

Cartersville Fire Department Fire Watch Guidelines

In keeping with the adopted fire codes of the City of Cartersville, GA, when a required fire or sprinkler system is out of service for more than (4) four hours in a 24 hour period, Cartersville Fire Department shall be notified, and the building shall be evacuated until the system is back to service. In lieu of evacuation, an approved fire watch may be provided for all areas that are left unprotected until the system is back in service. A representative from the occupancy should contact the Cartersville Fire Prevention Division at (770) 387-5635 during business hours or the next business day if on a weekend, in order to discuss the problem and the measures taken to remedy it.

An approved fire watch consists of someone, or a group of individuals, beyond normal staffing, assigned to walking the affected areas at least hourly, half hour if overnight sleeping occurs, and then documenting their activity. These individuals should be familiar with all aspects of the property involved including, but not limited to: all buildings, hazards, automatic detection and suppression systems, portable fire protection, shutdown procedures, emergency generators and fire pumps, the facilities emergency plan. These individuals should be trained in fire prevention and understand the proper procedures for occupant and fire department notification if they discover a fire emergency.

Once the affected system has been restored, it is the building owner's responsibility to cancel the fire watch and notify Cartersville Fire Department. A copy of the fire watch log sheets should be submitted to the fire department at:

Physical address:

Cartersville Fire Department
195 Cassville Rd.
Cartersville, GA 30120

Mailing Address:

Cartersville Fire Department
P.O. Box 1390
Cartersville, GA 30120

Fax: (770) 387 7413

Email: mhathaway@cityofcartersville.org

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY FIRE WATCH WILL BE EVALUATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

Please contact Cartersville Fire Prevention Division with any questions or concerns at (770) 387-5635 Mon-Fri. 8:00 to 5:00