

**ST.LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION  
FIRE MARSHAL**



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October 2, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

The St. Lucie County Fire District provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the entire county (614 sq. mi.). We are a career fire department (no volunteers) with over 400 personnel operating out of 17 strategically located fire stations and an administrative complex. Our stations are manned 24 hours. Our current ISO ratings are 2 for properties located within 1000 ft. of a fire hydrant or alternate water supply and 5 miles of a fire station, 10 for properties located over 5 road miles of a fire station. This rating was put into effect October 1, 2023.

Our Standard Operating Guidelines lists the types of equipment sent to first and second alarm assignments. If there were a fire at your address, a minimum of three fire engines from the closest three stations and a tanker would respond. Each of the engines carries between 500 and 750 gallons of water. The tanker carries a minimum of 2000 gallons of water. For a first alarm assignment, your property would get approximately 4250 gallons of water that could be delivered by hose streams up to the maximum gallons per minute capabilities of the three engines (1250 gpm each). In non-hydranted areas, the District has been certified by ISO for water tanker shuttle operations using four (4) 2000 gallon tankers and portable drop tanks. If those resources were not deemed sufficient to control the fire by the officer in charge of the scene, the additional resources of the other 14 stations (equipment list enclosed) could be used as needed subject to availability. In short, our normal response with our current equipment and personnel capabilities should be sufficient to extinguish the average single family house fire without the use of an alternate water source. If in some extremely unfortunate circumstance all of our other equipment was inoperative or unavailable, our engines are capable of drafting from accessible static water sources of sufficient water depth provided there are not significant elevation differences. Again, this would be as a last resort. Water tanker shuttles, portable drafting pits, and relay pumping are tactics within our capabilities that are often preferred to establish and maintain a water supply in a non-hydranted area rather than drafting from a static groundwater source.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Boyer", written over a faint circular stamp.

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Ms. Linda Hudson, City Manager  
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RE: Saint Lucie Co Fpsa, St Lucie County, Florida  
Public Protection Classification: 02/10  
Effective Date: December 01, 2023

Dear Ms. Linda Hudson,

We wish to thank you and Chief Jeff Lee for your cooperation during our recent Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. ISO has completed its analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided in your community. The resulting classification is indicated above.

If you would like to know more about your community's PPC classification, or if you would like to learn about the potential effect of proposed changes to your fire suppression delivery system, please call us at the phone number listed below.

ISO's Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. In fact, most U.S. insurers – including the largest ones – use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverage's to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.

Each insurance company independently determines the premiums it charges its policyholders. The way an insurer uses ISO's information on public fire protection may depend on several things – the company's fire-loss experience, ratemaking methodology, underwriting guidelines, and its marketing strategy.

Through ongoing research and loss experience analysis, we identified additional differentiation in fire loss experience within our PPC program, which resulted in the revised classifications. We based the differing fire loss experience on the fire suppression capabilities of each community. The new classifications will improve the predictive value for insurers while benefiting both commercial and residential property owners. We've published the new classifications as "X" and "Y" — formerly the "9" and "8B" portion of the split classification, respectively. For example:

- A community currently graded as a split 6/9 classification will now be a split 6/6X classification; with the "6X" denoting what was formerly classified as "9."
- Similarly, a community currently graded as a split 6/8B classification will now be a split 6/6Y classification, the "6Y" denoting what was formerly classified as "8B."

- Communities graded with single “9” or “8B” classifications will remain intact.
- Properties over 5 road miles from a recognized fire station would receive a class 10.

PPC is important to communities and fire departments as well. Communities whose PPC improves may get lower insurance prices. PPC also provides fire departments with a valuable benchmark, and is used by many departments as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

ISO appreciates the high level of cooperation extended by local officials during the entire PPC survey process. The community protection baseline information gathered by ISO is an essential foundation upon which determination of the relative level of fire protection is made using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.

The classification is a direct result of the information gathered, and is dependent on the resource levels devoted to fire protection in existence at the time of survey. Material changes in those resources that occur after the survey is completed may affect the classification. Although ISO maintains a pro-active process to keep baseline information as current as possible, in the event of changes please call us at 1-800-444-4554, option 2 to expedite the update activity.

ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry. Most insurers use PPC classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. The PPC program is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive structural fire suppression delivery system program. It is not for purposes of determining compliance with any state or local law, nor is it for making loss prevention or life safety recommendations.

If you have any questions about your classification, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*Alex Shubert*

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