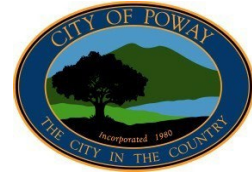




Fire Prevention Division Policies and Procedures



Fire Watch

The City of Poway Fire Department requires a fire watch when a fire sprinkler system, fire alarm system, fire monitoring system, or required fire protection system is nonoperational. A capable person shall serve as the on-site fire watch. Fire watch personnel shall remain on duty while places requiring a fire watch are occupied, or when an activity requiring a fire watch is being conducted. The sole purpose of the fire watch person is to perform hourly patrols inside and outside the building, watch for the occurrence of fire, and activate the 911 system as needed.

It is the policy of the City of Poway Fire Department, where, in the opinion of the fire code official, it is essential for public safety in a place of assembly or any other place where people congregate, because of number of persons, or the nature of the performance, exhibition, display, contest or activity, the owner, agent or lessee shall provide one or more fire watch personnel, as required and approved.
(CFC 403.11.1)

Definition

Fire Watch – a temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purpose of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department.

Fire Watch Process

1. The City of Poway Fire Department shall be notified when a system is nonoperational. Reporting parties may email FirePrevention@poway.org.
2. A Fire Watch Log shall be completed and available to fire department officials upon request. A Fire Watch Log is provided on the back side of this information.
3. The City of Poway Fire Department shall be notified when the system is restored. Reporting parties may email FirePrevention@poway.org.

