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Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: RE: Fire Dist. #5 WSRB Rating
Attachments: WSRB rating letter 2015-06-24.pdf

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Hi Sophia. Our District has Protection Class Rating of 8 by the WSRB. Not sure what you are looking at. It was Class 9 between 1962 and 2015. In 2015 we were upgraded to Class 8. We have our current review with WSRB going on right now. We meet an even higher standard for staffing (I think we have the highest # of responders per capita in the county) and response time, but we are limited by water supply, the age of our equipment, lack of certifications, inability to meet NFPA standards in some areas, among a variety of other things.

I saw an earlier e-mail regarding our facilities. Do you need updated information on building and apparatus inventories?

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>Description</u>
Land and Buildings		
Fire Station # 51 East		44 Squaw Bay Road
Fire Station # 51 West		44 Squaw Bay Road
Tax Parcel # 263422002000		0.61 acres 44 Squaw Bay Rd
Fire Station # 52		1903 Ben Nevis Loop
Tax Parcel # 262913003000		0.11 acres 1903 Ben Nevis Loop
<u>Fire Apparatus</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Description</u>
Engine 51	1	1987 Ford 8000 Darly Type 1 Engine
Engine 52	1	1986 Pierce Dash Type 1 Engine
Wildland Engine 51	1	2018 Dodge 550 Type 5 Engine
Wildland Engine 52	1	2001 International Type 5 Engine
Tender 56	1	1988 International Type 2 Tender
Tender 55	1	1978 White Western Star Type 2 Tanker

Not sure what level of detail you need. Let me know if you need anything else. Always happy to help if I can.

Carry on the good work,

Jon Shannon

From: Sophia Cassam <sophiac@sanjuanico.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:37 AM
To: 'jon@shawisland.net' <jon@shawisland.net>
Subject: Fire Dist. #5 WSRB Rating

Hi Jon,

I am reviewing San Juan County's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) as part of our Comprehensive Plan update, which includes facilities operated by the fire districts. We use WSRB ratings to assess fire district facilities' level of service in the CPF.

Stations #51, 52, and 53 on Shaw are rated at WSRB 9, which is below the County's adopted standard of WSRB 8. Soon, I will need to brief County Council on why Shaw's current rating is acceptable despite being below the standard adopted by the County.

I spoke with RJ, the County Fire Marshal, who let me know that Shaw's staffing limitations do not meet WSRB's standards, but he suggested I reach out to you for clarity. Can you provide me with an explanation I can share with Council?

Best,

Sophia Cassam, Planner I - Direct Line (360) 370-7589

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June 24, 2015

Chief Jon Shannon
San Juan County Fire District 5
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Chief Shannon:

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the fire protection capabilities, as they relate to fire insurance rating, of your community. It is our pleasure to inform you that the Protection Classification (PC) for San Juan County Fire Protection District 5 has improved from Protection Class 9 to Protection Class 8, effective October 1, 2015.

A Protection Class (PC) 8 rating will apply to dwelling and commercial properties located within 5 road miles of a responding fire station and having standard hydrant distribution and water supply. Properties in the community not meeting the above requirements will receive a different PC rating.

Protection Class ratings for individual properties are available by calling WSRB customer service at (206) 217-0101. 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.

We wish to thank you for the cooperation during the evaluation.

For your information a copy of the minimum criteria a community must achieve to receive Protection Class 8 is enclosed.

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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