

New York City Fire Department requires a certified fire guard conducting a fire watch when a required fire protection system is out of service. The **F-01 Citywide Fire Guard For Impairment** authorizes the holder as an impairment fire guard to maintain fire watch duties at any particular location on a citywide basis. Given this condition, the citywide fire guard for impairment may perform their duties for different buildings and different occupancies. The **F-32 (Fire guard for shopping center)**, **F-36 (Fire Guard Generic)** and **F-91 (Fire Guard for Hotel/Office Buildings)** are premises related, so they will be only accepted by the Fire Department for conducting a fire watch in the area within the premises.

Impairment includes any condition in which a fire protection system cannot perform its designed fire safety function. Fire protection systems include sprinkler systems, standpipe/hose systems, fire pumps, fire protection water supplies, fire mains, fire alarm systems, and special extinguishing systems (i.e. clean agent, carbon dioxide, wet/dry chemical, foam/water, etc.). In any occupancy, where a required fire protection system (e.g. sprinkler system, fire alarm system and standpipe system) is out of service, a fire watch shall be maintained.

Important dates:

- The new **F-01** Certificate of Fitness tests will be available on **12/1/2011**. (**F-01 Certificate of Fitness will replace F-32, F-36 and F-91**)
- The F-00 Certificate of Fitness for Fire Guard will **NO** longer be available from **12/1/2011**.
- The **F-32, F-36 and F-91** Certificate of Fitness tests will be available as a separate test until **1/1/2012**.
- All applicants who pass the **F-00** and want to apply for **F-32, F-36** or **F-91** must submit their letter from employer by **12/31/2012**. No **F-32, F-36 or F-91** will be issued from F-00 letter after **12/31/2012**.
- Current **F-32, F-36, F-44, F-91, F-92** and **F-94** Certificate of Fitness's are valid and renewable.
- The **F-44, F-92 and F-94** Certificate of Fitness tests will be available as a separate test.

The new test study material can be picked up at 9 Metro Tech Center.

For further questions, you can write to **PUBCERT@FDNY.NYC.GOV** or call 718-999-1988.

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