



CANNON BEACH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District (Cannon Beach RFPD) is pleased to announce effective September 1, 2018 the Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification (ISO-PPC) for the Cannon Beach, Arch Cape, and Cove Beach/Falcon Cove communities will be changing from a Class 4 to a Class 3. The areas outside of Cannon Beach, Arch Cape, and Cove Beach/Falcon Cove communities the rate will stay the same at a Class 3x (formerly Class 9).

Historically, communities across the country strive to achieve "best in class", which is generally considered a Class 1 rating. In 2017, only 305 Fire Departments across the country achieved a Class 1. Currently only 3,456 fire departments hold a Class 3 rating across the United States. There are currently only 84 fire agencies that hold Class 3 rating in Oregon. We are committed to our vision of being a premiere fire and rescue agency on the Oregon Coast by setting the standard of excellence in training, prevention, protection, and service for all people and communities who call upon us in a time of need.

Cannon Beach RFPD has received what is known as a dual rating. The two ratings apply to different properties within the fire district boundaries, based on road miles from a fire station.

- Class 3 - This rating applies to properties within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station.
- Class 3x - This rating applies to properties within 5 road miles of the station but not within 1,000 feet of a creditable water supply of a recognized fire station.

This rating is an improvement from the previous classification (4/9) assigned to Cannon Beach RFPD in 2012.

To determine a community's Public Protection Classification (PPC™), ISO conducts a field survey. Expert ISO staff visit the community to observe and evaluate features of the fire protection systems. Using our manual, called the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), ISO objectively evaluates four major areas:

- **Emergency Communications Systems**
The review focuses on the community's facilities and support for handling and dispatching alarms for structure fires.

- **Fire Department**

ISO focuses on a community's fire suppression capabilities. We measure suppression capabilities based on the fire department's first-alarm response and initial attack to minimize potential loss. Here, ISO reviews such items as engine companies, ladder or service companies, deployment of fire companies, equipment carried on apparatus, pumping capacity, reserve apparatus, company personnel, and training.

- **Water Supply**

ISO evaluates the community's water supply system to determine the adequacy for fire suppression purposes. We also consider hydrant size, type, and installation, as well as the frequency and completeness of hydrant inspection and flow-testing programs.

- **Community Risk Reduction**

The review considers fire prevention code adoption and enforcement, public fire safety education, and fire investigation.

This new ISO classification of 3/3x will save the residents of Cannon Beach RFPD significant money on their fire insurance premiums. We suggest that residents contact their insurance providers to learn more about the savings possible with this new rating. More information about ISO and the classification process is available at www.isomitigation.com.

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