



NEWS RELEASE

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MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT RE-ISSUED PROTECTION CLASS RATING **corrected**

Effective January 1, 2022, insurance companies can continue to utilize the rating of “3” when issuing property insurance policies to customers within the Monterey County Regional Fire District. After a detailed analysis of the district’s structural fire suppression capabilities, the Insurance Services Office (“ISO”) re-affirmed the fire district’s Public Protection Class™ rating of “3” for properties located within 5 miles of any of the district’s seven fire stations. For properties located more than 5 miles from the regional fire district’s stations, the PPC™ rating remains at 10.

According to Fire Chief Michael Urquides, “We are pleased that the ISO Public Protection Class™ system has recognized that we have successfully maintained the insurance industry and fire protection standards used to measure the fire district’s ability to respond to structure fires, including equipment, delivery of water, firefighter training, and radio communication capabilities. During this five-year evaluation cycle, we sustained that high level of service, so our district’s property owners will continue to benefit from the ISO Public Protection Class™ rating of ‘3’ when obtaining and renewing property insurance.”

Representatives from ISO’s Public Protection Class™ program periodically review the capabilities of local fire agencies and assign a “Public Protection Class” rating to the fire agency. Once the analysis is complete, the appropriate Public Protection Class™ rating is issued and insurance carriers can use the PPC™ as part of their insurance premium calculations. All residents and business owners located within five miles of a Monterey County Regional Fire District’s station should consider contacting their fire insurance carrier to confirm that their insurance premiums are based on our re-affirmed Public Protection Class™ rating.

The Monterey County Regional Fire District’s service area include the unincorporated areas of Monterey County in the northern Salinas Valley outside Salinas including Spreckels, East Garrison, Chualar, Bolsa Knolls, etc., as well as the Highway 68 corridor east of Olmsted Road, the Laureles Grade area, Carmel Valley, Mid Carmel Valley and the Santa Lucia Preserve.

Questions regarding Monterey County Regional Fire District’s 2021 Public Protection Class™ rating may be directed to Fire Chief Michael Urquides at (831) 455-1828.

***The earlier news release incorrectly stated the number of fire stations.*

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