Purpose:

It is the purpose of this standard to establish guidelines in the implementation of a fire watch.

Scope:

This standard shall apply to any structure that has any type of fire protection equipment or life safety system that is placed out of service or experiencing multiple false alarms in the City of Beverly Hills. It is in accordance with 2019 CFC 901.7

Requirements:

1. In the event of a fire-protection and life safety system failure or if an excessive number of false alarm activations are reported, the Fire Code Official is authorized to require the building owner or occupant to provide fire watch personnel until system is repaired and placed back into normal working order. Proof of an acceptance/test will need to be forwarded to the Beverly Hills Fire Department prior to lifting fire watch from premise.

2. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification to contact the fire department in an emergency situation (cell phone).

3. The fire watch personnel shall also be approved by the Beverly Hills Fire Department and perform the listed tasks:
   - Must maintain and possess a Fire Watch Log at all times (contact Beverly Hills Fire Department Administration for Log Info).
   - Have access to an approved means of sounding an alarm to evacuate the occupants of the building.
   - Must be competent, both physically and mentally.
   - Must be at least 21 years of age.
   - Must have no other duties or responsibilities (constant patrols of protected premises and keep watch for fires).

4. If area that is being watched cannot be entirely covered in 15 minutes, additional fire watch personnel shall be required.

5. The owner/tenant can submit alternate methods of fire watch if approved by the Fire Chief.

6. A fire watch shall be required to be placed on the premise immediately, if fire protection system cannot be placed back into normal working order: Fire watch shall be maintained 24 hours a day until lifted.

7. Fire watch shall be approved by Fire Department only and contact information of designated fire watch shall be provided. Fire watch log shall be faxed to Fire Department every morning for record/documentation purposes to Fax 310-287-2449.

Note: A letter from the service company shall be forwarded to the Fire Department and shall indicate that system has been placed back into service and is in compliance with applicable codes.