



# Keller Fire-Rescue

## Fire Watch Requirements

**FIRE WATCH.** A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals or standby personnel when required by the fire code official, for the purposes of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department.

**Where a required fire protection system is out of service or in the event of an excessive number of activations, 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 shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service.**

Fire Watch is the responsibility of the property owner. The owner shall be required to hire a private security firm to supply two personnel for each of three 8-hour shifts or during the occupied hours of the business, to monitor for fire conditions and have the means necessary for contacting 911 immediately. The fire watch shall remain in effect until the life safety systems are back in service. Should the fire watch option be declined, the entire building shall be evacuated and closed until all repairs have been made, and a re-inspection has been performed the fire code official.

There are several companies that perform Fire Watch services; the list below is representative of companies in the area:

Twin City Security, Fort Worth, TX 214-675-3094

USPA Nationwide Security, Fort Worth, TX 800-214-1448

First Responder Protective Services, Azle, TX 800-757-3301

Fast Guard Security Service, Fort Worth, TX 844-707-0574

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