

# USPA Response: Fire Watch Guards Deployed to Pensacola Amid Polar Vortex

*USPA Nationwide Security has rapidly deployed emergency fire watch guards across the city of Pensacola to deal with frozen fire systems.*

PENSACOLA, FL, UNITED STATES, January 25, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Short on Time? Here's What You Need to Know

Pensacola is grappling with the polar vortex's devastating impact, as freezing temperatures lead to widespread plumbing failures and compromised fire suppression systems. To mitigate the heightened risk of fire incidents, USPA Nationwide Security has rapidly deployed [emergency fire watch across the city of Pensacola](#). With icy roads delaying traditional emergency responses, USPA's team ensures compliance with Pensacola's fire codes and provides 24/7 protection. Residents and businesses are urged to take immediate



Emergency Fire Watch in Pensacola

action to safeguard their properties by partnering with trusted safety services like USPA.

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Facing risks from freezing pipes? Call USPA at (800) 214-1448 for reliable fire watch services in Pensacola during these challenging conditions.”

*Brian Fitzgibbons, Director of Fire Watch*

## An Arctic Blast Pushes Pensacola to the Brink

The polar vortex sweeping through Pensacola has created a multifaceted crisis. Temperatures dipping into the teens have overwhelmed local infrastructure, causing burst pipes, failing water lines, and inoperable fire suppression systems. The freezing conditions have compounded risks for property owners, leaving many without essential protections against potential fires. Amid this turmoil, USPA

Nationwide Security has activated emergency services to help protect Pensacola's vulnerable structures and maintain compliance with local fire codes (Sec. 14-3-3).

## Infrastructure Buckles Under Pressure

Plumbers across Escambia and Santa Rosa counties report an unprecedented number of service calls for [burst pipes and frozen water lines](#). Aggressive Plumbing alone fielded over 100 calls, and

many local businesses are grappling with frozen tankless water heaters and backflow issues. The damage extends beyond plumbing, with frozen fire suppression systems now posing a significant hazard to commercial and residential properties. Fire sprinklers rendered inactive due to frozen lines leave buildings exposed to fire risks, particularly during prolonged outages.

### USPA Nationwide Security Steps Up

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, USPA Nationwide Security has mobilized its highly trained guards to properties experiencing system impairments. These emergency personnel are tasked with monitoring affected buildings, identifying hazards, and ensuring compliance with Pensacola's fire codes.

"Our priority is to provide reliable protection during these extreme conditions," said Brian Fitzgibbons, Director of Fire Watch at USPA. "When traditional systems fail, our teams are ready to step in and safeguard properties against additional disasters."

### Mandates and Responsibilities

Under IFC Section 901.7, buildings with inoperative fire alarms or sprinklers are required to deploy on-site safety measures to ensure continued protection. Pensacola's fire codes reinforce this responsibility, holding property owners accountable for maintaining compliance even during system outages. USPA's teams support local efforts by patrolling vulnerable properties and providing detailed documentation to the Fire Marshal's Office. This collaboration helps enforce safety protocols and prevent potential penalties for non-compliance.

### Polar Vortex Intensifies Fire Risks

In addition to infrastructure challenges, the polar vortex has heightened fire risks. Many properties now rely on temporary heating methods, such as space heaters, which pose a significant fire hazard if improperly managed. USPA's guards mitigate these risks by enforcing safety protocols, such as maintaining clear evacuation paths and monitoring heat sources. By adhering to NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 standards, these teams play a crucial role in preventing fire-related incidents during this period of heightened vulnerability.

### Proactive Safety Measures for Residents

With the crisis ongoing, property owners must prioritize safety to prevent further damage. USPA Nationwide Security recommends the following actions:

Inspect and repair compromised fire suppression systems immediately.

[Engage licensed fire watch services to monitor properties.](#)

Avoid using makeshift heating methods that increase fire risks.

By acting swiftly, residents and businesses can minimize the impact of this emergency and protect their properties.

### Building a Safer Future

As Pensacola navigates the aftermath of the polar vortex, the crisis serves as a stark reminder of the importance of proactive safety measures. Winterizing plumbing and fire suppression

systems should be a priority for every property owner. For over two decades, USPA Nationwide Security has partnered with fire marshals nationwide to provide effective solutions during emergencies. By working closely with the Pensacola Fire Marshal's Office, USPA ensures that residents and businesses are equipped to handle unforeseen challenges while remaining compliant with local fire safety regulations. For trusted safety services in Pensacola, contact USPA Nationwide Security at (800) 214-1448. Protect your property and prepare for a safer tomorrow.

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