Each facility, after consultation with the local fire department or Texas Commission on Fire Protection, shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official.

A review of life safety paperwork indicated that the facility was inspected by a state fire marshal on 2/15/2019. The facility has yet to address all violations and the fire marshal has not yet re-inspected the facility.

All life safety equipment shall be inspected, maintained, and tested by persons qualified to do so (whether under vendor contract, by state or private agency or otherwise) in order that such equipment shall be safe, secure, and fully operative at all times.

During a walk-through of the facility, it was observed that the fire alarm control panel displayed a trouble alarm. The system was unable to reset to normal while the inspector was on-site.

Provisions shall be made for at least twenty-four hours written notice to be given to the inmate of the claimed violation or charges against him/her.

While reviewing inmate disciplinary reports, paperwork reflected that staff were offering a waiver/hearing prior to a notice of charges claimed against the inmate.

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