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Schaeffer Electric Co. Doubling Number of Fire Alarms at Friendship Village of South County in Sunset Hills, Mo.

ST. LOUIS – St. Louis-based **Schaeffer Electric Co., Inc.** is nearing completion of a fire alarm system expansion at the **Friendship Village of South County** senior living community in Sunset Hills, Mo. The firm is teaming with **Tech Electronics, Inc.** of St. Louis to complete the 11-month project in December 2009.

The project more than doubles the number of fire alarm devices monitoring the space. Several independent fire panels are being replaced with a network system encompassing three main panels and seven remote annunciation stations. Schaeffer's data and communications team is installing more than 3,700 devices, requiring more than 200,000 feet of communication cable. All work is taking place while the existing fire alarm system remains active.

Once installed, Tech Electronics will program the new system. The new detection devices identify exact locations so fire personnel can pinpoint the location of any fire incident.

"The protection and well-being of our residents is our top priority," said **Richard Money**, executive director. "Both Schaeffer and Tech Electronics are delivering an impressive array of expertise to this complex project."

Opened in 1978, Friendship Village of South County offers 294 independent living apartments, 40 independent living cottages, 61 assisted living suites and 188-bed skilled nursing facility.

Schaeffer provides a full range of electrical contracting services, including construction, residential,

data and communication, lighting maintenance and exterior lighting. Founded in 1935, the firm is a leader in the St. Louis Chapter, **National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)**, and hires member electricians of the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local One**. For more information, visit www.schaefferelectric.com.

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