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JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3 AWARDED IMPROVED CLASSIFICATION FROM INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO)

White City, Ore. – Jackson County Fire District 3 (FD3) recently learned that it has received an improved Public Protection Classification (PPC) score of 2 from the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

According to Fire Chief Mike Hussey, “This improved ISO rating reflects Fire District 3’s commitment to provide the highest quality of public safety services to the citizens of our communities. This comprehensive review confirmed the efforts of the dedicated members of FD3, Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon and our local water purveyors. Their outstanding work and attention to detail in their performance of their duties is represented by this achievement. Achieving an ISO 2 rating is a significant accomplishment for a Fire District, representing a high level of fire protection services and community cooperation.”

The improved rating score represents a significant milestone for Fire District 3, which was previously scored at ISO Class 3. Only 32 Communities in Oregon have achieved a Class 2 PPC rating. Presently, there are no ISO Class 1-rated communities in the state of Oregon. Nationwide, less than 2% of all fire departments achieve a rating of 2 or lower.

This new rating may result in a decrease in annual insurance premiums within the FD3 service area. Residential and commercial property owners are encouraged to contact their insurance providers to inquire if their premiums will be impacted by the improved classification rating. Each insurance company independently determines the premiums it charges its policyholders. The new ISO Class 2 rating will go into effect on May 1, 2024.

ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators, and others by providing risk information. ISO’s expert staff collects and analyzes data from communities using its Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, which evaluates the major elements of a community’s fire protection system - fire department, emergency communications, water supply, and community risk reduction. Class 1 generally represents superior fire protection, and class 10 indicates that an area’s fire suppression program does not meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

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