

Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division

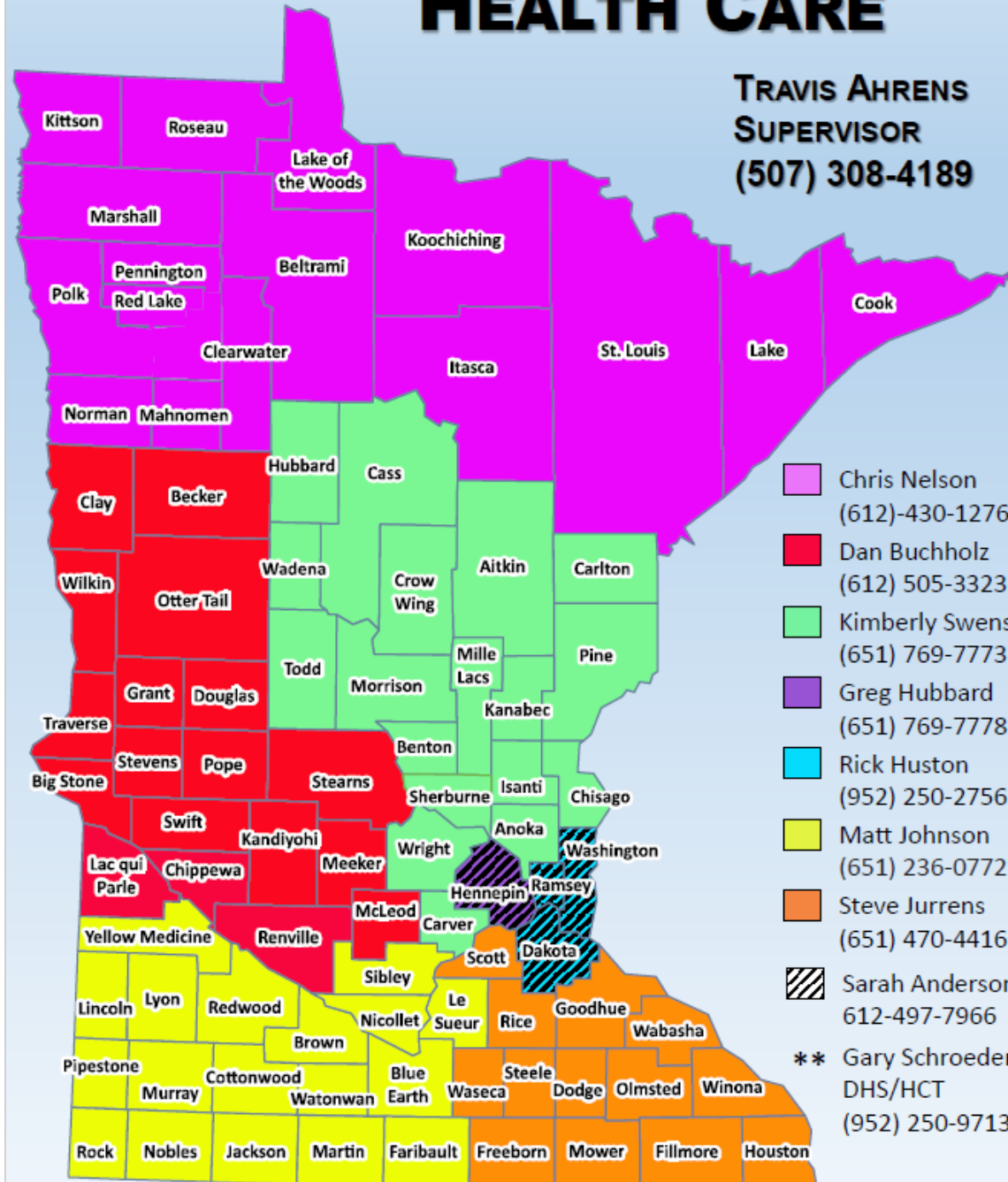
ASC Life Safety Preparation

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Life safety Documentation

1. Current Life Safety Drawings
2. Fire response Plan
3. Fire Drills
4. Fire Alarm/Sprinkler system out of service policy
5. Fire alarm annual testing
6. Smoke detector sensitivity testing
7. Fire Sprinkler annual testing (quarterly and semi-annual)
8. Fire Extinguishers certification and monthly inspection

Life safety Documentation

9. Generator – Weekly inspection, monthly run, annual load, 36 month load and annual fuel testing.
10. Emergency lighting monthly and annual testing
11. 4 year damper testing
12. Fire Door inspections
13. Med Gas Testing
14. NFPA 99 Risk assessment
15. Receptacle testing

