



SEBASTOPOL FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE WATCH PROCEDURES

A Fire Watch is implemented to ensure the fire-safety of a building or area in the event of any act or situation that may pose an increased risk to persons or property, i.e. when a fire alarm or automatic fire extinguishing system is rendered inoperable for a period of 4 hours or more, or the rated Occupancy Classification is exceeded for a Special Event, etc. The term “Fire Watch” is used to identify a procedure for the detection of fire by person(s) designated when automatic detection systems are disabled.

- One or more qualified persons are to be on Fire Watch duty.**
- A Fire Watch may be required in the event of temporary failure of the fire alarm system or where activities require the interruption of any fire detection, suppression or alarm system component.**
- A Fire Watch is required when the number of total occupants exceeds the Rated Occupancy Classification. Special Events only.**
- The person(s) performing a Fire Watch are not permitted to perform any other duties.**

- **Fire Watch personnel are to keep diligent watch for fires in the areas affected.**
- **Fire Watch personnel are to be familiar with the facilities and procedures for sounding an alarm in the event of a fire, proper notifications (9-1-1) and emergency evacuation procedures.**
- **Fire Watch personnel are to have fire-extinguishing equipment readily available and be trained in its use.**
- **The quantity of personnel involved in the Fire Watch is to be adequate such that each floor, level, and room of the fire area is covered.**

Code References:

NFPA 101, Section 9.6.1.8 (Fire Alarm System)

NFPA 101, Section 9.7.6.1 (Sprinkler System)

CFC Section 102.3 (Change of Use or Occupancy)

CFC Section 104.1 (General Authority, Fire Chief)