

ANDOVER FIRE RESCUE

Fire Protective Systems Impairment Procedure

GENERAL

This policy shall provide the minimum requirements for fire detection and/or fire protection system impairments. Measures shall be taken during the impairment to ensure that increased risks are minimized and the duration of the impairment is as limited as possible. This impairment policy shall incorporate all requirements of NFPA 25, Chapter 14 including any additional requirements listed in this document.

IMPAIRMENT COORDINATOR

- The building owner shall assign an *impairment coordinator* to comply with the requirements of this policy.
- In the absence of a specific designee, the owner shall be considered the impairment coordinator unless such responsibility is set forth in a lease, written agreement or specific management contract.

TAG IMPAIRMENT SYSTEM

- A tag shall be used to indicate that a system or part thereof has been removed from service.
- The tag shall be posted at each fire department connection and system control valve indicating which system, or part thereof, has been removed from service.
- The authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) shall specify where the tag is to be placed.

PREPLANNING IMPAIRMENT PROGRAMS

- All preplanned impairments shall be authorized by the impairment coordinator.
- Where a required fire protection system is out of service for more than four (4) hours in a twenty four (24) hour period, the impairment coordinator shall arrange for **ONE** of the following:
 1. Evacuation of the building or portions of the building affected by the system out of service.
 2. Establish an approved fire watch that meets the standards set forth by the Andover Fire Rescue Fire Watch Procedure.
 3. Establish a temporary power or water supply.
 4. Establish and implementation of an approved program to eliminate potential ignition sources and limit the amounts of fuel available to the fire.
- The Fire Department has been notified.
- The insurance carrier, alarm company, building owner/manager and other authorities having jurisdiction have been notified.
- Supervisors in the affected areas must be notified.