



CORAL GABLES FIRE DEPARTMENT **FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU** **FIRE WATCH GUIDELINES**

Based on the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Fire Prevention Code

DEFINITIONS

NFPA 1 - 3.3.125 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. [1, 2015] (SAF-BSF)

NFPA 1 - A.13.7.1.4.3 A fire watch should at least involve some special action beyond normal staffing, such as assigning an additional security guard(s) to walk the areas affected. Such individuals should be specially trained in fire prevention and in occupant and fire department notification techniques, and they should understand the particular fire safety situation for public education purposes.

The City of Coral Gables Fire Department requires that security guards hold a current Class "D" or Class "G" Security Officer License from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

NUISANCE ALARMS

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.

NFPA 1 - 13.7.1.5.4 Fire alarm systems that have produced five or more nuisance alarms in a 365-day period shall be classified as chronic nuisance alarm prone systems.

OUT OF SERVICE SYSTEMS

NFPA 1 - 11.8.4 The AHJ shall be notified when any smoke-control system is out of service for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period and again upon restoration of service of such systems.

NFPA 1 - 13.1.9 When a fire protection system is out of service for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period, 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 shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

Where required the following shall constitute a Fire Watch as approved by the City of Coral Gables Fire Department
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 have one accessible at all times.
- Be capable of communicating with building occupants and the fire department to notify them about fires or other emergencies.
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Date	Name of Person Performing Fire Watch	Area/Floor	Time	Comments

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