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Wake Sees Trend of Improved Fire Department Ratings across the County

Could mean lower insurance rates for some property owners

Wake County is seeing a positive trend among fire departments that have recently undergone a state inspection to determine their public protection class ratings. All eight fire departments inspected since 2014 have improved their ratings, with Garner Fire Department being the latest addition to that group.

Garner Fire Department recently learned its rating is now a Class 2 within town limits and a Class 4 in rural areas within five miles of a fire station. Its previous rating was a Class 4 in town and a Class 6 in rural areas.

All fire departments in North Carolina are inspected by the state and assigned a rating from Class 1 to Class 10, with Class 1 being the highest rating.

The inspectors assigned Garner Fire Department's latest ratings based on its operations, water supply and distribution, emergency communications, and efforts to prevent and reduce fire risk.

The other seven Wake County fire departments that have improved their ratings since 2014 include: Cary, Durham Highway, Raleigh, Rolesville, Wendell, Western Wake and Zebulon.

People who live in fire districts rated from Class 1 to 6 often enjoy lower homeowners insurance rates than people who live in districts rated 7 to 10. In addition, commercial business owners may see a reduction in their insurance rates when the local fire department's rating improves at any level.

See a full list of fire department ratings in Wake County [here](#).