



# Lakeland Regional Health®

To whom it may concern,

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I am the Fire & Life Safety compliance technician for Lakeland Regional Health. LRH's medical center is an 849-bed level 2 trauma center with the busiest ER in the nation. In June 2018 we open another 8-story bed tower. We have been in business over 100 years. I am responsible for 1.5 million square feet of fully sprinkled medical center. Some wings of our facility date back to the 50's. We have been under construction for the last 20 years or more.

Working in the healthcare environment can be tricky and time consuming for a contractor. Knowing all the policies and procedures to operate in a facility of this size is no easy feat. A contractor's professionalism in this environment can have many impacts on everything from infection control to patient services down time. That's why my number one choice in sprinkler contractor is St. Petersburg Fire Protection. St Pete's has been an integral partner to our sprinkler systems health for more than my 14 years of service at LRH. In addition to the medical center St Petersburg Fire Protection services 6 of our off-site buildings of various sizes and specialties. St Pete's has been working at our facility with the highest standards for more than 20 years without incident. They are big enough to handle all of our needs but just small enough to get to know our operating procedures down to a department level. I have lost count of the renovations St Pete fire has taken part in at our facility. St Pete's is familiar with AHCA/TJC requirements in healthcare for inspections, service and new construction.

St Pete's can be trusted to work independently, show up on time, badged and professional. St Pete's is one of the few companies I will hire on time and material for service and save money. Their techs are quick and proficient. Their new construction inspections consistently pass with high praise from the local AHJ. When I have questions about code compliance, I call Suzanne, the owner of St Pete fire. Suzanne sits on the board in her specialty and stays involved in Tallahassee. In the near future we will be using St Pete's fire for inspections as well as service and new construction. Feel free to call any time for a reference. I appreciate all that they do out here.

Sincerely,

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