

EIGHTH UTILITIES DISTRICT FIRE WATCH POLICY

Revised and Enacted, July 15, 2013

ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EIGHTH UTILITIES DISTRICT

Section 1 Upon the request for a Fire Watch from a business or other entity located within the established boundaries of the Eighth Utilities District, or if the Fire Marshal's Office of the Eighth Utilities District determines that a fire watch is required, the Manchester Fire Department, Eighth Utilities District, shall provide coverage for this request.

Section 2 Requests for a Fire Watch shall originate from the Fire Marshal' Office and shall be passed on to the Manchester Fire Department with as much advance notice as possible.

Section 3 Businesses or entities provided a Fire Watch, shall be charged as follows:

- An administrative fee of \$50 for each request for a fire watch or incident/project requiring a fire watch;
- \$300 for each eight (8) hours or portion thereof during which a pumper is provided as a part of the fire watch;
- \$45 per hour for each firefighter or individual engaged in the fire watch with a minimum charge of four (4) hours per firefighter

Section 4 A deposit of \$150.00 may be required by the Eighth Utilities District prior to service being provided.

Section 5 Firefighters who volunteer for Fire Watch duty shall be compensated at the rate of \$30 per hour, with minimum coverage not less than four (4) hours. The minimum requirements for firefighters who volunteer for this duty shall be as follows:

- Possess Firefighter 1 qualifications;
- Be a member in good standing within the department.

Any exception to these eligibility requirements must be made by either the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, or their designee.

Section 6 If a pumper is required at the scene of the Fire Watch, the mandatory minimum number of firefighters is two (2), and the mandatory number of driver(s) is one (1). Minimum crew sizes for all other cases shall be determined by the Fire Marshal or the Fire Chief. In addition, there may be an occasion when a representative from the Fire Marshal's Office is

needed at the scene of a Fire Watch, and he/she shall be compensated at the same rate as the firefighters.

Section 7 This revised fire watch policy shall be effective upon adoption.