



**FIRE WATCH FOR OUT OF SERVICE
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**
(2020 MSFC)

Code Reference – MSFC Section 901.7 – Systems Out of Service

901.7 Systems out of service. Where a 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 either be 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 at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires.

General Requirements

1. A fire watch is required in accordance with Minnesota State Fire Code Section 901.7.
2. A fire watch shall be initiated when a fire protection system is out-of-service due to system failure. A system failure shall include systems removed from service due to an excessive number of accidental activations.
3. The Shakopee Fire Department will not require a fire watch during system maintenance or modification being performed by licensed fire protection personnel if in the opinion of the Fire Code Official a distinct life hazard will be not be created upon deactivation of a fire protection system.
4. The Shakopee Fire Department shall be notified when any required fire protection system is out of service and on restoration of service in accordance with MSFC Section 901.7.
5. Prior to system deactivation occupants in those areas of the building to be affected shall be notified that the fire protection system will be deactivated.

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