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FIRE RESCUE

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Dear St. Johns County Resident,

On behalf of St. Johns County Fire Rescue, we are pleased to announce the opening of Station 18 located in the Nocatee community at 1055 Crosswater Parkway, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081. This fire rescue station is now staffed with an advanced life support (ALS) Engine Company, an ALS Rescue transport unit, and a Battalion Chief supervisor that will provide fire suppression, emergency medical services (EMS), and other public safety needs to Nocatee and surrounding areas in northern St. Johns County.

St. Johns County Fire Rescue has reported to the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that the station is now open. ISO collects information on fire protection services in order to help insurance companies establish appropriate fire insurance premiums. Through the Public Protection Classification program, ISO assigns a number from 1 to 10; Class 1 represents superior property fire protection while Class 10 indicates that the area's fire suppression program does not meet ISO minimum criteria. Most insurance companies utilize ISO information to determine homeowner insurance rates relative to fire protection services. You can learn more about ISO's PPC program at the following link: http://www.isomitigation.com/ppc/0000/ppc0001.html

Currently, St. Johns County Fire Rescue has the following PPC rating:

- Class 5: Structures within 5 road miles of a fire station and within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Class 9: Structures within 5 road miles of a fire station but outside of 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Class 10: Structures outside of 5 road miles of a fire station.

During the month of November 2014, ISO collected updated information concerning fire protection services in St. Johns County. Effective October 1st, 2015, St. Johns County Fire Rescue has been notified the following <u>improved</u> PPC rating will be utilized:

- Class 3: Structures within 5 road miles of a fire station and within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Class 3X: Structures within 5 road miles of a fire station but outside of 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Class 10: Structures outside of 5 road miles of a fire station.

We recommend that you contact your homeowner's insurance provider to update this information. You may be eligible for a premium discount. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact St. Johns County Fire Rescue at (904)209-1740 or email <u>dlyons@sjcfl.us</u>.

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