

# 1,200 Women Ready to Spot Fire Bombs

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Twelve hundred Denver women have enrolled to serve their country and their city in the sleep-losing task of fire watcher of the Civilian Defense Corps.

So far the women are untrained, but Denver Defense Council officials say they are ready to act in a general way if worse should come to worst.

Because fire watchers are secondary to air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen and policemen,

positions, two to each of the 600 warden posts in Denver.

Tasks of the fire watchers, as defined by the Office of Civilian Defense, is to maintain a constant watch during any air raid for falling bombs, to spot buildings where bombs hit and to report the locations to air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen.

## High Perch

In Denver each pair of fire watchers will be assigned to the highest point in their post. This may be a church steeple, an apartment house roof or the roof of a home. During an air raid, they will be on duty constantly, day and night.

Most modern incendiary bombs are just heavy enough to crash through the roof of the average home and lodge in the attic, there to fulminate into a quickly spreading blaze.

## Spreads Warning

When a bomb is spotted, the watcher notifies the senior air raid warden of the post, who notifies the central control room at City Hall for dispatch of fire-fighters and dispatches his assistant wardens to begin combating the fire. Watchers, too, are to be trained in the technique of fighting incendiaries and fire defense.

The OCD minimum course of instruction for watchers is three hours of fire defense, two hours of gas defense, five hours of general instruction and two hours of drill.



The fire watchers' insignia

council officials have placed primary emphasis on training of the first three units first.

## Classes Start Soon

As soon as the warden-training is nearer completion, classes will start for the 1,200 fire watchers.

When they have finished their courses, the women will take their