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Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Rating Update

Hello Insurance Agents, Brokers and Representatives-

The tens of thousands of residents who live within the Travis County ESD4 territories have an ongoing interest in the current status of the Fire Department that serves them, especially since the capabilities and resources provided by the Fire Department play such a large role in determining the Public Protections Classification (PPC) rating of the District.

We offer the following as an update regarding our present ISO rating.

Since 1985, Travis County ESD4 had elected to operate its own fire department. During the previous ISO review in 2011, the department could credit 3 fire stations and 30 employees toward an overall **split rating of 4/8**. And although we could count on a very robust 911 communication/dispatch system and a decent water supply system, the size and scope of our fire department was the limiting factor in improving our ISO rating.

For this and other reasons, the decision was made in 2017 to no longer operate our own fire department, but to instead **contract with the City of Austin Fire Department** for fire service. A merger took place in October, 2017 where our fire stations were included as one of the 48 stations AFD operates. Further our fire engines became AFD fire engines and our firefighters became Austin firefighters.

The District itself must remain in place as a taxing entity and to pay for the cost of the City contract, but it now receives credit for the breadth of the Austin Fire Department in its PPC rating.

The contract was effective October 29th, 2017 and can be viewed on at www.esd4.org. There is also more information regarding how the split classifications apply.

Another review by ISO is currently underway with its result due this spring. We have every reason to believe the vast majority of our properties will see an improvement from the current 4/8B.

We would be glad to visit with you should you have questions or concerns. Please contact us at info@esd4.org

Thank you-

Travis County ESD4 Board and Staff
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