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Fire Chief Steve Vogel
Clallam County FPD 3
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Sequim, Washington 98382

RESPONSE DUE DATE: December 4, 2013

Dear Chief Vogel:

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the fire protection capabilities, as they relate to fire insurance rating, of your community. It is our pleasure to inform you that the Protection Classification (PC) for City of Sequim has improved from Protection Class 5 to Protection Class 4 and the PC for the unincorporated area of Clallam County Fire District 3 has Improved from Protection Class 6 to Protection Class 5

A Protection Class (PC) 4 rating and 5 rating, respectively, will apply to dwelling and commercial properties located in the community, within 5 road miles of a recognized responding fire station and having standard fire hydrant distribution and water supply. Properties in the community not meeting the above requirements will receive a different PC rating.

WSRB has also identified three areas of concern during this evaluation that could have a negative effect on the PC ratings for some properties in your community. First, properties within 5 road miles of only Fire Station 36 will receive a PC 9A rating due to this station currently only having 2 volunteers living within 5 miles of the station. Second, properties within 5 road miles of only Fire Station 31 will receive a PC 9 rating due to this station currently only having 4 volunteers living within 5 miles of the station. Third, Clallam County Fire District 3 which currently has WSRB Tender Credit was reevaluated for this PC rating credit and WSRB feels the community is no longer meeting the criteria for the credit. Enclosed are the criteria for WSRB Tender Credit.

I anticipate that you may have some questions regarding the evaluation. I would be happy to address any questions and can be reached through the phone number or email address below. WSRB supports your efforts to improve the fire insurance rating of your community. If you believe it is possible to address the conditions that contributed to the decline in Protection Class rating detailed above, please contact me immediately. It may be possible to postpone the implementation of the new Protection Class Rating if your community can provide an acceptable improvement plan.

If we have not heard from you within 30 days from the date of this letter that you wish to propose an improvement plan, we will move forward with publishing the PC changes detailed above.



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This survey was not conducted for property loss prevention or for life safety purposes. The purpose was to gather information needed to determine a fire insurance relevant Public Protection Classification that may be used to develop fire insurance rates or loss costs. Our evaluation criteria incorporate many national recognized standards, such as those developed by NFPA and AWWA, and has been filed with and approved by the Washington State Office of Insurance Commissioner.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
