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Re: Campbell County, Virginia PPC Ratings

Dear Mr. Gimeno:

Thank you very much for taking the time to speak with me several months ago regarding ISO's Public Protection Classification Ratings for Campbell County - Virginia. After our conversation it appeared that there were a number of issues that needed to be addressed in order to update the PPC Ratings for Campbell County. I will try to begin addressing a number of the more obvious items in this letter; however, I would like to request that Campbell County be put on ISO's schedule so we can work with you in a more comprehensive review onsite and make sure our information is current and also that your records are as complete and accurate as possible. I would appreciate someone from ISO contacting me at the appropriate time so we can set up a time to discuss further and be prepared to provide the resources needed for a thorough and accurate review.

Please find below a number of clarifying conditions for your consideration in updating the PPC Ratings for Campbell County. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this information please let me know. I greatly appreciate your help and willingness to work with us to provide the best fire protection classification ratings to the citizens and businesses of Campbell County.

With kind regards, I am

Respectfully,

R. David Laurrell
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Attachments for original letter to ISO only:

Fire Station Location Map
Public Safety Organizational Chart
Emergency Response Zone Map – Dual Dispatch
Public Water Supply Map

INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Campbell County operates a combination emergency services program under a Public Safety Department structure that incorporates eight volunteer fire companies, six volunteer rescue squads, career EMS/Fire staff, an emergency communications system, animal control, and emergency management services.

2) Staffing is comprised of approximately 350 active fire and EMS volunteers, 18 career EMS/Fire positions, 20 career communications officers, four senior level career management staff, and seven career support staff. The volunteer fire companies operating within the county system include the following. Please see attached fire station location map. Please see attached Public Safety Organizational Chart.

a.	Altavista	PPC – 6 within Town limits; 9/10 outside
b.	Brookneal	PPC – 7 within Town limits; 7/9 outside
c.	Brookville Timberlake	PPC – 5/9
d.	Concord	PPC – 6/9
e.	Evington	PPC – 6/9
f.	Gladys	PPC – 9/10
g.	Lyn-Dan Heights	PPC – 6/9
h.	Rustburg	PPC – 6/9

3) While PPC Ratings for these eight fire companies are consistent with general ISO ratings, specific property ratings in Campbell County may not reflect the actual circumstances due to organizational and infrastructure improvements as follows:

   a. Altavista Fire Company should have a PPC Rating of 6/9 within their primary response area, which includes areas both within the Town limits of Altavista and outside the Town limits of Altavista. Altavista Fire Company operates under the same organization and response guidelines as the other fire companies and should not have a different rating outside of the Town limits of Altavista.
   b. Brookneal Fire Company should have a PPC Rating of 7/9 within their primary response area, which includes areas both within the Town limits of Brookneal and outside the Town limits of Brookneal. Brookneal Fire Company operates under the same organization and response guidelines as the other fire companies.
   c. Campbell County uses an automatic dual dispatch on structure fires and therefore, individual properties should be rated based on the distance to the closest fire station and not on the distance to the fire station based on the primary response area the structure is located within. The dual dispatch system effectively eliminates primary response area distance concerns as it relates to structure fires for ISO purposes. Please see attached Emergency Response Zone map. (This information is available electronically as well.)
   d. All fire companies and EMS agencies within Campbell County, volunteer and career, are available to respond countywide based on the circumstances of the call regardless of primary response area. Primary response areas are developed based on response times for routine calls. Resources are available to respond countywide at any time based on the circumstances of the incident.
   e. The fire service in the county currently has three aerial devices in service. One ladder truck is stationed centrally at Lyn-Dan Heights, one ladder truck is stationed at Altavista, and an aerial water device is stationed in the Brookville-Timberlake area. Both the Altavista and Lyn-Dan stationed aerial apparatus have been added within the last five years.
   f. Over the past five years the County has added over 20 miles of new public water system mains and laterals, all of which meet NFPA fire protection standards for public water supplies. Please find attached a current map of the public water system in Campbell County that includes fire hydrant protection.