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Wake County Continues Trend of Improved Fire Department Ratings

Could mean lower insurance costs for some property owners

Another fire department in Wake County has improved its rating following a state inspection. All 10 fire departments inspected since 2014 have improved their ratings, with Fairview Fire Department being the latest addition to that group. A not-for-profit fire department funded by Wake County, Fairview Fire Department operates two stations in an unincorporated area in the southern part of the county.

“This shows what we already knew—that our firefighters are professionals committed to excellence,” said Commissioner Matt Calabria, vice-chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and chair of the Public Safety Committee. “I congratulate the men and women of the Fairview Fire Department for keeping us safer than ever and saving people money at the same time.”

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. People who live in fire districts with rates from Class 1 to Class 6 often enjoy lower homeowners insurance rates than people who live in districts rated 7 to 10. Commercial business owners may see a reduction in their insurance costs when the local

fire department's rating improves at any level.

Fairview Fire Department has improved its rating from a Class 6 to a Class 3 for homes and businesses within five miles of a fire station. The state inspectors base their ratings on a fire department's operations, water supply and distribution, emergency communications, and efforts to prevent and reduce fire risk.

The other nine Wake County fire departments that have improved their ratings since 2014 are Cary, Durham Highway, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Raleigh, Rolesville, Wendell, Western Wake and Zebulon.

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