



# WATERGATE

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Homeowner  
Watergate Community Association  
Emeryville, CA. 94608

RE: Explanation of the Fire Alarm Safety System

Dear Watergate Homeowner:

As of March 22, 2004, the Watergate Community Association has completed the installation of a Fire Alarm System throughout the Watergate complex. This system is an intelligent reporting fire alarm system manufactured by Edwards Systems Technology with a central Fire Alarm Control Panel located on-site in the WCA Security office. The system has been installed in compliance with National Fire Protection Association Standards as well as City of Emeryville and California State Building Codes.

Each privately owned residence/unit has been equipped with a heat detector above the unit entrance, and an alarm speaker next to the bedroom. Common Areas such as hallways, trash rooms, laundry rooms and lobby entrances, have been appropriately equipped with smoke detectors and/or heat sensors as well as alarm speakers at regular intervals as per code. Each and every device is in constant communication with the central control panel that will indicate a trouble-signal in the case of a malfunction or if tampered with, or will initiate a general building alarm if activated. In the case of a trouble signal, the Association must locate and commence repair or replacement of the defective device within 4 hours of the indication prior to having the system reset.

In the case of a general building alarm, the central panel automatically contacts the current 24-hour monitoring agent, Red Hawk Fire & Security (510) 629-4414. (A-bldg acct #17-049, B-bldg acct.#17-047, C-bldg acct #17-050, D-bldg acct# 17-045, E bldg acct #17-051, F-bldg acct #17-052) and gives them a message indicating the building, the entrance to be used, the floor, the location (by Unit number), and the type of device that is registering the alarm. The monitoring agent then contacts the Oakland Fire Department Dispatch, who then dispatch the Alameda County Department (directly across the street from Watergate) and relays the above data contained on their alarm screen. The same information is also simultaneously displayed on the panel in each of the 22 lobby entrances on the complex as well as being sent as a text message to the on-duty Security officer's Nextel radio. Only the Fire Department personnel may reset the system once the nature of the alarm has been determined and the presence or possibility of danger has been eliminated.

If you have any further questions, or would like more information, please contact the WCA office at (510) 428-0118, or myself at (510) 450-1722.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kiel  
Assistant General Manager