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Mr. Mark Gustafson
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Re: Justice Center Alarm System, 1120 SW 3rd Avenue

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

The Fire Marshal's office has recently been made aware of some serious deficiencies in the alarm system at the Justice Center. Unfortunately some of the problems need immediate correction to lessen the possibility of injury to staff and inmates as well as damage to the building.

Mr. Max Runyun of the City of Portland Electrical Division has submitted a list of electrical violations. I will not repeat this list as this is his area of expertise. I would like to stress however that the violations cited are not just technical in nature but are true fire, shock, and electrocution hazards.

Another specific concern of this office is the fact that the fire sprinkler control circuits in the detention cells are not electronically supervised which makes it possible for the system to be inoperable without any indication to the staff.

It is our intent to work with you any way we can to provide reasonable safety to the building occupants. Please feel free to contact me at 823-7798 during business hours if I may be of assistance.

Terry A. Beck
Inspector

cc: Tom Stanwood, Fire Inspector
Max Runyon, Electrical Inspector
Rich Butcher, Sr. Fire Inspector
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