarms, or a special circumstance or event. Personnel to conduct the fire watch are determined by the building owner.

Owner Responsibilities

- a. Establish, instruct and maintain fire watch personnel.
- b. Notify the fire alarm monitoring company.
- c. Notify the Fire Prevention Office that the system is not working and again when the system is restored at (919) 463-6192 or (919) 463-6122 or email mhicks@morrisvillenc.gov or mchorney@morrisvillenc.gov
- d. Contact a licensed and qualified contractor to fix the fire protection system(s).
- e. If a Notice of Violation or Civil Citation has been issued, contact the designated Fire Prevention Office when the system has been repaired.

Personnel serving as a fire watch must have the following duties:

- a. Conduct periodic patrols of the entire facility as specified.
- b. Identify any fire, life, or property hazards.
- c. Notify the Fire Department if a fire is discovered by calling 9-1-1 with the exact

address and type of emergency.

- d. Notify occupants of the facility of the need to evacuate. If the sirens or public
 - address function of the alarm system are still functional, use them to assist with evacuation of the building.
- e. Determine at least one means of direct communication with the Fire Department. A telephone or radio is acceptable.
- f. Maintain a log of fire watch activities.
- g. Have knowledge of the location and use of fire protection equipment, such
- as watch. However, the Fire Department may designate other duties. fire extinguishers.
- h. Fire watch personnel cannot have other duties besides their assigned fire

NOTE: The fire watch will not perform fire-fighting duties beyond the scope of the ordinary citizen.

Recommended Frequency of Inspections

Fire watch personnel should patrol the entire facility every 15 minutes in the following situations.

- a. The facility has people sleeping.
- b. The facility is an institutional occupancy.
- c. The facility is occupied assembly occupancy.

Facilities that do not meet the requirements for a 15-minute patrol frequency should have a fire watch patrol every 30 minutes.

Record Keeping

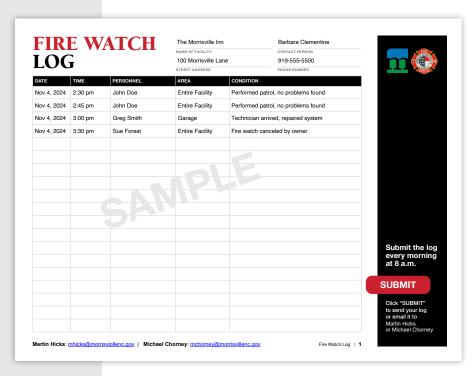
A fire watch log should be maintained at the facility. The log must always be available during the fire watch and should show the following:

- 1. Address of the facility.
- 2. Times that the patrol has completed each tour of the facility.
- 3. Name of the person conducting the fire watch.
- 4. Record of communication(s) to the fire department and monitoring company.
- 5. Record of other information as directed by the fire department personnel.

Cancellation of Fire Watch

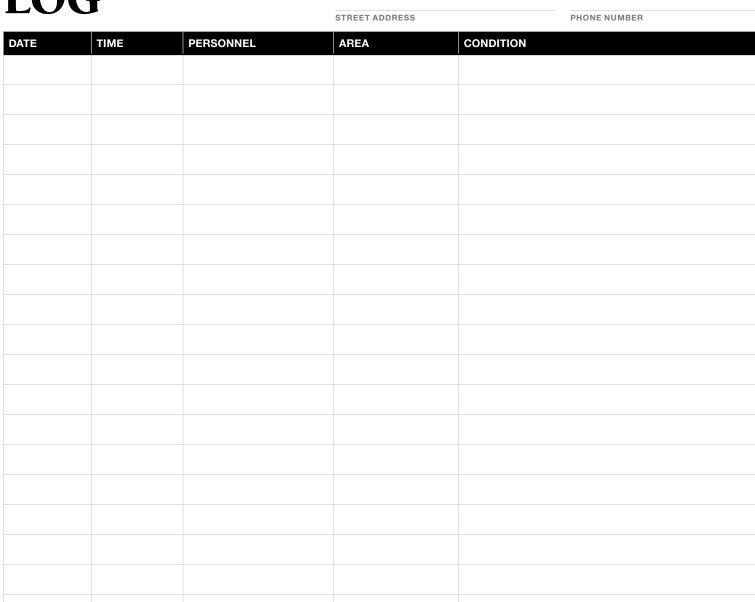
It is the owners' responsibility to cancel the fire watch once the fire protection system has been fully restored or after the end of the special circumstances or event. Once the fire watch has been cancelled, the owner or representative must notify the monitoring company, Fire Department, and the Fire Inspector.

SAMPLE FIRE WATCH LOG





NAME OF FACILITY	CONTACT PERSON	
STREET ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	





Submit the log every morning at 8 a.m.

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Click "SUBMIT" to send your log or email it to Martin Hicks or Michael Chorney

DATE	TIME	PERSONNEL	AREA	CONDITION



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