



EULESS FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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INFORMATION LINE: *Standby Personnel and Fire Watch Provisions*

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Scope: This policy statement outlines provisions to place into effect standby fire personnel or fire watch personnel as provided for and defined by the fire code. The following provisions have been established by the Fire Marshal to be implemented for assembly occupancy uses, upon the request of the property owner, tenant, manager, agent, or lessee or by order of the fire marshal when in his professional opinion conditions warrant these special provisions. The Fire Marshal may upon request establish fire watch personnel in other occupancies as a means to allow the property owner, tenant, or lessee to use, occupy, stock or otherwise utilize a building or structure, on a temporary basis pending the building's completion or repairs of a required fire protection system, signaling device or life safety feature.

DEFINITIONS:

ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCY- means a building or portion of a building used for the gathering together of 50 or more persons for such purposes as deliberation, education, instruction, entertainment, amusement, drinking or dining, or awaiting transportation.

CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER- shall mean a person who is employed by a recognized fire department and is commissioned as a Firefighter or Fire Inspector by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

FIRE WATCH PERSONNEL- For purposes of this policy statement, Fire Watch personnel shall mean qualified persons who have been employed to watch for fires, building and fire code violations or potential building and fire code violations during the construction of a building or structure, during the stocking of a building or structure, or the other utilization of a building or structure on a temporary basis pending its completion and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or during the repair of a required fire protection system. Qualified persons shall be commissioned fire or police personnel who are employed by a local government agency and are approved by the Fire Marshal.

OCCUPANCY LOAD- shall mean the total number of persons presumed to occupy a portion or all portions of a building at the same time as established by code.

STANDBY PERSONNEL- For purposes of this policy statement standby personnel shall mean qualified fire department individuals, approved by the Fire Marshal.

USE OF STANDBY PERSONNEL:

When in the opinion of the Fire Marshal it is necessary to insure the safety of the public in a place of assembly, due to the number of persons or nature of the performance, exhibition, display, contest or activity, the owner, agent or lessee will be required to employ one or more qualified persons to be on duty as standby personnel.

USE OF FIRE WATCH DUTY:

When conditions warrant or upon the request of the property owner, agent, tenant, lessee or construction superintendent the Fire Marshal may authorize the use of fire watch personnel to monitor for fire and life safety conditions prior to the structures completion, the stocking of materials and/or occupancy prior to final acceptance. The use of fire watch personnel is permitted only upon the approval of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal. The decision to approve the use of fire watch personnel is dependant upon circumstances

involving the completion of the building or structure, the installation of a required fire protection system or the length of time for making repairs, and the need for immediate use of fire protection and life safety provisions in place at the time of the request.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE USE OF STANDBY OR FIRE WATCH PERSONNEL:

1. Payment for standby or fire watch duty is to be issued to the City of Eules.
2. The requesting party will be required to complete the attached agreement to this policy statement verifying an understanding of services being provided, the rate of compensation and identifying the party responsible for making payment. Payment for the anticipated hours needed is required in advance.
3. Persons authorized or scheduled to perform standby or fire watch duty shall be compensated a minimum of four (4) clock hours.
4. Computed payment in excess of the anticipated hours will be billed on an hourly basis and when conditions warrant to the nearest fifteen minutes.
5. Personnel performing standby or fire watch duty will be in their duty uniform, available by two-way radio communication and subject to the orders or conditions set out by the Fire Marshal.
6. In situations where a shift change is necessary, the personnel performing the on-coming duty shall report no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the duty shift, log in on the DUTY TIME LOG, and exchange necessary keys, equipment or information. Time for services being rendered will begin at the time designated by the schedule for that shift.
7. When conditions warrant that two (2) or more personnel be assigned duty the ranking fire officer will be designated the supervisor.

**EULESS FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDBY PERSONNEL OR FIRE WATCH AGREEMENT**

The International Fire Code has a provision that allows the Fire Chief or his Designated Representative to authorize the use of standby personnel when in his opinion conditions warrant extra fire and life safety precautions.

The Chief or his designated representative may also authorize fire watch duty when required fire protection systems are incomplete or under repair and the building is being stocked or must be occupied.

Authorized standby or fire watch personnel shall be certified firefighting personnel approved by the Chief or Fire Marshal to perform such services. The persons performing this service will be off duty personnel, in uniform and linked to Eulesse Fire/Police communications by portable radio.

Payment for standby or fire watch duty services shall be contract labor at the below listed rate of pay. Payment shall be made to the City of Eulesse. Payment of anticipated hours must be made in advanced.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT:

The undersigned hereby agrees to provide monetary compensation, at the rate of pay of \$_____ per hour, to those individuals conducting standby or fire watch services under the direction of the Eulesse Fire Marshal.

Payment for services shall be delivered to the attention of the Eulesse Fire Marshal, 201 North Ector Drive, Eulesse, Texas 76039, for proper distribution to the individuals involved in conducting the service.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Attest: _____
Name

Business Name

Address

Phone Number

Title

