

Greater Brighton Fire Protection District Receives New Rating From ISO

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The Greater Brighton Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that we have received notification that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has modified the Public Protection Class (PPC) rating for properties within the District's jurisdiction. The District's new rating is 4/10. What this means is, any property within 5 miles *travel distance* of any of the District's fire stations receives a Class 4 Rating and properties greater than 5 miles *travel distance* from a station receive a Class 10 Rating.

Previously, the District had a 4/9/10 rating. Properties had to be within 5 miles of a station **and** have an ISO approved hydrant within 1000 feet to receive the Class 4 rating. Consequently, many properties within the District that were within 5 miles travel distance were assigned a Class 9 rating because there were no hydrants in the area. The requirement to be within 1000 feet of a hydrant on an ISO approved water system no longer applies due to the District's water tanker shuttle system having passed the ISO's extensive testing for acceptance as an alternate water supply. According to the ISO representative, the Greater Brighton Fire Protection District is one of only 6 fire districts/departments in the State of Colorado to achieve accreditation of a water tanker shuttle system.

In spring of 2004 the District opened two new fire stations – Station 54, located at 152nd and Great Rock Road, and Station 55, located at Highway 7 (160th) and Havana Street. Although the ISO recognized the new stations – which changed some properties from a Class 10 to a Class 9 for being within 5 miles of one of the new stations – the results of the ISO's entire survey of the District were not published until today. That survey analyzes the District's apparatus, fire fighting capabilities, staffing levels, training and maintenance programs, code enforcement efforts, as well as the water delivery systems available within the District to arrive at the Public Protection Class rating. The majority of insurance companies base a fire insurance policy's premiums on this rating. Consequently, this new PPC rating will result in significant savings for many of the District's customers by virtue of reduced premiums for fire insurance.

To locate the nearest station to your property, click on the "STATIONS" link, located on our home page.