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### **Laramie County Fire District #2 Lowers ISO Class Rating From 7 to 5**

Laramie County Fire District #2 (LCFD2) lowered their ISO Rating from a classification of 7 to a classification of 5, providing better fire protection for residents living within 5 road miles of LCFD2 fire stations. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) collects information on a community's public fire protection and analyzes the data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). They then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents the best public protection, and Class 10 indicates no recognized protection. By classifying a community's ability to suppress fires, ISO provides crucial information for understanding the entire landscape of risk associated with a specific property.

In order to lower a classification and improve public protection, the ISO evaluates many factors and assigns points that prove your local fire department are at an advantage to respond quickly, efficiently and with an experienced crew in the event of a fire or natural disaster. Some of the factors considered are training hours of firefighters, training aids, apparatus, distance between fire hydrants, as well as the time it takes to respond and arrive on scene. LCFD2 has implemented a residency program for LCCC Students wherein students live in dorms at the station 1 and respond to calls while attending college in the Fire Science Program. "This dramatically improved our response time," said Chief Caughey, "Right now we have me, our Assistant Chief of Operations and at least two residents, which forms an engine crew, ready to respond the minute a call comes in. In addition we are seeing more volunteers spend the night at the station, improving our response times during nights and weekends."

Other improvements include two new cisterns in the district that provide additional water resources; a new engine at station 2, and new brush trucks at stations 1 and 3. "We are also going into our third year of hosting a fire service conference that attracts national leaders to Cheyenne for a 3 day, hands-on training event. 'Honoring Tradition, Leading Change' provides top-notch training for our members as well as the entire region, allowing us to work together and understand each other's methods."

Historically, very few cities ever receive a "Class 1" rating. The City of Cheyenne, in comparison, has a "Class 3" rating. "Our goal is to drop the rating to a 4," summed up Chief Caughey. Residents living within 5 road miles of LCFD2 stations are encouraged to check with their home owners insurance for reduced rates.

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