

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1809

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public safety; directing fire departments to designate an individual to monitor fire site for flare ups and hot spots; clarifying that designee shall be responsible for observing and ensuring the safety of the affected area; clarifying designee does not need to be a fire fighter; requiring designee to monitor sight for certain amount of time; permitting responsibility to be shared; prohibiting fire department from leaving before having a designee; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 170 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any fire department operating within the State of Oklahoma shall, upon concluding extinguishment efforts at the scene of a fire, designate an individual to monitor the site for potential flare-ups or residual hot spots.

B. The designee shall assume responsibility for observing and ensuring the safety of the affected area.

1 C. The designated individual is not required to be a
2 professional or volunteer firefighter; however, they must have the
3 ability to conduct site inspections at intervals not exceeding one
4 (1) hour for a minimum period of twelve (12) hours following the
5 fire's extinguishment.

6 D. The responsibility for monitoring may be shared among
7 multiple individuals, provided the requirements of subsection C are
8 met.

9 E. The fire department shall leave at least one firefighter at
10 the sight until a designee has been designated.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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