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Pace Fire Rescue District Improves ISO Public Protection Classification

Pace, Florida — The Pace Fire Rescue District is pleased to announce that its Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification has improved from a Class 4/4X to a Class 3/3X, effective September 1, 2026.

The Public Protection Classification, commonly known as the ISO rating, is used to evaluate a community's fire suppression capabilities. The review considers several major areas, including emergency communications, fire department operations, staffing, equipment, training, water supply, hydrant testing, and community risk reduction efforts.

This improved classification reflects the continued work and investment made by the Pace Fire Rescue District to strengthen fire protection services for the citizens, businesses, and property owners within the district.

“This improvement is the result of steady work, planning, and commitment by the members of this department,” said Fire Chief Robbie Whitfield. “A Class 3/3X rating shows that Pace Fire Rescue District continues to move in the right direction. Our goal has always been to provide dependable fire protection and emergency response to the citizens we serve.”

The ISO report assigned the Pace Fire Rescue District a final community classification of 03/3X. The first number applies to properties within five road miles of a recognized fire station and within 1,000 feet of a credible water supply. The second classification applies to properties more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant or credible water supply but still within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station.

This improved rating may also positively impact fire insurance premiums for some residential and commercial property owners. Property owners are encouraged to contact their insurance provider directly once the new classification takes effect to determine whether it may affect their policy.

The Pace Fire Rescue District remains committed to improving emergency services, maintaining strong operational readiness, supporting firefighter training, and protecting the lives and property of the district's citizens.

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