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Mr. Ron Vick
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Dear Mr. Vick:

Thank you for your letter regarding the operation of a haunted house amusement building. The Life Safety Codes governing the fire safe operation of such a business can be somewhat stringent at times; however, those code requirements were developed as a reaction to fire events that have occurred in such occupancies. Every haunted house that operates in Nebraska that has been properly inspected is in compliance with these minimum safety requirements. Occasionally some haunted houses come to the attention of the State Fire Marshal Agency and it is learned that the facilities never submitted plans, as required by state statute, when it was first being proposed for operation. From the information you provided in your letter, it looks like this is what occurred with regard to the haunted house under your supervision.

Wayne State College, as with any state entity, should be looked upon as providing a safe environment for those looking to us for guidance and education. The State Fire Marshal had his deputy work with your group to allow the haunted house to finish the season. The guidelines furnished to you by Deputy Sloup are the requirements necessary for future operation. These guidelines are the same for every facility in the State of Nebraska which desires to operate as a haunted house.

State Fire Marshal Falgione has directed that Deputy Sloup revisit you and issue orders requiring compliance with the haunted house requirements. If you wish to challenge these orders, that may be done by sending written notification to the State Fire Marshal Agency requesting an appeal hearing before the Fire Safety Appeals Board. There are specific timelines involved in the appeals process and if you have any questions feel free to contact the State Fire Marshal for assistance.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave".

Dave Heineman
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cc: Dave Jaegar, Wayne County Fair Board President
Jeff Carstens, WSC Vice President and Dean of Students