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Origin and Development of NFPA 601

The text dates from 1925 when the NFPA Committee on Field Practice presented a set of advisory rules called *The Watchman*, which was adopted and published by the NFPA and reprinted in 1930, 1936, and 1949. Jurisdiction for the publication was transferred in 1948 to the Committee on Fire Brigades and Watchmen, which presented revisions under the title *The Watchman, Recommended Manual of Instruction and Duties for the Plant Watchman or Guard*, which was adopted in 1951. Further amendments were adopted in 1956. In 1968, NFPA 601 was revised under the title *Recommendations for Guard Service in Fire Loss Prevention*. It was at this time that NFPA 601A, *Standard for Guard Operations in Fire Loss Prevention*, was published as a separate standard.

In 1969, the committee was reorganized as the Technical Committee on Loss Prevention Procedures and Practices.

NFPA 601 was revised in 1969, 1975, 1981, and 1986, and NFPA 601A was revised in 1981. In 1986 NFPA 601A was reconfirmed and redesignated NFPA 602.

In 1992, NFPA 601 incorporated NFPA 602 for the benefit of the user.

In 1995, the standard was completely revised to reflect modern security methods, terminology, and techniques.

Changes for the 2000 edition were primarily editorial or were made for clarification.

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