



INTER-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release: Inter-County Volunteer Fire Department Improves Insurance Rating
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On November 28, 2022, Inter-County Volunteer Fire Department completed an inspection of its department by the NC Department of Insurance Office and the NC Office of the State Fire Marshal. We recently received notification, and are excited to announce that the Inter-County Volunteer Fire Department received an improved rating from a 6/9E to a 5/9E.

Inspections are required on a regular basis as part of the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS) and it reviews several areas which include staffing, equipment, maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities, and the availability of water sources. Effective July 1, 2023, homeowners in the Inter-County Fire District will now have a rating of 5 if they are within 5 road miles of the Inter-County Fire Station, regardless of the location of fire hydrants. Those within 6 miles of the Inter-County Fire Station will maintain a rating of 9E.

"I'd like to congratulate Chief Cartwright for the department's performance and for the hard work of all the department members," said NC Fire Commissioner Mike Causey. "The citizens in this district should rest easy knowing they have a fine group of firefighters protecting them and their property in case of an emergency."

"We are excited that we received this improved rating and will continue working hard to serve the citizens of Perquimans and Pasquotank Counties within our fire district and beyond." Said Fire Chief Michael Cartwright. "Our members are highly dedicated, and this success is a direct reflection of the tireless effort that they put forth on a regular basis to maintain our equipment, training, and response. Part of our rating is also a reflection of the communication systems and water systems that serve our district. For this, we would like to extend a thank you to Perquimans County 911 Communications Division, The Pasquotank/Camden/Elizabeth City Communications Center, The Perquimans County Water Department, and the Pasquotank County Water Department."

In 2022, the 28 members of the Inter-County Fire Department logged over 1,000 training hours, which is 300 hours more than the required amount. "Perquimans County is thankful for the hard work and dedication of Chief Cartwright and each member of the Inter-County Fire Department. The improved rating from this inspection is a huge success for many of the residents that live within the Inter-County fire district", stated Perquimans County Manager, Frank Heath.

