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HOPE HOUSE FIRE SAFETY PROJECT, 2022
BACKGROUND OF HOPE HOUSE:

• Built 1987
• Only assisted living care home built by the Catholic Diocese of Samoa in Tutuila, Pago Pago
• Provides care to elderly and children with disabilities – all denominations
• 15 residents, Caregivers and Administrative staff
• Maintenance officer
• Closely connected are a Day Care and Montessori School, other (next slide)
• Over 100 people in total each day
• Recently applied last year to be Medicaid Provider
HOPE HOUSE – RESIDENTS:

Hope House by the Diocese of Pago Pago
Residents consist of
• individuals with disabilities
• elderly residents
• younger persons with disabilities
The residents use wheelchairs, specialized wheelchairs, walkers and other devices
There are approximately 15 residents at Hope House
HOPE HOUSE PART OF FATUOAIGA COMPOUND – AERIAL

• Fatuoaiga Catholic Cathedral
• Hope House
  • Mens Wing
  • Womens Wing
  • Chapel
• Montessori School
• Day Care Center
• Apartments
• Quarantine Quarters
  (Separate Building)
TOUR OF HOPE HOUSE (CONTINUE)

- Hope House Maintenance Manager gave partners a tour
- Fire Chief attended and reviewed his report and indicators to be addressed
- Stressed importance of Fire Safety Prevention and Drills
OUTDATED ALARM AND FIRE SYSTEM

- Hard wired smoke detectors that all lead into one panel system
- Same with wired alarm system
- All not working, ineffective
- Battery Operated Detectors
- Fire Extinguishers (Yes)
FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

- New Sprinkler system
- New Fire Alarm system
- Emergency Power Supply
- Emergency Exit Signs w/Lights
- Emergency Lights within Staircase
- More Fire Hydrants on Compound
- Postings of Emergency Evac Plan
- Other defects
COLLABORATION

- Legal Issues
- Funding Sources
- Disability Awareness Month
  - Theme: Change for Rights, Inclusion, Language
- Fire Drill
- More Smoke Detectors & Fire Extinguishers (Chemical) to add to existing
READY FOR COVID. BUT LET’S BE READY FOR FIRE!