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Safety First!
**Friendship Village of South County
Expands Fire Alarm System for
Increased Resident Protection**



Are your smoke alarms functioning at full potential? An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had at least one working detector!

To protect the lives of its residents, the **Friendship Village of South County** senior living community is upgrading the entire fire alarm system inside its sprawling complex. Schaeffer Electric and Tech Electronics of St. Louis, Mo. have teamed to complete the safety installations.

The 11-month project wrapping up in December 2009 will more than double the number of fire alarm devices throughout the independent living space. It also will replace several independent fire panels with a networked system consisting of 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.

And all of the work is taking place while the facility's existing fire alarm system remains active. Once installed, Tech Electronics will program the new system. The new detection devices identify exact location so fire personnel can immediately identify the precise spot of any fire incident.

Dan's Bright Idea



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"Our residents' protection and well-being are top priority," said Richard Money, executive director of Friendship Village of South County in Sunset Hills, Mo. "Both Schaeffer and Tech Electronics are working very well together and delivering an impressive array of expertise to this complex project."

Opened in 1978, Friendship Village of South County consists of 294 independent living apartments, 40 independent living cottages, 61 assisted living suites and an on-site 118-bed skilled nursing facility.

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National Leadership Schaeffer Inducted to NECA Academy of Electrical Contracting; Elected as District 7 Vice President

Dan Schaeffer, president of Schaeffer Electric, recently was named to the **National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Academy of Electrical Contracting**, which honors outstanding leaders in the electrical contracting industry. The formal induction was held in mid-September at the 2009 NECA annual convention in Seattle, Wash., where Schaeffer also spoke with St. Louis Chapter NECA Executive Vice President Doug Martin about St. Louis' Electrical Connection partnership.

Since its founding in 1968, nearly 600 distinguished electrical contractors have been inducted into the Academy of Electrical Contracting.

Schaeffer also was elected NECA District 7 vice president, which represents members in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. His two-year term begins January 1, 2010.

To read 2009 NECA annual convention highlights and view photos from the induction ceremony, [click here](#).

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