59A-4.106 FACILITY POLICIES.

...(4) Each facility shall maintain policies and procedures in the following areas:

...(i) Disaster preparedness;

(j) Fire prevention and control...

(5) Staff Education.

...(c) The staff education plan shall ensure that education is conducted annually for all facility employees, at a minimum, in the following areas:

...2. Fire prevention, life safety, and disaster preparedness...

59A-4.126 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

(1) Each nursing home facility shall have a written plan with procedures to be followed in the event of an internal or externally caused disaster. The initiation, development, and maintenance of this plan shall be the responsibility of the facility administrator, and shall be accomplished in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, County Emergency Management Agency.

(2) The plan shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(a) Criteria, as shown, in Section 400.23(2)(g), F.S.; and


59A-4.130 FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE PROTECTION, AND LIFE SAFETY.

(1) A licensee shall comply with the life safety code requirements and building code standards applicable at the time of departmental approval of the facility’s Third Stage – Construction Documents.

(2) Fire prevention, fire protection, and life safety practices shall be the responsibility of the facility Administrator.
(3) All fires or explosions shall be reported immediately to the local fire department. A written report of each fire or explosion shall be made to the AHCA, with a copy to the director of the local county health unit, within ten days of occurrence. Such report shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and complete address of the facility;
(b) The date of the report;
(c) The date, time, cause, and location of the fire or explosion;
(d) The extent of flame, smoke, and water damage;
(e) The extent of other damage;
(f) The estimated amount of loss;
(g) The number of residents with injuries and the number of resident deaths;
(h) The name and job title of the individual who reported the fire or explosion;
(i) The time that the fire or explosion was reported and identification of to whom it was reported;
(j) Information as to whether or not the in-house fire alarm was activated;
(k) Information as to whether or not the fire or explosion was reported to the local fire department, and if not, an explanation as to why it was not;
(l) A description of the method used to extinguish the fire;
(m) Information as to whether or not the facility is equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system;
(n) The Administrator’s narrative description of the incident and what action, if any, is to be taken to prevent further occurrences; and
(o) Attachments consisting of:

A copy of the fire report of the local fire department, if applicable, and Photographs, if damage was extensive.

(4) Within ten days of receipt, the facility shall forward to the appropriate Area Office of the AHCA a copy of all reports of fire safety inspections made by local fire authorities.