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ISO Rating Updates

Travis County Emergency Services District #4 (TCESD 4) is responsible for providing emergency services to approximately 18,000 citizens in our communities. The life safety and well-being of our citizens are the main priorities of our organization. Correspondingly, we provide services from three fire stations that are staffed and prepared to respond around the clock every day. Similarly, TCESD 4 also understands the need to seek opportunities which may potentially derive economic value for our citizens.

As such, TCESD 4 collaborated with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to participate in their Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey with the goal of improving on the PPC rating for the communities being served. In the State of Texas most insurance providers use Public Protection Classifications when calculating property insurance premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. The PPC rating for TCESD 4 prior to December 1, 2010 was a split rating of 6/9. We are excited to announce that ISO completed its analysis of the structure fire suppression delivery system provided to our communities and the result is an improvement in PPC rating to a Class 4/8B. This improvement in PPC rating may result in a lowering of insurance premiums however that will depend on meeting all criteria from your provider.

In many communities, ISO develops a split classification (for example, 4/8B) which means the first class rating of 4 applies to properties within a defined distance of 5-road miles to one of our fire stations and within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant. The second class rating of 8B applies to properties beyond the 1000 feet of a fire hydrant but within the defined distance of a fire station. This means that the community's fire suppression services are improving even though we are being challenged with increasing demands for service while going through the economic downturn.

ISO classifies communities from 1 to 10 based on how well they score on the ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) which grades a community's fire protection capability. Their final score is derived from applying the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule and is translated into a Public Protection Classification rating. It consists of 50% for fire department capabilities, 40% for water supply and distribution, and 10% for receiving and handling fire alarms through the dispatching system. The improved PPC rating is effective May 1, 2011.

For additional information on ISO PPC rating's please visit the State of Texas Fire Marshal's Office website at the following link. [State Fire Marshal's Office](#)

Sincerely,

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