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FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS
INVOLVING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM IMPAIRMENTS

NYSFC 901.7 - Where required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and the fire code official shall be notified immediately and, where required by the fire code official, the building shall be either evacuated or an **approved fire watch** shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided with not less than one approved means for notification of the fire department and their **only duty** shall be perform **constant** patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires.

The building/business owner(s) shall assign an impairment coordinator to comply with the requirements of this section. In the absence of a specific designee, the owner shall be considered the impairment coordinator.

Preplanned impairments shall be authorized by the impairment coordinator. Before authorization is given, a designated individual shall be responsible for verifying that all of the following procedures have been implemented:

- 1) The extent and expected duration of the impairment have been determined.
- 2) The areas or buildings have been inspected and the increased risks have been determined.
- 3) Recommendations have been submitted to management or building owner/manager.
- 4) The fire department has been notified.
- 5) The insurance carrier, the alarm company, the building owner/manager and other authorities having jurisdiction have been notified.
- 6) The supervisors in the area(s) to be affected have been notified.
- 7) A tag impairment system has been implemented.

As per item 7, a tag shall be used to indicate that a system, or portion thereof, has been removed from service. The tag shall be posted at each fire department connection, system control valve, fire alarm unit, fire alarm annunciator and fire command center, indicating which system, or part thereof, has been removed from service. The fire code official shall specify where the tag is to be placed.

NYSFC 901.7.5 - **Emergency impairments** – Where unplanned impairments occur, appropriate emergency action shall be taken to minimize potential injury and damage. The impairment coordinator shall implement the steps outlined above.

NYSFC 901.7.6 – **Restoring systems to service** – When impaired equipment is restored to normal working order, the impairment coordinator shall verify that the following have been performed:

- 1) The supervisors in the affected area(s) have been notified.
- 2) The authority having jurisdiction (Smithtown Fire Marshal's Office) has been notified.
- 3) The fire department has been notified.
- 4) The impairment tag has been removed.