



TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

"Gateway to Litchfield County"

Office of the Fire Marshal



Town of New Milford Fire Watch Policy

Where required: Fire watch is required by order of the New Milford Fire Marshal's Office or the State Fire Marshal's Office under the following conditions:

1. A required fire alarm/notification system will be non-functional in excess of 4 hours during which period the building is occupied.
2. A required fire suppression/protection system will be non-functional in excess of 4 hours during which period the building is occupied.
3. Public assembly events in which more than 250 simultaneous people will be gathered. There will be 1 firefighter present for every 250 people simultaneously attending.
4. Any event involving fireworks shall have a fire truck present along with 1 operator, 4 firefighters, and the fire marshal.

All fire watches will continue for the duration of the event, or during occupied building hours until the required systems are restored. All personnel and/or apparatus will be paid for a minimum of 4 hours or for the duration of the event. Fire watch will only be required through the Fire Marshal's Office. Insurance companies do not have a say in this mandated action.

Staffing/Apparatus: The following staffing requirements and apparatus requirements will be standard operating guidelines for any fire watch:

1. Fire alarm/notification system – 1 firefighter per unprotected floor level, or 1 firefighter for every 10,000 sq/ft.
2. Fire suppression/protection system – 1 firefighter per unprotected floor level, or 1 firefighter for every 10,000 sq/ft. In addition, a means of extinguishment must be dedicated (typically a fire truck).
3. Public assembly events up to 250 simultaneous occupants require 1 firefighter, Every 250 people thereafter require an additional firefighter to be present. Certain events may also require a fire truck.
4. Fireworks require a fully staffed fire truck and fire marshal to be present from the time the fireworks arrive in New Milford until such time that the event is complete and all fireworks are accounted for, with any unexploded devices deemed safe.
5. Fire Watch personnel will be under the direction of the Fire Marshal's Office and the Fire Marshal has overall discretion on the number of personnel and apparatus.
6. The level of firefighter (Firefighter I or Firefighter II), that will be present during fire watch shall be determined by the Fire Marshal.

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CT State Fire Prevention Code

