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Board of Commissioners  
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Dear Commissioners:

It is our pleasure to inform you that the fire protection classification of your fire district has improved from Class 8 to Class 5 effective June 1, 2009. The Class 5 will apply to buildings within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station and with standard hydrant distribution and water supply.

As discussed with Chief Mark Nelson during our on-site visit, dwelling properties without a standard fire hydrant within 1000 feet and within 5 miles of a recognized fire station are eligible for the Class 5 of the community due to the district meeting the requirements for tender credit. Later this year tender credit will change and dwelling properties noted above will receive one protection class less at risk or a Class 6 in your fire district. The minimum hydrant density proration percentage for grading was reduced to 20% which allowed your fire district to be considered for improvement. At the same time it allowed for a rating differential between hydranted areas and those serviced by water tenders. Please find enclosed the new Detailed Grading.

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 classification that may be used to develop fire insurance rates. The new class will reduce fire insurance rates on most commercial and institutional property that meet our minimum requirements for water supplies and fire hydrants but may have little effect on residential property and commercial property equipped with automatic sprinkler systems.

Our Grading Schedule is used to evaluate the relative effect of various conditions upon fire insurance rates and has been filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner. This is not to be construed as bearing in any way upon the question as to whether "due care" has been exercised with respect to possible liability for personal injury or damage to property. It is recognized that correctable hazards which could cause or contribute to loss may still exist and need not be identified or commented upon.

If you have any questions concerning your new classification, please let us know.

Very truly yours,  
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