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Benton County Fire District 4 Improves Insurance Rating

Homeowners Could See Lower Premiums

WEST RICHLAND, WASH. — The Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) notified Benton County Fire District 4 last week that it has earned Water Tender Credits. Some homeowners could see lower insurance premiums as a result.

A Water Tender is a piece of apparatus that can hold up to 3,000 gallons of water. It is deployed to fight fires where a consistent water source, such as a fire hydrant, is not available.

The Water Tender credit applies to properties located within five road miles of a responding fire station but not having a standard fire hydrant within 1,000 feet. In the unincorporated part of the fire district, properties that meet these conditions will receive a Protection Class 6, which is an improvement from the previous Protection Class 7 or 8A. In the city of West Richland, dwellings that meet these conditions will receive a Protection Class 5.

Thanks to support from taxpayers, Fire District 4 purchased a new water tender and applied to receive the credit for homeowners. The credits will apply June 1, 2019. Homeowners are encouraged to contact their insurance companies or agents to see if it applies to their insurance policies.

The WSRB is Washington's premier source of property underwriting and rating information for the insurance industry. It assigns a protection classification rate for fire districts in the state that insurance companies use to calculate policy premiums.

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Benton County Fire District 4 is proud to provide fire and emergency medical service (EMS) to 18,232 people over 52 square miles, including the City of West Richland. The fire district operates under a balanced budget and maintains adequate reserve funds in case of an emergency. It also has a history of successfully passing financial and accountability audits by the state. Learn more about Fire District 4 at www.bcf4.org, "Like" us on Facebook at /BCFD4 or follow us on Twitter @BCFD4Info.