



Snohomish County Fire Protection District #22

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Fire District 22 Getchell Citizens,

I would like to first say thank you for the tremendous support this community has provided its fire department over the years. The support you have and continue to provide is never taken for granted. Because if this support, the Commissioners and staff of the fire department have been able to make the required changes to improve not only the level of service, but the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau score as well.

The Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB) is the premier source of property underwriting and rating for the insurance industry. Approximately 75% of insurance companies use the WSRB to determine insurance rates. They essentially evaluate a fire district's capabilities through an extensive testing and evaluation process and then issue a score based on those findings. A score of 10 equates to no fire protection, and a score of 1 equates to exceptional fire protection. The lower the score, the better the fire protection. Snohomish County Fire District No. 22 Getchell has been scored a 7 and 8 for the last 9 years. Because of this score, our citizens have paid above average insurance premiums than other similarly sized communities with a better score.

I'm very pleased to report that the WSRB's evaluation concluded that the district's lofty goal of improving the protection class rating score was a significant success.

Protection class ratings have been improved to include the following changes:

- If you live **within five miles from a fire station and within 1000 feet from a fire hydrant**, you will **improve from PC 7 to Protection Class Rating 4**.
- If you live **within five miles from a fire station and exceed 1000 feet from a fire hydrant**, you will **improve from PC 8 to Protection Class Rating 5**

If you have an insured building within the geographical borders of Fire District No. 22, you are likely to receive a significant discount on your homeowner's or renter's insurance. Contact your insurance company immediately to determine your possible discount. We recommend you provide your insurance agent with the attached letter from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Hots".

Travis Hots, District Fire Chief
Snohomish County Fire District No. 22

August 20, 2014

Board of Commissioners
Snohomish County FPD No. 22
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Dear Commissioners:

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the fire protection capabilities, as they relate to fire insurance rating, of your community. It is our pleasure to inform you that the Protection Classification (PC) for Snohomish County Fire District 22 has improved from Protection Class 7 to Protection Class 4, effective February 1, 2015.

Snohomish Fire District 22 was also evaluated for WSRB Tender Credit, and it was determined that the community will retain this PC rating credit.

A Protection Class (PC) 4 rating will apply to dwelling and commercial properties located in the community, within 5 road miles of a responding fire station and having standard fire hydrant distribution and water supply. Properties in the community not meeting the above requirements will receive a different PC rating.

Protection Class ratings for individual dwelling and commercial properties are available by calling WSRB Customer Service at (206) 217-0101. We recommend residents of your community contact their insurance agents to determine the relative effect this new community protection classification will have on their insurance premiums.

We wish to thank Fire Chief Travis Hots and Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Stocker for their assistance during the evaluation.

Please find enclosed a copy of the new Protection Class Report. This report shows the various items evaluated and points associated with each item. The points total for all items determines the Protection Class of the community.

This survey was not conducted for property loss prevention or for life safety purposes. The purpose was to gather information needed to determine a fire insurance relevant Public Protection Classification that may be used to develop fire insurance rates or loss costs. Our evaluation criteria incorporate many national recognized standards, such as those developed by NFPA and AWWA, and has been filed with and approved by the Washington State Office of Insurance Commissioner.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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