

Standard Operating Guidelines

Out Of Service Fire Protection Systems

Guideline # 230.10

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PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this guideline is to assist responding fire suppression personnel who place or come into contact with out of service fire protection systems in occupied commercial businesses or occupancies other than one & two family dwellings.

PROCEDURE

1. Fire department Officer-In-Charge (OIC) shall make contact with the building's owner/manager or impairment coordinator (ex: owner/manager or maintenance personnel) that is assigned by the owner to contact the appropriate repair agency or contractor to diligently peruse the restoration of the fire protection system.
2. Fire department OIC shall inform the impairment coordinator to initiate a fire watch for all occupants left unprotected by the shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service.(230.08 Fire watch procedure SOG)
3. Fire watch personnel shall perform constant patrols of the protected premises and be capable of detecting fire, have means for notification of the fire department by transmitting alarm to emergency phone number 9-1-1 and instituting evacuation.
4. The impairment coordinator shall contact Ocean County Radio Communications non emergency number (732) 349-9100 when the fire protection system is placed back into service.
5. Fire department upon leaving the scene shall advise OC radio dispatch that the system is OOS, on fire watch and will contact the radio room when the system is place back in service. The OIC shall also make note in NFIRS of the conditions discussed and the name of the impairment coordinator.
6. The Fire Official shall be notified by written notification/complaint form or by e-mail fmcdonnell@jacksonfiredist3.org. The Fire Official shall determine that an imminent hazard exists and will take appropriate action according to the code.