

### The Fire Plan for VAConnecticut HCS

#### Procedures in case of a fire emergency

For Healthcare occupancy (West Haven) and Business occupancy (Newington) the protection of patients, visitors and staff shall require a prompt and effective response.

#### **RACE = Remove / Relocate - Alarm activate - Confinement - Extinguish**

#### Fire Emergency Response Procedures West Haven Campus - Building One & Two

Prior to Horizontal or Vertical relocation, it should be determined if evacuation is necessary. If the incident is contained within the area of origin, occupants may choose to assume the "stand & defend" posture. All elements of the RACE Fire Plan shall be complied with short of relocation. Once smoke or fire enters the general corridor area or it has been determined unsafe, all occupants on the floor in alarm must follow through with the prescribed evacuation plan for the area.

*Note: Red Door Frames represent a smoke or fire barrier. Not all floors have horizontal smoke barriers. However each floor above ground level has minimum of two exit stairs serving as a means of egress to a safe area.*

#### Outer Buildings - Fire Evacuation Plan

Everyone shall evacuate in the event of a fire. The fire alarm system shall be activated

#### Fire Emergency Response (Newington)

Horizontal / Vertical / Full evacuation

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#### Emergency Assistance Information – (See RED badge with ID badge)

	<u>West Haven</u>	<u>Newington</u>
Code Red (Fire)	X 4444	X 6222
Code 2 (Disruption)	X 2222	X 6444
Code 5 (Medical Emergency)	X 5555	X 6333
Police Emergency	X4911	X 6911
Code Yellow (Missing Patient) Contact Supervisor for instructions		
Off site: Emergencies *911 Safety Hot line 7389		

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#### Signals/ Announcements:

Disaster code (West Haven): "March Time Bells – continuous bells followed by an overhead announcement.

Disaster code (Newington): "March Time Chimes" – Audible announcement transmitted via the fire alarm system.

Fire alarm signals (West Haven) Building One and Two will be initiated by a tone alert, strobe lights and a computer generated verbal announcement.

Outer buildings will be a steady and continuous tone until all occupants are evacuated and the alarm is acknowledged.