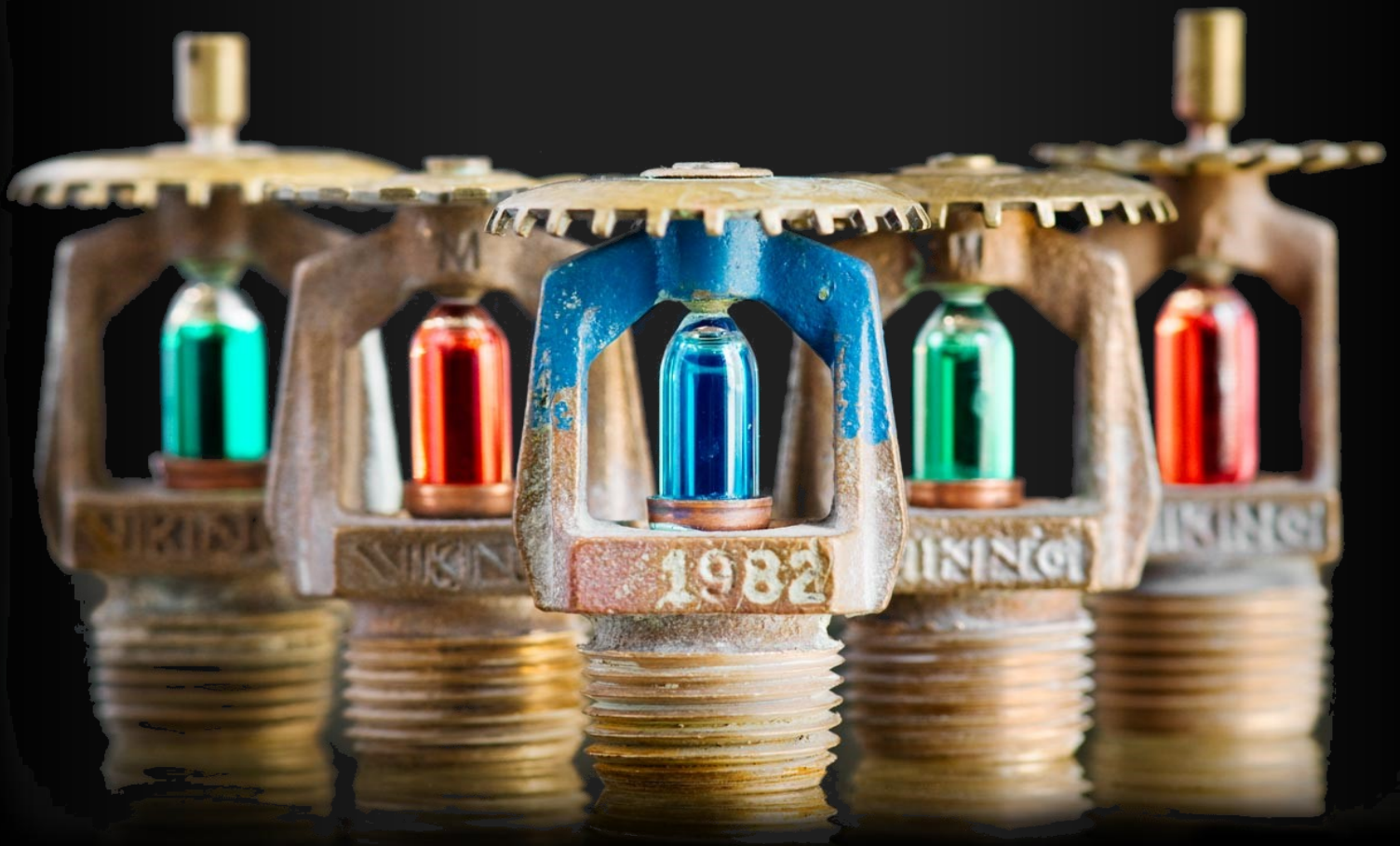


FIRE WATCH LOG BOOK



BONITA SPRINGS *Fire Control and Rescue District*



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FIRE WATCH INFORMATION

Why do I need a fire watch: A fire watch is important because your building is required to have certain life safety systems that work properly. A few examples of those items are: a fire alarm system, fire sprinkler system, fire pump, emergency generator, a smoke control system, etc. If the Bonita Springs Fire Prevention Division has determined one or more of those items are not working properly, the building may be unsafe.

The Florida Fire Prevention Code mandates life safety systems work properly to keep the residents safe. Keeping this in mind, the Fire Code does allow time to contact a qualified contractor to repair the item. It is important to contact your licensed contractor as soon as being made aware of a deficiency so they can respond to your building to make repairs. If the Bonita Springs Fire Prevention Division has determined your building needs to be placed on a fire watch, you have a responsibility to do so. A fire alarm system and a fire sprinkler system must be repaired within a four hour window before a fire watch is required.

Who does the Fire Watch: The Fire Watch must be conducted by a qualified, dedicated person who has training in Fire Watch. There are many security companies that have qualified staff readily available to contract with. If you cannot hire a security company, a responsible person can substitute in an emergency. It's important the person who is hired to conduct the Fire Watch understands they cannot perform other duties while doing so. Their only job should entail the duties surrounding the Fire Watch.

What are the duties on a fire watch: If an incident occurs, the Fire Watch Personnel must activate the fire alarm system (if in operation); at the same time, call 911 to report the incident and start evacuating the building in a controlled manner.

The duties for the Fire Watch Personnel consist of canvassing the building and periodically checking all floors to ensure the following:

- Designated exits are readily available at all times and not blocked.
- Stairwell doors or corridor doors are not propped open.
- All corridor trash chutes are closed.
- Potential issues that may cause or contribute to a fire are identified and mitigated.
- Fire extinguishers are easily located and can be used effectively by the Fire Watch Personnel.
- The Fire Watch Log is maintained and provided to the Bonita Springs Fire Prevention Division upon the completion of the Fire Watch.

Can I use my maintenance man to fix the broken system: Only if he/she is licensed to do so. A licensed contractor has been properly trained and has undergone extensive training and testing per Florida regulations.

How long will the Fire Watch be in effect: The Fire Watch shall be maintained 24/7 until the equipment has been repaired by a licensed contractor. If the Fire Watch Personnel has to leave the building for food or other necessities, someone will have to cover that time.

The Fire Watch must remain in effect until a Bonita Springs Fire Marshal or Fire Inspector has given permission to stop the Fire Watch. Please call the Bonita Springs Fire Prevention Division at 239-949-6211 after the equipment is repaired. The Fire Inspector will come to the building to ensure the repair is complete, request a copy of the work repair, order, and pick up the completed Fire Watch Log Book.



ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE FIRE WATCH LOG CAN
BE MADE BY THE USER AS NEEDED.

PLEASE CALL THE BONITA SPRINGS FIRE PREVENTION
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