



BUDA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8

New ISO ratings in effect June 1, 2010

After several years of upgrading its fire protection capabilities and an extensive audit process, Hays County Emergency Service District #8 and the Buda Fire Department are pleased to announce the new ISO Public Protection Classifications (PPC).

The PPC program provides important, up-to-date information about municipal fire-protection services

throughout the country. ISO's expert staff collects information about the quality of public fire protection in more than 44,000 fire districts across the United States. In each of those fire districts, ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a Public Protection Classification – a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-sup-

pression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Virtually all U.S. insurers of homes and business property use ISO's Public Protection Classifications in calculating premiums. In general, the price of insurance in a community with a good PPC is substantially lower than in a community with a poor PPC, assuming all other factors are equal.

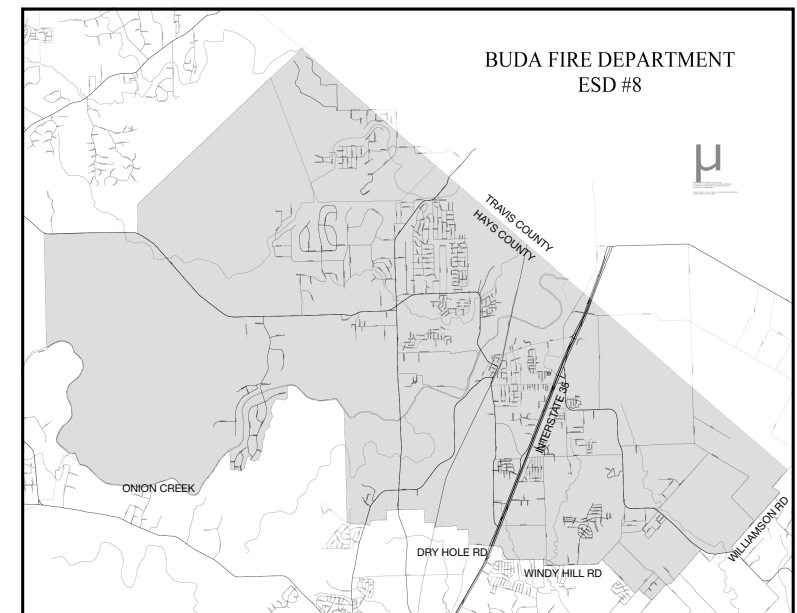
A community's PPC depends on:

- Fire alarm and communication systems, including telephone systems, telephone lines, staffing, and dispatching systems
- The fire department, including equipment, staffing, training, and geographic distribution of fire companies
- The water-supply system, including the condition and maintenance of hydrants, and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires

Due to recent improvements to the fire service in Buda, Texas. Hays County Emergency Services District #8 PPC Rating is being lowered. This is partly due to the significant investments that the district has acquired with taxpayer funds. This includes the construction of two new additional fire stations, three new front line fire engines and bringing on additional paid staff, volunteer firefighters and implementing a district wide fire code.

The PPC for the City of Buda has been lowered from a 7 to a 3. The City of Hays been lowered from

a 7 to a 3, and the unincorporated areas have been lowered from a 7/9 to a 3/9. For the areas with a split rating, the lower rating applies to those properties within 1000 ft of a fire hydrant and 5 miles of a fire station. The Buda Fire Department has posted information from the Texas Department of Insurance on their website that can be accessed and given to your Home Insurance Provider. Premium discounts may vary from each provider. The new ISO Public Protection Classifications rating takes effect on June 1, 2010.



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