This document contains excerpts from the Fire Code of New York State that pertain to the impairment of a fire protection system. These are regulations used by the University Fire Marshal and EH&S as guidance to meet compliance pertaining to the impairment of a fire protection system

Fire Code of New York State

Chapter-9 “Fire Protection Systems”

901.7 Systems out of service. Where a required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and the code enforcement official shall be notified immediately, and the building shall either be evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires

   Exception: The code enforcement official is permitted to waive the requirement for evacuation or a fire watch where there is not a substantial risk to life safety or where alternatives to maintain an equivalent level of safety are prescribed

901.7.1 Impairment Coordinator. The building owner shall assign an impairment coordinator to comply with the requirement of this section. In the absence of a specific designee, the owner shall be considered the impairment coordinator

   (The University Fire Marshal has been identified as the Impairment Coordinator for all Cornell Owned Properties related to the main Ithaca campus)

901.7.2 Tag required. A tag shall be used to indicate that a system or portion thereof, has been removed from service

901.7.3 Placement of tag. The tag shall be posted at each fire department connection, system control valve, fire alarm control unit, fire alarm annunciator and fire command center, indicating which system, or part thereof, has been removed from service. The code enforcement official shall specify where the tag is to be placed

901.7.4 Preplanned impairment program. Preplanned impairments shall be authorized by the impairment coordinator. Before authorization is given, a designated individual shall be responsible for verifying that all of the following procedures have been implemented
Impairment Acknowledgement Form

Date: **August 20, 2012**

I have acknowledge and have been informed that the **Sprinkler System** at **Rand Hall** located at **947 University Avenue**

Cornell University in Ithaca, New York will be impaired and is out of service.

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*As per the Fire Code of New York State Section 907.7.1, The University Fire Marshal accepts the designation of Impairment Coordinator for all Cornell properties associated with the Ithaca Campus. I have been provided a copy of the regulations and agree to abide by the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as it pertains to the impairments of the fire protective systems. I agree to ensure that the repairs of the impaired fire protection systems are implemented.*

Impairment Coordinator: **Ronald M. Flynn**

*University Fire Marshal*

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University Fire Marshal
FIRE WATCH REQUIREMENTS

The following paragraphs are excerpts from Section 901 of the Fire Code of New York State regarding Fire Protection Systems out of service.

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Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided with a least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires. **If a fire or a situation is discovered that requires the immediate evacuation of the building from a cell phone call Cornell Police at (607) 255-111 to report the incident or from a phone in the Cornell Phone System simply dial 911 and then walk about the facility notifying occupants to evacuate the building.**

**Impairment coordinator.** The building owner shall assign an impairment coordinator to comply with the requirements of this section. In the absence of a specific designee, the owner shall be considered the impairment coordinator.

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The following instructions are provided to assist in establishing fire watches for premises where the fire protection is impaired. These instructions are adapted from National Fire Protection Association 601 – Standard for Security Services in Fire Loss Prevention and requirements of Factory Mutual Insurance/FM Global.

**Impairment coordinator.** The University Fire Marshal has been designated the Impairment Coordinator for all Cornell University properties associated with the main campus located in Ithaca, New York.

**Knowledge of the property.** Fire watch personnel shall be thoroughly familiar with the property. They shall know the location and operation of portable fire extinguishers, means of notifying the fire department and other parts of the on-site fire protective systems available.

**Emergency Plans.** Fire watch personnel shall be familiar with any or all plans that are provided for dealing with fire emergencies.

**General duty.** Fire watch personnel shall report to duty at times as specified by the impairment coordinator or property owner. Fire watch personnel shall be fit for duty. Fire watch personnel shall not be impaired by alcohol, drugs or illnesses that could affect them.
### FIRE WATCH LOG

Building Name: **Rand Hall**  
Bldg. Code: **2017**  
Address: **947 University Avenue**

Fire Watch required by: **Ron Flynn/University Fire Marshal**  
Date: **8/20/2012**  
Time: **7:30am to 12 Noon**

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Fire Watch Officer: **Izzy Carmenatty (607) 327-0197**