NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE STANDARD

Fire drills are held at unexpected times under varying conditions, at least quarterly on each shift. The staff is familiar with procedures and is aware that drills are part of established routine. Responsibility for planning and conducting drills is assigned only to competent persons who are qualified to exercise leadership. Where drills are conducted between 9 PM and 6 AM a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. 19.7.1.2

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on record review, it was determined the facility failed to conduct all fire drills.

The findings included:
During record review on 8/3/09 from 1:15 PM until 2:00 PM, the facility was unable to provide documentation that fire drills had been conducted on the 2nd and 3rd shifts in 4th quarter of 2008, and the 1st shift for 1st quarter of 2009.

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A fire alarm system required for life safety is installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 70 National Electrical Code and NFPA 72. The system has an approved maintenance and testing program complying with applicable requirements of NFPA 70 and 72. 9.8.1.4

Tennessee State Veterans Home neither believes nor admits that any deficiencies existed before, during or after the survey reflected herein. Tennessee State Veterans Home reserves all rights to contest the survey findings through Informal Dispute Resolution or formal appeal proceedings. This plan of correction is not meant to establish any standard of care, contract obligation or position. Nothing in this plan of correction should be construed as admission of guilt or considered a waiver of any potentially applicable peer review, quality assurance or self critical examination privileges which Tennessee State Veterans Home does not waive and reserves the right to assert in any civil, administrative or criminal claim, action or proceeding Tennessee State Veterans Home its response, credible allegations of compliance and plan of correction as part of its on-going efforts to provide quality of care to its Residents.
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This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on observation, it was determined the facility failed to maintain all fire alarm system components.

The findings included:

Observations of the fire alarm strobe lamps during the fire drill on 8/3/09 at 2:10 PM, revealed two strobes at the East/West nurses' station were not in synchronization with the strobes in the East corridor.

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Medical gas storage and administration areas are protected in accordance with NFPA 99, Standards for Health Care Facilities.

(a) Oxygen storage locations of greater than 3,000 cu.ft. are enclosed by a one-hour separation.

(b) Locations for supply systems of greater than 3,000 cu.ft. are vented to the outside. NFPA 99 4.3.1.1.2, 19.3.2.4

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on observation, it was determined the facility failed to maintain storage of oxygen cylinders.

The findings included:

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Facility has and will continue to hold fire drills at unexpected times under varying conditions for staff. Plant Operations conducts and maintains the records of the drills once per quarter per shift to insure competency. To guard against missing drill documentation in the future, Plant Operations will maintain an electronic folder with scanned copies of drill documentation as a backup.

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Fire alarm strobe lamps on the East/West nurses' station will be synchronized by Townsend Systems. A purchase order will be issued for the work to be completed within the next thirty (30) days.
### Summary Statement of Deficiencies

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1. Observations of the oxygen storage room by resident room W28 on 8/3/09 at 9:45 AM, revealed 6 of 46 oxygen cylinders were not secured.

2. Observations of the east corridor at 1:00 PM revealed an oxygen cylinder cylinder in resident room E06 was not secured.

### Provider's Plan of Correction

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Two unsecured, empty oxygen containers identified during the survey were immediately secured and the building toured to insure no other containers were unsecured.

Both maintenance and nursing will monitor on an ongoing basis to insure empty oxygen containers are secured. During daily (M-F) visual rounds of the facility maintenance personnel will check to insure the storage capacity is adequate in the O2 storage room and that all tanks are stored correctly. A log will be maintained of these checks. RN Unit Managers will check for proper oxygen storage in resident rooms during rounds each shift. All classifications of maintenance and nursing personnel will be re-educated on proper oxygen storage. The RN Compliance Nurse and/or the RN QA nurse will check facility compliance in this area and document the results during scheduled audits.