

December 22, 2017

Fire Chief Gordon Pomeroy
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Fire Chief Pomeroy:

This letter is to update you on the status of the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) recent evaluation of the fire protection capabilities, as they relate to fire insurance rating, of your community. As indicated in our July 10, 2017 initial letter, the City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County Fire District 1 are each currently a Protection Class 5. We wish to inform you that the results of the recent evaluation indicate that the Protection Classification (PC) for Port Townsend and Jefferson County Fire District 1 has remained a Protection Class 5 respectively.

Protection Class (PC) 5 will apply to properties located within five road miles of a recognized responding fire station and having standard hydrant distribution and water supply. Properties not meeting these requirements will receive a different protection class rating.

In our initial letter we detailed our concerns about Stations 12, 13 and 14 not meeting minimum criteria for number of volunteer firefighters and equipment. Since the discussions following our initial letter and our phone conversation on September 21, 2017, we understand that these stations are still not meeting minimum criteria and that this will not change in the near future. Dwelling properties within five road miles of any one of these stations and not within five road miles of another responding fire station will have their PC rating changed to a PC 9 or 9A, effective February 1, 2018.

Protection class ratings for individual properties are available by calling WSRB customer service at (206) 217-0101. We recommend residents of your community near Stations 12, 13 and 14 contact their insurance agents to determine the relative effect, if any, this PC rating will have on their insurance premiums.

The City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County Fire District 1 were also evaluated for WSRB Tender Credit, and it was determined that the community will retain this PC rating credit.

We wish to thank you, Deputy Chief Brian Krysinski, Assistant Chief Brian Tracer, and your staff for the cooperation during the evaluation.

Please find enclosed a copies of the new Protection Class Reports. These reports show 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 rating around Stations 12, 13 and 14 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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Jefferson County Fire District 1 Commissioners