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Hardeeville Fire Department Lowers its ISO Rating

Hardeeville, SC – (November 29, 2022) -The City of Hardeeville is proud to announce that it's fire department was recently awarded with a significant rating improvement. The Insurance services Organization changed the rating of the fire department from a three (3) rating to a two (2) rating. Effective on March 1, 2023. This is a major accomplishment. Only 4.4% of the fire departments in the nation are rated at a two (2).

The ISO rating is used to determine property and casualty insurance rates. This means that Hardeeville residents could soon see a reduction on their homeowner's insurance for fire protection.

There are several factors used in determining the rating of a fire department. Some of the top factors include:

> **Needed Fire Flows, which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes.**

> **Emergency Communications, including emergency reporting, telecommunicators, and dispatching systems.**

> **Fire Department, including equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations, and community risk reduction.**

> **Water Supply, including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations, and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gpm.**

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ISO agents spent a day in Hardeeville and months going through data to determine if the city's fire department would earn the rating change. Hardeeville City Manager Michael Czymbor congratulated the fire fighters for their continued hard work and ongoing effort to keep the residents of Hardeeville safe.

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