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To: Oklahoma State University Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

From: Trent Hawkins, Fire Marshal

Reference: Fire Safety

To Whom It May Concern:

Stillwater Fire Department has taken a very proactive stance in regards to fire safety for all fraternity and sorority houses at Oklahoma State University. Stillwater is one of a handful of college communities to enact a local ordinance requiring fire sprinkler systems be installed in all fraternity and sorority houses. In conjunction with this ordinance all houses are required to be provided with a smoke detection system as well. All houses affiliated with the university are in compliance at this time with the requirements of the ordinance. Routine fire inspections are typically done annually to identify any fire code violations that exist in the houses and the fire marshal's office works with the individual houses to correct any noted violations.

The fire department, as a service, will also conduct fire drills at the houses when requested by the individual houses. When requested the drill is conducted within a two week time frame and is unannounced.

Stillwater Fire Department has recognized the increased fire risk associated with structures providing sleeping arrangements with multiple tenants. We believe those tenants have been provided with the fire safety systems necessary to survive in the event of a fire.

Respectfully,

Trent Hawkins
Fire Marshal
Stillwater Fire Department