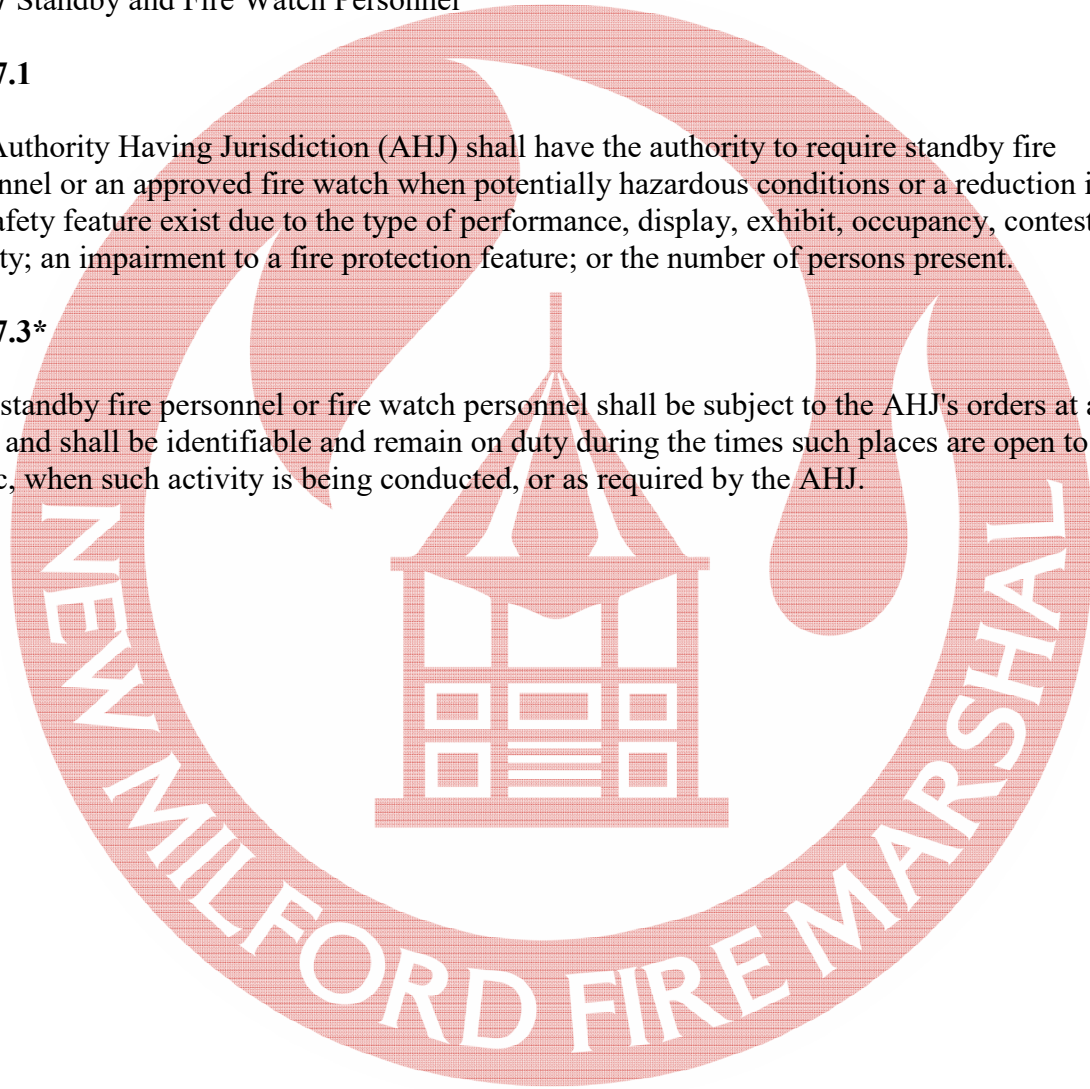
1.7.17 Standby and Fire Watch Personnel

1.7.17.1

The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall have the authority to require standby fire personnel or an approved fire watch when potentially hazardous conditions or a reduction in a life safety feature exist due to the type of performance, display, exhibit, occupancy, contest, or activity; an impairment to a fire protection feature; or the number of persons present.

1.7.17.3*

Such standby fire personnel or fire watch personnel shall be subject to the AHJ's orders at all times and shall be identifiable and remain on duty during the times such places are open to the public, when such activity is being conducted, or as required by the AHJ.





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I _____ (name) of _____ hereby authorize and request the New Milford Fire Marshal's Office to provide fire watch services for my establishment as specified in the "Town of New Milford Fire Watch Policy". I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless against any liability and to provide workers compensation coverage for said personnel for the duration of the fire watch.

I further agree to make immediate or timely payment to all individuals providing fire watch. Payment must be made to all individuals within 10 days of their worked shift. Failure to make payment within 10 days results in a 5% daily late assessment on the individual's total due to them. I am aware that my insurance company is not responsible for paying the firefighters directly and that I cannot withhold payment while awaiting reimbursement from an insurance provider.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Insurance Provider: _____

Provider Address: _____

Provider Phone: _____

FULLY EXECUTED AGREEMENT IS DEEMED AS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT

Signature Title Date

NMFMO Signature Title Date



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Firefighter is defined as a minimum CT State certification level of Firefighter I or Firefighter II and an active member of Water Witch Hose Co. #2, Northville Fire Department, Gaylordsville Fire Department, or the New Milford Fire Marshal's Office.

Fees: The following fees are set forth for fire watch in the Town of New Milford.

1. Hourly rate per person 0700 hours to 2300 hours. \$65
2. Hourly rate per person 2300 hours to 0700 hours. \$80
3. Hourly rate per fire apparatus. \$125

All payments are payable directly to the person performing fire watch.

of FF* _____ **# of FT**** _____ **# FW*** Hours to be Covered** _____

I agree to the rate schedule for fire watch as presented above. This fully executed agreement is deemed to be a legally binding contract.

Signature _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

- *Firefighter(s)
- **Fire truck(s)
- *** Fire Watch