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**Town of Selma - Fire Department
Press Release
Selma Fire Department Improves NC Response Rating
Insurance Services Office (ISO Class)
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Selma, NC - North Carolina Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey announced the Selma Fire District completed their routine inspection and received the Fire Protection class rating 3 that assesses the readiness of Selma's fire department. "We are pleased with this new grade that only 131 other Departments in the State have," said Fire Chief Phillip McDaniel. "Much credit goes to our fine professional firefighters that devote so much time and energy into this noble profession. We also appreciate the support that our Town Council has given us allowing this improvement."

This assessment and honorable rating determines how well the fire department can protect the community and properties. Selma's homeowners should be proud of the fact that this recognition saves homeowner insurance cost by demonstrating that their home is less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire.

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

The inspection, conducted by officials with the Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), is required on a regular basis as part of the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS). Among other things, the routine inspections look for proper staffing levels, sufficient equipment, maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities and availability of a water source.

"We are thrilled our firefighters achieved this rating," said Town Manager Steven Hicks. "As good as they are today, it should not surprise our citizens and businesses that they achieved this rating – but more importantly, they continue to strive to be better tomorrow. It takes professionalism, hard work and discipline to deliver the highest quality services to those they protect."

The new rating of class 3 will be effective August 1st. We encourage citizens and businesses to contact their insurance carriers to inquire about possible premium reductions.

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