

LHVFD Improves Public Protection Classification Rating

In May, 2011, the Log Hill Volunteer Fire Department received an inspection from the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) to determine the Department's ability to respond in the event of a structure fire within the District. The results of the inspection were issued in December 2011 and indicated the Department has significantly improved its ability to combat structure fires.

LHVFD last received an ISO inspection in 1999. At that time the, the Department was rated as a 6/9 Public Protection Classification (PPC). The most recent inspection resulted in an improved PPC rating of 5/8B. The District receives a split rating because a large portion of the rating is based on the water supplies available to fight a fire. The southern portion of the District which is served by Dallas Creek Water is rated as a PPC 5. The northern portion of the District which is served by Tri-County Water is rated as a PPC8B.

Many insurance companies use the PPC rating of a fire department to help determine the cost of fire insurance. There are many factors which 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.

"We are pleased with the outcome of the recent ISO inspection and the improvement of our PPC rating" said Asst. Fire Chief Tom Austin. "It helps to validate the increased effort of our firefighters to train and prepare for fires. It also shows that we are headed in the right direction with the effort to improve our facilities and equipment."

More information on the ISO Public Protection Classification rating is available at <http://www.isomitigation.com/>.