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Town of Kingston Springs, Tennessee

KINGSTON SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN ISO CLASSIFICATION

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The Town of Kingston Springs and Kingston Springs Fire Department have submitted a formal improvement program to Insurance Services Office, Inc., (ISO) in order to maintain their public protection classification. The department's classification had been set at '4', but had been recommended to be downgraded to '5' based on the scoring of a March 2015 summary report. ISO offered to maintain the prior classification if the department submitted an appeal and improvement program listing fire service categories it could enhance by March 2016.

Chief Eugene Ivey offered, "The firemen have done an excellent job at putting together a plan that can easily be accomplished, and is more than just words on paper. We have created a plan that is both actionable and measurable."

The Kingston Springs Fire Department's improvement program calls for several minor and major changes. These include:

- 1) Having CCECC train all personnel in the use of emergency dispatch protocols.
- 2) Amending the test schedule and standard amount of fire hose on all reserve pumps.
- 3) Responding to all structure fire calls with a ladder truck.
- 4) Scheduling volunteers to cover designated shifts.
- 5) Improving the library of training resources.
- 6) Visiting commercial locations and forming a pre-fire plan for each property.
- 7) Request credit for 3 volunteers who already receive training while as a professional fireman in a neighboring department.
- 8) Making adjustments to officer, recruit, and HAZMAT training curriculum.
- 9) Helping SSCUD inspect and flow hydrants annually.
- 10) Request additional credit for public safety and fire prevention education activities already being performed by the department.

"The scoring does not reflect the high quality of overall fire, medical, and emergency services being offered to the community", explained City Manager Mike McClanahan. "ISO only reviews information pertaining to structure fires; a fraction of the department's annual calls for service."

For a copy of the ISO summary report, Kingston Springs improvement program, or for more information, please contact City Manager Mike McClanahan at (615) 952-2110 Ext. 15, or citymanager@kingstonsprings-tn.gov.