

# FIRE WATCH

## For Owners/Representatives of Properties in the City of Bradenton

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For all properties within the city limits of the City of Bradenton, the Bradenton Fire Department (BFD) is the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) over fire safety.

**Authority** is granted per **the** current and approved Florida Fire Prevention Code as well as NFPA 1 and 101. Specifically, NFPA 1.7.17.1 states, "The 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."

**Fire watch** is defined as the action of a person or persons assigned to an area for the sole purpose of protecting the occupants and the structure from fire or similar emergencies. It is required and shall be initiated when a condition meeting NFPA 1.7.17.1 is met and/or when your fire alarm system sends two or more false signals in a 24-hour period. In the case of the latter, you will be directed by the responding BFD personnel to place the system into 'test' and initiate a fire watch. However, if this occurs outside of business hours **and** you do not have occupants in the structure, the fire marshal will determine and notify you if a fire watch is necessary.

Upon initiation of a fire watch, **your responsibilities** are to:

- Hire from one of the following options, vetted and approved by the AHJ.

<b>Bradenton Beach Fire Watch</b>	<b>Right on Target</b>	<b>OSA Security</b>	<b>Off-duty BFD Personnel</b>
941-348-4351	941-567-4836	1-833-240-6639	941-932-9600

Any other company must be vetted by the fire marshal before engaging in services. Those hired must be provided with property contact information and any required keys. All requirements of those conducting the fire watch are documented on the fire watch log.

- Contact the repair company to fix the fire protection system(s), and contact the monitoring company.
- Notify all occupants/tenants of the affected building/facility that the particular fire protection system is not properly operational and that, upon activation of the affected fire protection system, the occupant/tenant should evacuate the building and call 911 immediately.
- Initiate cancelation of the fire watch when the fire protection system has been fully restored or the hazardous situation has been abated. NOTE: If you have received a Notice of Violation, fire watch termination must be approved by the AHJ.
  - Notify the monitoring company/ies.
  - Notify the BFD of the fire protection system repair or condition abatement and fire watch cancelation. During business hours, contact the BFD Fire Prevention Bureau at 941-932-9600. After hours, contact the Bradenton Emergency Communications Center at 941-932- 9377.