FIRE WATCH:

Fire Watch Defined: (NCSBC: Fire Prevention Code; Section 202)

“A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purposes of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department”.

Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal's Office Requirements for a Fire Watch:

1. Building personnel must notify the County Fire Marshal’s Office during normal business hours at 704-336-2154. After normal business hours and on weekends notifications will be made to the County Fire Communications Center at (704) 943-6200 and relayed to the on-call Fire Marshal.
2. Building personnel will enter the date, time and names of persons spoken with on the Fire Watch Checklist and Patrol Log provided by the Fire Marshal.
3. Each effected floor must be patrolled once per hour during the fire watch period and patrols documented on the fire watch checklist. In the event the entire system is taken off line, all floors and areas of the building must be patrolled hourly.
4. When the system is restored, complete the fire watch checklist, ensuring all system functions are restored.
5. Notify the County Fire Marshal’s Office during normal business hours at (704) 336-2154. After normal business hours and on weekends notification will be made to the County Fire Communications Center at (704) 943-6200 with a request for the information to be relayed to the on-call Fire Marshal.
6. The Fire Watch Checklist and Patrol Log must be maintained and available for inspection on the premises for which the fire watch is authorized.

Code References: (NCSBC - Fire Prevention Code)

- Construction/Demolition sites Section 1404.5
- Defined Section 202
- Fire Protection Impairments Section 901.7
- Hot work Section 2604.2