**Virginia Tech**

**Alexandria Campus**

**Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report for 2009**

**Overview**

The Gallery Apartments in Alexandria, Virginia has 3 levels and includes 23 units that are connected by atrium space. The individual units contain an individual kitchen and bathroom. The building also provides common areas for the residents as well as laundry facilities. The property belongs to the Virginia Tech Foundation, and it includes an addition to the original building.

**Gallery Apartments Fire Safety Equipment**

The [fire protection systems](file:///C:\Users\adamsz\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\3MWP7DJM\Fire%20Protection%20Systems%20for%20Alexandria%20-%20Virginia%20Residential%20Facility.docx) at the Gallery Apartments include Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dual Duty Smoke Detectors and a Partial Sprinkler and Alarm System as follows:

* All common areas of the Gallery Apartments are equipped with portable fire extinguishers.
* The addition, which includes the atrium and 9 apartments as well as the common area, is protected by a sprinkler and fire alarm system. No central monitoring of these systems is provided.
* All apartments are equipped with dual duty smoke detectors that also detect Carbon Monoxide.

All fire protection equipment is strictly maintained and tested in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code. The periodic maintenance and testing activities are conducted by contractors. In addition, a Fire and Life Safety inspection is conducted by the local Fire Official on a periodic basis. This inspection includes an audit of the fire protection equipment testing and maintenance activities and a fire code review of all apartment units and common areas.

**Fire Safety Education, Training and Fire Drills**

All current Gallery Apartment Residents have been provided information on the fire protection systems present in the subject building and evacuations procedures to be followed, and all future residents will be provided this information when their lease is initiated. Since the facility is classified as R-2 under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, there are no requirements for conducting fire drills and no drills have been performed. A Resident who lives on the property in one of the 23 units is available to assist residents during emergency evacuations.

**Specific Fire Prevention Related Policies and Programs**

Based on the facility classification under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, no special policies other than a No Smoking policy have been implemented.

**Fire Statistics**

There were no fires or fire losses reported in the Gallery Apartments during Calendar Year 2009.

**Fire Reporting**

If a fire has occurred, it should be reported to the local Police Department by calling 911 (emergency). It should also be reported to Jake Baer, Bluestone Real Estate Manager at (703) 739-3830

**Plans for Future improvement:**The Virginia Tech Foundation will continue to work with the local Authorities to enhance and improve the existing building fire protection system capabilities as required by applicable codes, standards and best business practices.