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Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department Receives Class 3 ISO Rating

The Town of Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department is now in a class of their own in both counties they serve, Lexington and Saluda. The Town learned last week that their ISO rating had improved from a Class 4 to a Class 3/3Y, becoming the only Fire Department in Saluda and Lexington Counties to have this excellent rating. This rating places the Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department among 60 other fire departments in the State of South Carolina with a Class 3 or better rating. Additionally, they now rank among the top 6%, along with 3,220 other fire departments nationwide, to have this rating or better.

According to the most recent statewide data, of the 60 fire departments in South Carolina with a Class 3 rating or better, a least 46 have a larger operating budget than Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department. As well, at least 46 of these departments serve a larger population. According to Fire Chief Jay Hendrix "this speaks volumes to the commitment our paid staff, volunteers, administration, and Council have placed on the fire service in Batesburg-Leesville." Mayor Rita Crapps adds that "this should instill confidence to our citizens that our fire department is equipped and prepared when that alarm sounds."

Any homeowner or business owner located within the municipal boundaries of Batesburg-Leesville or within the Saluda County area where BLFD is contracted to protect should see a reduction in their home or business insurance beginning around September of this year. Depending on the insurance provider, the saving can vary. Owners are encouraged to call their insurance provider around the first of September to ensure the savings will be applied.

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