UW-Stout
Procedure for Fire Protection During Construction

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References – OSHA 1926.150, Fire Protection, as adopted by Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce in Comm 32.50, and NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code, chapter 13 and communications with Menomonie Fire Department.

Scope- This procedure shall apply to UW-Stout construction and demolition work, its work sites and employees. It does not direct Division of State Facilities controlled contractors or worksites. Those procedures are provided by Division of State Facilities. “Construction” per OSHA, means “work for construction, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating.” Often this work will occur in facilities already occupied and equipped with fire protection systems including fire extinguishers, fire alarms and fire sprinkler / suppression systems. However, when work must occur in facilities without these systems being functional, the following shall apply:

Fire Extinguishers – Fire extinguishers need to be available. UW-Stout staff are trained on extinguisher usage and location by Safety & Risk Management (SRM). One or more fire extinguishers, rated at least 2A10BC, shall be provided on each floor, and for each 3,000 square feet of area. Consult SRM if there are questions on the type or number of extinguishers to be made available.

Fire Protection and Alarm Systems – Existing fire sprinkler, fire suppression and fire alarm systems, shall be maintained in operable order during construction and renovation activities. When such systems must be relocated- or powered down for alteration or repair, they must be restored as quickly as possible. Fire watch procedures are required for outages of four hours or more. Fire watches may be done by either contractor personnel, or Stout personnel such as police officers, building staff, Physical Plant alarm maintenance staff, or Health & Safety staff. Staff doing fire watch duty must have a means of communication available to them to report fires immediately to the Menomonie Fire Department (MFD), and must be assigned the specific duty to watch for fires. Campus Police and Physical Plant must be notified whenever a fire protection or alarm system needs to be powered down for any reason. Campus Police will notify MFD of the start and stop times of the fire watch.
# Appendix A

## Program Review Log

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