Resources

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/inspections/Pages/health-care-inspection.aspx>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/engineering/lifesafetycode.html>

[Fire/Life Safety Code Documentation Guide - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Common Deficiencies

1. Insufficient Documentation
2. Owners not knowing what CMS requires
3. Corridor obstructions
4. Storage rooms not properly rated
5. Blocked med gas valves
6. Fire doors not closing and latching

Waivers

SERVICES

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Here are some of the services we provide:

- Fire investigations
- Fire inspections
- Explosives and fireworks licensing and information
- Fire sprinkler information, licensing and permitting
- Firefighter license plates/red lamp permit information
- Honor guard



Fire investigations



Fire inspections



Honor guard



Fire service specialists



Licensing and permits



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Services

Fire investigations

Fire service support team

Firefighter license plates and red lamp permits

Honor guard

Inspections

Correctional facilities

Department of Human Services-licensed facilities

Health care facilities

Hotels and motels

Schools

Licensing and permits

State Emergency Response Teams

Inspections

Our fire inspections teams are committed to ensuring the safety of Minnesotans by inspecting a wide range of facilities across the state. Our teams work closely with local fire departments, law enforcement, and the public to conduct thorough fire inspections. We focus on compliance with fire codes to protect lives and property, and we serve facilities ranging from day care centers to correctional institutions.

Our inspection teams are highly specialized to cover different facility types. Fourteen inspectors, supported by two supervisors, oversee inspections for day care facilities, hotels, motels, resorts, and Minnesota's public K-12 and charter schools. Another team, consisting of eight inspectors and a supervisor, focuses on health care facilities, ensuring that hospitals and clinics meet strict fire safety standards. Additionally, we have dedicated inspectors for correctional facilities and fire protection systems to guarantee safety in high-risk environments.

Specific inspection areas

We conduct fire safety inspections in roughly 1,750 public and charter school buildings across Minnesota, including primary, middle, secondary, and alternative schools, on a three-year rotation. Our team also inspects child care and foster care centers in areas where local fire departments do not provide inspection services. Beyond that, we ensure that correctional facilities and residential care facilities meet stringent safety requirements. Finally, our inspectors work to prevent fire deaths and property loss by inspecting hotels, motels, and other public accommodations throughout the state.



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Health care facilities

Our team inspects health care facilities like hospitals, clinics, surgery centers and nursing homes across the state.

One-stop shop for health care inspections

The Minnesota Department of Health is your one-stop shop for health care inspections. [Their website contains an overview of the life safety code and other great information you should know for your inspection.](#) [↗](#)

What you need for your inspection

Preparing for an inspection at your facility? [Check out these forms, which you should print out and have in a binder](#) to make the inspection process easier.

[The calculators on this page](#) [↗](#) are provided to help you determine the size of generator required for your specific application. Other calculators on this page are for unit conversions and other power related calculations.

Other parts of the process you should know

You have the opportunity to request a waiver under specific conditions. [Read the](#) instructions for requesting a temporary waiver.

Use the form below to request a waiver.



Health care inspection waiver

For each item of the life safety code recommended for waiver, list the survey report form item number and the reason for the conclusion that (a) the specific provisions of the code, if rigidly applied, would result in unreasonable hardship on the facility and (b) the waiver of such unmet provisions will not adversely affect the health and safety of the patients. If additional space is required, attach more sheets.

Name of Facility

2012 LIFE SAFETY CODE

PART III – RECOMMENDATION FOR WAIVER OF SPECIFIC LIFE SAFETY CODE PROVISIONS

For each item of the Life Safety Code recommended for waiver, list the survey report form item number and state the reason for the conclusion that:
(a) the specific provisions of the code, if rigidly applied, would result in unreasonable hardship on the facility, and (b) the waiver of such unmet provisions will not adversely affect the health and safety of the patients. If additional space is required, attach additional sheet(s).

PROVISION NUMBER(S)

JUSTIFICATION

K400

Surveyor (Signature)

Title

Office

Date

Fire Authority Official (Signature)

Title

Office

Date

PCREE

○ Patient Care Related Electrical Equipment

- NFPA 99- 10.3 Testing Requirements

- All PCREE used inpatient care rooms is tested in accordance with 10.3.5.4 or 10.3.6 before being put into service and after any repair or modification.
- The physical integrity, resistance, leakage current, and touch current tests for fixed and portable patient-care related electrical equipment (PCREE) is performed as required in 10.3.
- A record of electrical equipment tests, repairs, and modifications is maintained for a period of time to demonstrate compliance in accordance with the facility's policy.
- Personnel responsible for the testing, maintenance and use of electrical appliances receive continuous training.

Questions?

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