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Colorado Secretary of State reports that election 2016 ballots have been turned in by person as of Nov. 2.

County, 1,799 have been returned. wide total includes 443,517 ballots turned over Democrats and 420,330 by registered . The next highest total is 320,210 unaffiliated. Other parties make up the balance. ts have returned 629 ballots in Ouray and Republicans have returned 664. voters have returned 469.

Secretary of State provides daily tallies of ballots until Election Day, Nov. 8.

OURAY COUNTY

Improved fire response rating could affect insurance cost

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On Oct. 24, the Insurance Services Organization announced that Log Hill Fire has improved its Public Protection Classification Rating to 4/4Y, effective Feb. 17.

PPC reflects the department's ability to respond to a structure fire.

Many insurance companies use the PPC rating of a fire department to help determine the cost of fire insurance. Many factors impact the cost of fire insurance, but an improved PPC rating may reduce the overall cost or reduce the rate at which prices for insurance increase, according to a spokesman for the

fire department.

The department receives a split classification because a large portion of the rating is based on water supplies available to fight a structure fire. The southern portion of the district, which is served by Dallas Creek Water Company, is rated a PPC 4. The northern part of the district is served by Tri-County Water and is rated a PPC 4Y indicating less available water and fewer fire hydrants.

Log Hill Fire has steadily improved its PPC over the last three ISO inspections. A 1999 inspection resulted in a PPC rating of 6/9. In 2011, the PPC rating was raised to 5/8B after a follow-up inspection by ISO.

"We are pleased by the results of the latest ISO survey," said Fire Chief John Rogers. "The improved rating indicates our training program, pump and hose testing programs, and our public education outreach program are having a positive impact on our service to the community."



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