

**McKinney Fire Department  
Fire Marshal's Office  
(972) 547-2860 (Office Line)  
(972) 547-2700 (After Hours)**



## **FIRE WATCH REQUIREMENTS AND COMPANIES**

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### **INFORMATION**

To provide building owners, occupants, and multi-family property management a vetted and approved list of third-party fire watch companies to choose from.

### **APPROVED COMPANIES**

The list of companies has been vetted and meet or exceeds the minimum qualifications to perform third-party fire watch within the City of McKinney.

**KODIAK FIRE PROTECTION**  
Contact: Cristal Gonzales  
Phone: 469-342-6819

**NORTEX SECURITY, LLC**  
Contact: Chris Owens  
Phone: 972-294-9638

**SMITH PROTECTIVE SERVICES**  
Contact: Chuck Epley  
Phone: 214-631-4444

Any company that would like to be considered for the approved list contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (972) 547-2860 Monday thru Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. or email questions to [FMO@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG](mailto:FMO@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG).

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD PARTY FIRE WATCH COMPANIES**

1. Licensed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Security Company, Class B or Class C; or be a licensed fire alarm or fire sprinkler company by the Texas Department of Insurance
2. Companies shall not have a conflict of interest on any current jobs by performing service within the City of McKinney.
3. Hold/Provide endorsements for Guard and Alarm, Firefighter, Peace Officer, Fire Alarm Technician, or Fire Sprinkler Technician.
4. Hold/Provide appropriate insurance and bonding as required by the Texas Department of Public Safety
5. Company must contact the fire marshal's office daily if they are conducting fire watch on any building in the city.
  - a. Email must be sent to [FMO@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG](mailto:FMO@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG)
  - b. Must provide contact information and a contact person
  - c. Must contain building information along with any updates
  - d. Appropriate number of fire watch personnel on site
  - e. Inform FMO immediately if they are relieved of fire watch by anyone besides FMO personnel via email or phone (972) 547-2700. If after hours contact public safety dispatch at (972) 547-2700 and email [FMO@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG](mailto:FMO@MCKINNEYTEXAS.ORG).
6. Fire Watch personnel shall be visibly distinguishable from patrons and facility/event employees.
7. The duties of a Fire Watch shall be as follows, but not limited to:
  - a. Continuous and systematic surveillance of the building or portion thereof.
  - b. Maintain a log of areas patrolled, times patrolled, and who patrolled.
  - c. Identifying and controlling fire hazards.
  - d. Detecting early signs of unwanted fire.
  - e. Raising an alarm of fire.
  - f. Always have a means to call 911 on them to notifying the fire department.
  - g. For out of service sprinkler systems notification shall be posted on the FDC, alarm panel, and in the Fire Command room to make responding firefighters aware.
8. Only Fire Department approved persons and/or companies may perform the duties of a Fire Watch.