

May 2, 2017

Fire Chief Jay Wiseman  
Kittitas County Fire District 7  
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Chief Wiseman:

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the fire protection capabilities of your community as they relate to fire insurance rating. As indicated in our July 25, 2016 letter, WSRB identified some concerns with the number of volunteer firefighters at some of your fire stations. Since that letter we have received your August 16, 2016 letter detailing your plan to increase the number of firefighters and your April 18, 2017 email listing the results of your efforts to increase the number of firefighters. This information was included in our evaluation along with the other data we collected. It is our pleasure to inform you that the Protection Classification (PC) for Kittitas County Fire District 7 has improved from Protection Class 7 to Protection Class 6, effective September 1, 2017, While the community PC rating has improved not all parts of the district will receive this benefit. The PC rating for properties around each of you fire stations are detail below.

A Protection Class (PC) 6 rating will apply to dwelling and commercial properties located within five road miles of either Fire Station 71, 72, 76 or 78 and having standard fire hydrant distribution and water supply.

Properties within five road miles of only **Fire Station 73** (and that are not within five miles of any other recognized station in the District) will have their PC changed to a **PC 9A rating**. Fire Station 73 does not currently have the minimum four volunteer firefighters living within five road miles of the station as is required to meet minimum criteria for a PC 9 rating or the minimum six volunteer firefighters living within five road miles of the station to meet minimum criteria for the PC rating of the community.

Properties within five road miles of only **Fire Station 74, 75 or 77** will have their PC changed to a **PC 9** rating due to these stations currently having less than six volunteer firefighters living within five miles as is required to meet minimum criteria for the PC rating of the community.

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 free of charge by calling WSRB Customer Service at (206) 217-0101 or emailing [customerservice@wsrb.com](mailto:customerservice@wsrb.com). 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.

Kittitas County Fire District 7 was also evaluated for WSRB Tender Credit, and it was determined that the community will retain this PC rating credit.

We wish to thank you and your staff for the cooperation 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.

WSRB supports your efforts to improve the fire insurance rating of your community. If you believe the conditions that contributed to the change in Protection Class for some properties in the fire district have been resolved, please contact me immediately. WSRB would be pleased to conduct another evaluation to update the rating.

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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Enclosure